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Golden Bachelor divorce 'could take longer in court than they spent together', expert

The Golden Bachelor winners Gerry Turner and Theresa Nist announced they were going their separate ways during a sit-down interview on Good Morning America

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Gerry and Theresa tied the knot on TV in January (Image: ABC via Getty Images)

Gerry Turner and Theresa Nist's divorce could well take longer to sort in court than the couple spent together, according to a divorce lawyer.

The Golden Bachelor pair's marriage didn't even last three months, with their star-studded nuptials taking place on live television back in January. As show winners of the Bachelor spin-off, Gerry and Theresa were crowned husband and wife.

But now experts are predicting the unwinding of their marriage agreement is going to take much longer than their whirlwind romance. Celebrity divorce lawyer Chris Melcher, whose previous clients include controversial Carnival rapper Kanye West and Dawson's Creek actress Katie Holmes, tells **the Mirror US** they've got a long road ahead of them.

Detailing the couple's next steps, the [top family law firm](#) in California **Walzer Melcher & Yoda** partner explained: "If there is a premarital agreement, that document will generally control any rights and obligations they have to each other. The existence of a prenup makes it highly unlikely that there would be anything due upon divorce for such a short period of marriage."

He added: "In my experience, these short marriages take longer to sort out in divorce court than the time the couple spent together." The couple announced their shock separation during a live TV interview on Friday on Good Morning America.

They got married in a live-televised event in January titled The Golden Wedding. Gerry and Theresa recently took the red carpet together at the Hulu on Disney+ event in Los Angeles. While the two were all smiles for the cameras, there appeared to be more under the surface.

Rumors first began that the couple were on the rocks when sources close to the couple told TMZ that though the two were married they were not living together. Gerry lived at his lake house in Northern Indiana while Theresa stayed at her home in New Jersey.

Gerry and Theresa spoke about their break-up on GMA as hosts said the couple looked "nervous". Gerry explained: "Theresa and I have had a number of heart-to-heart conversations and we looked closely at our living situation. And we kind of came to the decision mutually that it's probably time for us to dissolve our marriage."

"The thing that strikes me the most in our conversations is how dedicated both of us are to our families," Gerry added. "I think we just feel like it's best for the happiness of each of us to live apart." They said South Carolina was the plan and even looked in New Jersey but they couldn't make it work. During the interview, they still held hands which the interviewer called out. "I still love this person," Gerry explained.

"There's no doubt in my mind I'm still in love with her. I root for her every day." For those who watched them and believed in love, Theresa gave the advice: "Don't give up. Stay hopeful." About getting married on television and meeting on a show, the interviewer asked about what will happen to the ring. "I think I have to give it back," Theresa said to which Gerry added: "But we don't have to give back the memories."