

2. FILE FIRST

Many people are often too confused or torn to file for divorce. However, filing first has distinct advantages. To be the plaintiff in such proceedings is to be the one making the

complaint. To a degree, you frame the debate. You set the tone. To be the defendant in a divorce proceeding leaves you counter-punching much of the time. Many people, particularly men, told me that they wanted to do the "kinder" thing by allowing their wife to file. Or they did not want their children to believe that they had filed first. This can create real problems. If you believe in your heart that it's over, file. You can always rescind later.