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# Top 10 reasons we get hired

Managing Partner & CEO **KELLY MCCLURE** and Managing Partner **FRANCESCA BLACKARD** share the most common divorce causes.

**1 Marital Infidelity**  
Research indicates up to 40% of U.S. marriages have faced at least one instance of infidelity. No matter the cause, an extramarital affair will cause hurt feelings, broken trust, and potentially irreconcilable differences.

**2 Financial Issues**  
Tension over personal finances can be a significant source of friction. If spouses have different values when it comes to frugality and spending, or different long-term financial goals, conflict naturally ensues.

**3 Lack of Intimacy**  
This is not always a matter of physical intimacy. A lack of emotional intimacy can be just as, if not more, jarring. If one spouse gives the other the "cold shoulder" for an extended period, it can jeopardize the strength of their marriage.

**4 Unrealistic Expectations**  
Couples who enter marriage with unrealistic ideas of what marriage will be like, have an extremely high divorce risk. This includes expectations about how the household will run, where you will live, and how you will be treated as a spouse.

**5 Communication Issues**  
Communication is essential to any relationship, and without healthy communication habits, spouses may run into issues. Healthy communication between spouses needs intentionality, patience, and mindfulness.

**6 Addictions**  
A true addiction takes over a person's life, compromises their decision-making abilities, ruins spousal intimacy, and often endangers financial security. Without proper treatment for recovery, one spouse's addiction will likely lead to divorce.

**7 Abusive Relationship**  
This certainly encompasses physical abuse, which can place one spouse's life in immediate danger. However, patterns of verbal or financial abuse are also corrosive and extremely valid grounds to leave the marriage.

**8 Relationship Inequality**  
If one partner feels like they are doing the lion's share of the work around the house, and/or contributing the most to the family's bottom line, that can lead to resentment and feeling taken for granted.

**9 Being Unprepared**  
Some people go into marriage feeling more prepared for commitment than others. Signs of inadequate preparation may include underdeveloped skills in household maintenance and routine, as well as a lack of long-term goals for the marriage itself.

**10 Neglecting the Relationship**  
Relationships require consistent effort to nurture and maintain. If one or both partners stop putting in that effort, the bond can weaken, leaving them feeling more like roommates than life partners.



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