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When two people take their marriage vows, they hardly anticipate their relationship will end in a separation or divorce. **Postnuptial Agreements** were created to allow parties to reach agreements on how to divide their assets and debts, without getting a divorce.

A Postnuptial Agreement is a contract between two married people where they address what will happen to their property in the event of a divorce. Postnuptial Agreements are very similar to Prenuptial Agreements with the major difference that they are entered into after the parties are married rather than before.

Some of the matters that may be addressed in Postnuptial Agreements are:

- The division of debts should the parties divorce
- How property, or assets, will be divided in case of divorce
- If/how monetary support will be provided in case of divorce

NOTE: When contracts are entered into, it is typically because two parties are bargaining over something, such as a piece of land. If one party does not agree to the terms, they have the ability to walk away from the agreement. With Postnuptial Agreements, the parties are already married, so there really is no bargaining power. Because of this, courts tend to look down on Postnuptial Agreements. However, if the agreement is fair in its terms, abides by local laws, and both spouses entered into it voluntarily, the court will usually uphold a postnuptial agreement.

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Who Needs a Postnuptial Agreement?

A Postnuptial Agreement is recommended for many situations, but it is especially important in the following scenarios.

- **Business Owners.** If you own a business and want to protect its earnings, even those that have occurred during the time of the marriage, a Postnuptial Agreement can help.
- **Fear of Financial Talks.** If you and your spouse were worried about discussing finances prior to your wedding day but now that you are married, you see how a mutual agreement could be beneficial, a Postnuptial Agreement may be the route for you.
- **Inheritance.** If you or your spouse has received an inheritance that you don't want to be considered a joint asset, a Postnuptial Agreement can help keep it separate in case of divorce. Also, if you begin to see that there may be inheritance disputes between the children you each had in previous relationships, a Postnuptial Agreement can prevent that from happening.

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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