

“**U**nnecessary delays in divorce can keep families from moving forward. But those who rush through the process often leave valuable assets on the table and set themselves up for long-term consequences, like unfavorable child custody arrangements,” explains family law attorney J. Ryan Johnson.

A Middle Tennessee native with a decade of family law experience, Johnson opened his private practice in East Nashville’s working artist community. “As performers and employees in the entertainment industry, these people face unique problems that need a higher level of expertise. I’ve been there. I get it,” explains Johnson, a former touring musician who traveled throughout the U.S. “For example, many performers survive on ‘hustle,’ not W-2s. Determining their assets is challenging.”

Providing Clear Legal Advice

With 10 years of experience as a practicing attorney, Johnson ensures clients understand the anticipated timeline and costs and has earned a reputation for aggressive representation that overcomes “foot dragging” by litigants or attorneys. His clients know what they can expect, when the other party will be served, and when Johnson will send the settlement packet.

Because worse than a bad marriage is an endless divorce, Johnson follows a proven process but doesn’t offer one-size-fits-all solutions. “To be a successful artist, you have to care genuinely and listen closely,” he says. “I apply these same skills in family law,

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*Family law attorney
J. Ryan Johnson’s divorce
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taking clients systematically through their background, shared assets, and often-overlooked value. I search for opportunities to compensate clients for disputed assets.”

When determining distribution of assets, Nashville’s red-hot real estate market presents problems no one predicted 10 years ago. “Families of modest means now find their homes have more than doubled in value. Without some creative thinking, neither partner can afford an equity buyout or a similar home due to high demand,” Johnson explains. “Similarly, the growth in short-term rentals creates more separating couples with small-business assets. We must look beyond the real estate value and consider the loss in income before deciding on compensation.”

With both experience and youth, Johnson understands the special concerns of families in their 30s and 40s. “Like me, they are likely to have young children, mortgages, and long careers ahead. My goal is to litigate decisions that will put them in good standing for decades, and, if they need post-divorce counsel, I’m in East Nashville for the long run.”



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