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As part of a Divorce (or the winding up of a Domestic Partnership), all property acquired during the marriage (or a Domestic Partnership) is generally considered for an equitable distribution, so are any debts that have been incurred by the couple. These are all considered regardless of who incurred the debt, the name in which it was incurred, or whether it was for personal benefit or that of the marriage or Domestic Partnership.

Equitable distribution, however, means assets *and liabilities* are to be distributed in a way which is just and fair. So, while the manner in which the debts were incurred may not be taken into account, many other factors can affect how the couple's debts are divided between each party.

While there are many factors which may work in a party's favor regarding the division of debt, there are also certain issues which need to be provided for and skillfully addressed. For example, a creditor can demand payment of a joint debt from your share of the property, even if this was assigned to the other party in divorce proceedings.

If the other party fails to pay a debt that is in both of your names but for which they have been assigned responsibility, this can affect your personal credit rating. These are just some examples of why your debt division must be addressed intelligently, as there are ways to protect against these situations if foresight is used.

ABOUT OUR MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Steven Mueller is a Lawyer, Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner of **Syndicate Legal Services** (www.SteveMuellerLegal.com). Mr. Mueller has more than twenty-five years of Law Office experience, including (but not limited to) 20 years of experience in Corporate & Investment Banking Law; 15 years of experience in Civil Litigation; 5 years of experience in person injury law, family law, and employment law; and 3 years of experience in Criminal Defense Law.

Mr. Mueller is a true pioneer in the Private and Public Capital Markets industry with more than twenty years of industry experience. Mr. Mueller has extensive experience in Alternative Trading Systems and Stock Exchange Legal & Compliance, structuring private and public securities offerings, and coordinating both public and private securities offerings through a syndicate network of FINRA Registered Broker Dealers, Investment Banks and Registered Investment Advisors. As of today, Mr. Mueller has participated approximate 200 IPOs and Rule 144A Equity Offerings, and nearly 2,500 capital markets transactions.

In addition, Mr. Mueller has completed the following courses: BA in Corporate Finance w/ Minor in Accounting (South Carolina); Law School (California Southern Law School); Three Years Law Office Study Program (LA Law, Beverly Hills); Paralegal & Advanced Paralegal Studies Certificates; FINRA series 6, 65 & 7; California Insurance (Property & Casualty, Life & Health, Commercial, Annuity, Earthquake, Flood & Long-Term Care); California Real Estate Sales; California Residential Mortgage; and California Bail Bonds. Mr. Mueller is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran (95-99, honorable discharge after completion of 4yr. tour of duty).



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