

# Bethenny Frankel Is 'Ecstatic' After Finalizing Celebrity Divorce



By Nicole Caico

It's finally over – the [celebrity divorce](#) of Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy, that is. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), “Three years and six months after they first announced their split, Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy have finalized their divorce.” Neither Frankel nor Hoppy commented, but legal representatives for the former [celebrity couple](#) vouched for their relief upon settling. Frankel is looking forward to selling her Tribeca apartment.

# This celebrity divorce has been 4 years coming. What are some ways to streamline your divorce proceedings?

## Cupid's Advice:

Making the decision to divorce from your partner is difficult enough, but when the divorce process drags on for years, that's about as bad as it gets. Making your divorce as swift as possible subsequently makes it as painless as possible. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Stay on top of it:** Know what papers you need to have, communicate with your legal team, and show up on all necessary dates. Staying organized and making it to all court dates will eliminate bumps in the road and setbacks.

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**2. Keep a level head:** Letting your anger take control of you and fighting for every last thing in your divorce will undoubtedly slow the process. Try to remain calm, cool, and collected. Know what you absolutely need to get out of the process, but also know what you are willing to compromise on.

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**3. Be patient:** When it comes down to it, you can be 100% on top of your stuff, have a great legal team, and still have a slow divorce. A lot depends on how the other party is handling things. If you're on speaking terms with your ex-to-be, try your hardest to see eye to eye. If not, just be patient during the process—there's only so much you can control.

How did you streamline your divorce proceedings? Comment below!

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# Bethenny Frankel Calls Money 'the Root of All Evil' in Split with Celebrity Ex Jason Hoppy



By Jenna Bagcal

There are many factors in relationships that can cause a break-up or divorce, including infidelity, lack of attention

to your partner, and money. The latter reason is what reality TV star Bethenny Frankel cited as “the root of all evil,” according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The star of *The Real Housewives of New York City* appeared on *Watch What Happens Next* in a half-hour special with Andy Cohen. Frankel spoke about her celebrity divorce and how money affected her relationship and love life with celebrity ex Jason Hoppy.

## These celebrity exes aren't short on drama! What are some ways that you and your partner can compromise on financial issues?

### Cupid's Advice:

Money can affect your relationship like it did for these celebrity exes, especially if you don't know how to properly manage it. But Cupid has some great advice for how not to let money get in the way of your relationship with your partner:

**1. Learn to budget:** Budgeting finances is one of the most fiscally responsible things that couples can do. Setting aside specific amounts for utilities, groceries, electricity, and other essentials will ensure that you won't be taking cold showers in the dark on a winter morning. Keeping track of the money that you use each month can also help you and your partner see how much money you have to spare – maybe for that couple's trip to Paris?

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**2. Get your priorities straight:** In a financially stable relationship, couples learn how to utilize their money for their priorities before all else. That means making sure that all your bills are paid before buying that designer handbag or

the 60-inch flatscreen television. Knowing how to prioritize will help you and your significant other avoid money problems and debt.

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**3. Save money whenever possible:** Whether it's choosing to cook a meal at home instead of eating out, or getting some cool new threads at a thrift shop, saving money now will do your relationship wonders in the long run. Saving money can also bolster your creativity in your relationship and bring you and your partner closer together as you find new ways to spend time together using less money.

**What are some compromises that you and your partner have made about money? How did it affect your relationship? Share your experiences below!**

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## **Our Relationship Taglines for the Ladies of 'Real Housewives of New York'**







By Brittany Stubbs

Some of our favorite ladies are back in season 6 of Bravo's popular show *The Real Housewives of New York City*, which premieres tonight! Returning to the small screen are Aviva Drescher, Carole Radziwill, Ramona Singer, Sonja Morgan, and Heather Thomson, joined by the newest housewife Kristen Taekman, a model and businesswoman.

The series follows these six women as they manage their hectic social calendars, careers, children, and love lives in the Big Apple. Outside of relaxing in the Hamptons and surviving the occasional catfight, if there's one thing these women know, it's relationships. From married to widowed to divorced and dating with kids, CupidsPulse.com thought it'd be fun to explore their diverse relationships. While the ladies each have their own witty taglines that describe their personalities in the show's intro, we couldn't help but think they deserved ones for their love lives too. If these women had relationship taglines, here's what they'd be:

### **Aviva Drescher – You Can Find Love When You Least Expect It:**

The way that this housewife met The One goes to show that you never know where you're going to find your soulmate. The couple had a chance meeting at Bed Bath & Beyond. Drescher, a single mother at the time, and now-husband Reid, a Wall Street investment banker, began talking as their young children played together in the aisles.

