

Divorce Finalized for Sandra Bullock & Jesse James



Sandra Bullock and Jesse James finalized their divorce last week, [People](#) reported. Though it's uncertain if the couple had filed a pre-nuptial agreement, the *Associated Press* confirmed that the papers cited “discord or conflict of personalities” as the reason for the split, and the proceedings were amicable.

Is it possible to have a cordial divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to divorce, the nature of the marriage often

indicates how things will go after it ends. Despite the sticky nature of their split, Bullock and James seemed to have a mature and respectful marriage while they were in it.

1. Over is over: Make sure all of the issues of your marriage are resolved before you sit down at the table to negotiate a divorce. If not, any festering issues could come out at the table and affect the proceedings.

2. Keep it private: Other than you and your respective lawyers, there is no reason to get anyone else involved – even good friends. It only makes things more complicated after the settlement.

3. Take time: After the divorce is finalized, separate yourself from your ex. No calls, emails, or other communication unless it's about the kids, or an emergency. It's important to heal the wounds and be alone. Once you have things figured out, maybe you can be a part of each other's lives again.