



# THE PRE PRENUPTIAL QUESTIONS

*Some things to start thinking about before meeting with us.*

*The goal is to set out expectations – not create conflict. The questions are to start the conversation about the practicality of everyday living and open communication.*

- How do you intend to treat separate property? Or the purchase of marital property with the use of separate property?
- How are expenses to be allocated?
- What if one person pays more of the home improvement costs, including furniture, appliances, roof, driveway, renovations, and other capital improvements?
- Requirement to have a checking account established for the expenses and each party to contribute monthly to it?
- Consequences for failing to contribute towards required expenses?
- Are you and your fiancé spenders or savers?
- How will financial decisions be made?
- Will you have a joint bank account, or will you maintain separate accounts?
- How do you feel about nonmonetary contributions to the family such as raising children or maintaining the household?
- How do feel about spousal support?
- Are either of you to receive future gifts or inheritance?
- Do either of you anticipate getting additional education or earning additional degrees or occupational licenses during the marriage? How do you feel about supporting your spouse through this time?
- Will the premarital agreement terminate on a certain event, such as having children, staying married for a certain number of years?
- If you own a business, what type of business is it and how will it be treated during the marriage?
- What are your intentions if a spouse becomes disabled and unable to work?

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