It was only a matter of time after that shopping trip that the two got married and began growing their family together. While the blonde beauty has an impressive education, including a Bachelors of Arts from Vassar College, a Masters degree in French from New York University, and a JD from The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, she devotes her time to her husband and taking care of their four children.

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### **Carole Radziwill – Love Stories Can Be Epic, No Matter Their**

**Length:** Before Radziwill took on the titles of best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and Princess, she was just a girl from Suffern, New York, pursuing her dreams of writing. Working with ABC News, she was assigned to all kinds of stories that kept her traveling and writing around the world. One day, she was sent to work on a story that Anthony Radziwill was producing. While Anthony was as passionate about news as Carole, there was something that made them different: He had a royal lineage going back four hundred years. Lucky for her, this real-life prince soon became her Prince Charming.

The couple fell in love quickly, passionate about their careers and each other. In 1994, the two were happily married, unaware they were living anything but a fairytale. Tragically, Anthony was diagnosed with cancer and passed away on August 10, 1999. Through her pain, the reality star began to write about the devastating battle of cancer and loss of her husband, eventually leading to her first book *What Remains: A*

*Memoir of Fate, Friendship, and Love*. The memoir spent over 20 weeks on *The New York Times* Bestseller List and was nominated for the “Books for a Better Life” award.

Radziwill split from her rocker boyfriend Russ Irwin who we met during Season 5, but she continues to date. We might even get a look at her latest love interest this season!

**Ramona Singer – Leaving is Sometimes Easier Said Than Done:** Singer, best known for her go-getter attitude and opinionated speech, is suffering from what is one of the most devastating issues in a relationship: infidelity. After being married to Mario for over two decades, she discovered that her husband was unfaithful. It was reported that he had been having an affair with a younger woman named Kasey Dexter for eight months. As if that’s not heartbreaking enough, the housewife had to witness the affair first-hand when she walked in on them in the Singer’s Hamptons home. The encounter led to Ramona calling 911 for a domestic dispute.

Although Singer has filed for divorce, it remains unclear if the couple will go through with it or not. Just weeks after separating, the couple was spotted on a date together at Bowlmor Lanes in New York City. Although the reality star has always preached the importance of being independent and able to provide for herself, completely moving on from a marriage of 25 years – despite her husband’s betrayal – might be tougher than she thinks.

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**Sonja Morgan – When It Comes to Love, Age Is Nothing But a Number:** Morgan has always been open about her love for men of all ages...and rarely are these men her own age. The housewife was married to John A. Morgan for ten years. Not only are many fans surprised to discover that he proposed after the first date but also that he was 33 years older than her.

The couple’s divorce was finalized in 2008, and since then,



Morgan hasn't given up on her search for true love. In the season 6 teaser, she says, "I'm going below 30 years old," in regards to some of the men she's been seeing. Fellow *RHONY* cast member Heather Thomson claims, "Sonja has as many men as she has interns...and some of them are the same age."

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**Heather Thomson – You Can Be the Wife AND the Boss:** Thomson is married to Jonathen Schindler, and unlike many women, Thomson decided to keep her own name after she got married. While the happy couple have two children together, wife and mother are only part of this housewife's description: She's also the creator of "Yummie by Heather Thomson," the popular and innovative shapewear line. Plus, she's designed for and styled some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Jennifer Lopez, Beyoncé, Tina Knowles, and Sean "Diddy" Combs. She was the founding Design Director for his Sean John line and is credited as a major force behind multiple CFDA award nominations.

Although this season reveals that some women refer to Thomson's powerful presence as bossy, her husband shows that men do like women who take charge and are not intimidated by their success.

**Kristin Taekman – Relationships Are a Balancing Act:** Taekman is the newest member of the gang. She's been married to her husband Josh for a decade, and they have two beautiful children together. The couple met and fell in love in NYC, and Josh ended up proposing on Kristin's favorite holiday, Halloween, in Central Park. While she loves being a wife and mother, she's trying to balance her family life with her modeling career – a challenge that many married career women understand!

