

What Is a Community Property State?

Did you know that California is what is known as a “community property” state? One of the 9 states in the union where community property law applies, all California residents in the process of dissolving their marriage or considering beginning that process should be familiar with [division of community and separate property](#). Read on to learn what you need to know, and contact the [skilled Irvine divorce attorneys](#) at Sullivan Law & Associates for all your divorce-related needs.

Property Division 101: Community vs. Separate

Traditionally, there are two kinds of property up for division at the end of a marriage, community and separate. **Separate property** is traditionally considered anything either spouse entered into the marriage with. In addition to various possessions they owned prior to the marriage, this may also include inheritances or gifts they received either before or during the course of the marriage. In essence, it is property the other party has no connection to, legal or otherwise. **Community property**, on the other hand, is traditionally defined as everything both parties owned together during the course of the marriage. This may include any property either spouse purchased or obtained while they were married, regardless of which spouse specifically purchased or obtained said property.

Examples of community property include:

- Income
- Businesses
- Investments
- Bank accounts
- Stock portfolios
- Mortgages and the family home
- Other real estate
- Cars, boats, and other forms of transportation
- Jewelry
- Furniture
- Art
- Other assets

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