**Can you relate to any of these women's love lives? Share with us what your relationship tagline would be and why!**

*To see more of these ladies and their relationships, tune into The Real Housewives of New York premiere tonight at 9/8c on Bravo!*

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# Jill Zarin Says, “Women Can Have It All, But Not All At The Same Time”



By [Lori Bizzoco](#) and Marisa Spano

America watched the zesty and talkative redhead on *The Real Housewives of New York City* for four seasons as she threw sophisticated parties and

worked for her husband's fabric shop. While we may not be seeing her on a feisty Bravo reunion again, she's still making a name for herself. She took a quick break from her hectic schedule to share some advice with CupidsPulse.com on how she manages to juggle it all.

Zarin is definitely one woman who seems to have figured out how to balance her family, career and social life. So we asked her opinion on one of the hottest topics in the news today: Can women really have it all? The former reality star believes that women "can" have it all but goes on to admit that "you can't have it all at the same time." She knows firsthand that you need to prioritize. "Maintaining a marriage is the most important thing because the truth is that children grow up and leave home."

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As most viewers know, Zarin has a close bond with her college-aged daughter from her first marriage, Ally Shapiro, and a loving relationship with her husband, Bobby, whom she married in 2001 after five years of dating. But the *Housewife* tells us that having a strong marriage wasn't always her priority. Over time, she's learned to be mindful of her husband's needs. "The priorities in my life are constantly moving around," she says. "I know when Bobby doesn't like being in the back row, so I move him quickly to the front row. He's the first one to get a ticket. If he wants to move his seat, he can move his seat anytime he wants."

When asked if there was other advice or tips she'd give women to help them have a successful marriage, she says that "being present" is very important. "Nowadays, relationships are so complicated by electronics. It's difficult to sit down for dinner because you're dying to see that text or e-mail that you've been waiting for."

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Of course, when Zarin was growing up, technology was much different. Her house had only one screen: the television. Now, screens are everywhere –

on computers, tablets and smart phones and in the living room, bedroom and even the car. It's no surprise that these "screens" affected her parenting skills. "I don't think that I was present a lot of the time for my daughter. I was home, but I wasn't present," she candidly admits. "My daughter would come home from school, and I'd be on the phone. My daughter would want a snack, and I'd be on the computer. I was always like, 'Just wait one minute, one minute, one minute.'"

She feels that technology has a big impact on dating and relationships too. "There are a lot of things that can make dating challenging, and our phones and computers are two of them," she shares. "People are uncomfortable with verbal communication nowadays." That's one strict rule that Zarin has taught her daughter: don't date through text.

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Currently, Zarin is working on a relationship with herself and taking her own "spiritual journey." One of her commitments is to be present as much as possible. This means that wherever her feet are placed, she needs to be in that moment. "If I'm at home, I shut everything off. My feet are there, and that's where my mind needs to be too."

Still, the reality star doesn't plan on slowing down anytime soon. She'll be promoting her Skweez Couture shape wear line on QVC this month, and she's filming an *Open House* segment at her new home in the Hamptons. She also has a line of beautiful baubles called Jill Zarin Jewelry Collection.

Zarin is certainly focusing on the good stuff!

*For more information about Jill Zarin, follow her on [facebook.com/jillzarin](https://www.facebook.com/jillzarin), Twitter @Jillzarin, or check out her website, <http://jillzarin.com/>.*

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# Celebrity News: Bethenny Frankel Learns Divorce is Not Amicable



By Kerri Sheehan

Skinnygirl mogul Bethenny Frankel is surprised that her divorce is not turning out as amicably as she hoped. Her and her estranged husband, Jason Hoppy are reaching a divorce settlement and while they did sign a pre-nuptial agreement back in 2010, the division of their property is still in discussion. A key issue in their divorce will be deciding the custody of their 2-year-old daughter, Bryn. Frankel recently told [People](#), "I really did think it would be amicable. I absolutely did."

## What are some ways to keep your divorce simple and civil?

### Cupid's Advice:

Everyone and their mother have heard the horror stories that come hand and hand with divorces. With that many emotions running wild and free there's bound to be some intense divorce drama. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Patience:** Often in divorce people think the quicker it's over, the better off both parties will be, however this is not always the case. Many times taking things slowly and thinking everything through is the best way to go. Rather than rush through the process let the proceedings happen at their own pace.

**2. Be firm with your decision:** Once you make the decision to cut the tie from your spouse make sure you don't waver. Going back and forth won't help anyone in the situation so being resolute about your decision is the best avenue to take.

**3. Communication:** In many of life's important instances, communication is the key to success. While there will likely be a plethora of things you want to say to your partner, make sure that you let them get in their words too. Communication is a two way street that must be tread on lightly, especially when it comes to ending a relationship.

**Do you have any advice that helped keep your divorce simple and civil? Comment below and let us know!**

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# RHONY: Prosthetic Leg Shocks Ramona



**Monday, July 16th @ 9/8c – The Real Housewives of New York City**

It's down to the ladies' last days in London, and the built-up tension between Carole, LuAnn and Heather turns into an all-out "royal war." Back in NYC, Aviva's concerns with Sonja's lack of effort in her party planning continues to escalate, and Ramona steps in to "check" on Sonja's progress. (Ramona sticking her head in Sonja's business is sure to end smoothly, right?!!)

Watch: Ramona's second child...?

Watch: Ramona discovers how Aviva goes shoe shopping (sans leg).

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## RHONY: London at Last!



**Monday, July 9th at 9/8c – The Real Housewives of New York City**

It's London at last for (most of) the housewives! Carole, Sonja and LuAnn live it up in the London penthouse that Heather arranged, but they show their "gratitude" by claiming that Heather's "lost it" at her Yummie Tummie business dinner. Back in the Big Apple, Ramona and Aviva go retail therapy crazy trying to convince themselves that they're having the

better time.

Watch: London at last!

Watch: Heather's lost her mind.

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## **RHONY: 47-Year-Old LuAnn Tries for a Baby**



**Monday, July 2nd @ 9/8c – The Real Housewives of New York City**

Aviva and Heather meet up to discuss the London trip, and Heather stands by her decision to leave Ramona behind. LuAnn

heads to an acupuncturist to see if having another child is possible. Aviva hires Sonja to throw a fifth anniversary party for her and her husband, which leaves Sonja excited but concerned since she'll be in London (sans Ramona!) during most of the planning. Check out the highlights for this week's episode below!

Watch: Carole thinks she's found the perfect man.

Watch: Why does Sonja need three interns?

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## RHONY: Ramona versus Sonja





**Monday, June 25th @ 9/8c – The Real Housewives of New York City**

Despite not being invited to her London trip, Ramona decides to go to lunch with Heather to smooth things over. Although it seems Ramona's okay with the situation, she explodes at Sonja and calls her an airhead, causing a first-time rift in their friendship. Check out the highlights for this week's episode below!

Watch: Ramona calls Sonja an airhead.

Watch: Everyone's invited, except Ramona.

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## **RHONY: The Real Housewives of New York City Flirt With Each Other's Husbands**





**Monday, June 18th @ 9/8c – The Real Housewives of New York City**

Carole, a new housewife, openly comes on to Ramona's husband, saying that she only flirts with husbands when their wives are sitting with them. LuAnn and Ramona decide to make peace, but LuAnn suspects it won't last long. Heather also makes a point to invite only a few of the housewives to her next business trip to London. Check out the highlights for this week's episode below!

Watch: LuAnn's daughter deems her past the point of having kids.

Watch: Everyone's f\*cked Harry.

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# RHONY: Newcomers Shake Up The Real Housewives of New York Season Premiere



**Monday, June 4th @ 9/8c- \*90- Minute Season Premiere\*- The Real Housewives New York**

In the 90 minute drama-filled season premiere, New York welcomes its 3 new housewives Heather Thomson, Carole Radziwill, and Aviva Drescher. Find out how they mesh with NYC veterans Ramona Singer, Countess LuAnn and Sonya (and how they mesh with each other)! Take a look at the sneak peek below:

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# Kelly Bensimon Is Back in the Dating Scene with Good Morning America's Josh Elliott



Not afraid of trying things out the second time around, former *Real Housewives of New York* star Kelly Bensimon, has officially stepped back into the dating scene. After ending her marriage with ex-husband Gilles Bensimon, the new author is being urged by her daughters to search for Mr. Right again. “Both her daughters, Sea and Teddy, are encouraging her to get

out and to find the right guy. Kelly would like to marry again," a source told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Taking heed to her daughters' advice, she stepped out to dinner with *Good Morning America* anchor Josh Elliot April 27. Though they appeared to hit it off over dinner, a source close to Elliot, 40, explains that their outing was a one-time thing and that the pair are not "dating." The two met on set while she was promoting her new diet book, *I Can Make You Hot*.

**How do you know when it's time to start dating after a split?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Breakups can be tough, and sometimes it can be even more difficult to jump back into the dating pool. But, how do you know when it's time to dive back in after calling it quits with your former flame? Cupid has some signs that it's time to get out:

**1. You're feeling lonely:** Your ex no longer considers you a factor in their life and your friends barely know who you are anymore since you've secluded yourself in your bedroom listening to Beyonce's "*Me, Myself and I*" on repeat. The split probably hurt, but you'll hurt even more if you continue to isolate yourself.

**2. Lesson learned:** After any breakup, there's always something you should mentally take from it. Things may not always work out as planned, but the important thing is to realize what mistakes you made and how not to make them again.

**3. Time:** After you've given yourself some time to regain your strength and you're no longer feeling vulnerable, then you should step back into the dating scene.

**How do you know when it's time to start dating after a split?**  
**Share your comments below.**

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# Bethenny Frankel Is Scheduling Baby Making Time



Mother of one, entrepreneur and reality TV star Bethenny Frankel wants to add even more to her plate: baby number two. The former *Real Housewives* star said she's so busy that she and her husband actually have to schedule time to make a baby. "We want to have another child, but we're going to have to start trying," Frankel told [RadarOnline](#). "We talk about having two children, definitely. But I'm 40, like, we need to get on the bandwagon."

**How do you prepare to have a child?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Nothing can fully prepare you for parenthood until the baby actually comes, but Cupid has some tips on how to make the transition easier:

- 1. Read books:** There are lots of great resources out there, like *What To Expect When You're Expecting*. Do some research before your bundle of joy arrives.
- 2. Ask for advice:** Talk to friends and family who have children to see what their biggest surprises were when their first child was born.
- 3. Babysit:** If you have any young nieces, nephews or cousins that you can spend time with, becoming comfortable with them will help make you more used to having a little one around.

**What did you do to get ready for your first child? Share your comments below.**

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# The Real Housewives of New York City's Simon van Kempen to Release Debut Single







As if *The Real Housewives of New York City* doesn't provide enough entertainment already, now one of the reality show's main men, Simon van Kempen, is busting onto the music scene with a pop and dance track called "I Am Real." The single, to be released today at 11 p.m. EST on Bravo TV's *Watch What Happens: Live*, takes an ironic look at the reality star and others from *The Real Housewives of New York*.

Produced by JSM Music in New York City, the track was specifically written about van Kempen's experience on the hit show and is the first of its kind, according to a press release. "Not many people know this, but I spent my childhood and early 20's studying and performing as a musician. Music has been a huge part of my life, and although I never thought of myself as a singer, I was thrilled and a little nervous when Joel Simon and JSM approached me with idea of creating a song," said the star. "More than anything, I wanted the track to be fun, irreverent and to talk about my real experience on the 'Real Housewives of New York City.'"



Van Kempen, who was born in Brisbane, Australia and also grew up in New South Wales, moved to London at the age of 22. He lived in London for 13 years before eventually moving back to Australia. On a business trip to New York, however, he met his future wife, Alex McCord. The duo fell in love almost immediately.

“I Am Real” will be available on CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon and other leading online music sites.

*Music credits include:*

*Record Label: JSM Music, Inc.*

*Producers: Joel Simon/Ross Hopman/Koki Saito*

*Composer: Allison Beth Simon/Jon Jason Appleton/Koki Saito*

*Executive Producers: Alex McCord and Rob Goldstone*

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## **Bethenny Frankel Recommends Lazy Lingerie to Keep Your Spark**





Are you trying to keep the spark alive in your relationship? Try lazy lingerie! Former *Real Housewives of New York City* star Bethenny Frankel kept the romantic sparks in her relationship alive this Valentine's Day with the help of just that. "You have to make an effort ... I actually have a line coming out which is Skinny Girl Smoothers and shapers and they include lazy lingerie. Because it's something you wear under a blazer or sweater and then you take off the sweater, and now you have lingerie!" she said in an interview on [RadarOnline](#). Frankel also spilled more secrets on how she and her husband, Jason Hoppy, keep the sparks alive in their marriage. "We do date night once a week. We switch off on who chooses the surprise place we're going to go and we usually pick some hip place so we can still feel like we're cool..."

**What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Keeping the excitement in a relationship can be tough. Cupid is here to offer some advice on keeping the romantic sparks in

your love life from disappearing:

**1. New hobby:** Pick up a new hobby that both you and your partner will enjoy. Not only will trying out a new activity be fun, but you'lll also discover new talents in each other.

**2. Surprise him/her:** Relationships become dull when they become routines. Surprise your significant other by taking him/her to a vocation or a play. Even something as simple as giving flowers will make his or her day.

**3. Communicate:** Keep the spark alive by being attentive to each others' needs. Your relationship and respect for one another will grow as you both continue to share opinions and feelings.