# **Prenuptial & Antenuptial Agreements**

## Miami Prenuptial Agreement Lawyer

Prenuptial agreements are used to determine in advance how property will be divided in the event of a divorce. As long as these agreements are properly drafted, they are respected by Florida courts.

I am Theodore Enfield, a family law attorney in Miami. I have more than 29 years of experience in negotiating and drafting prenuptial and antenuptial (post marriage) agreements. These agreements are often used in second marriages and in marriages where one of the spouses has significant assets.

To be valid under Florida law, a prenuptial or antenuptial agreement cannot be signed under duress, you must provide full disclosure of your assets, and your spouse must be represented by his or her own lawyer.

## Deciding in advance how marital property should be divided

By drafting a premarital agreement, you can bypass Florida law when it comes to the distribution of marital property and debts in the event of divorce. The agreement can help avoid disputes and surprises, especially when it comes to assets you want to protect, such as a family business or a vacation home.

### Protecting a child's property rights

If you have children from a prior marriage, you may want to draft a prenuptial agreement (or prenup) to protect your children's property rights, in the event you should die or divorce. There have been numerous cases in Florida and other states where a stepparent has disinherited a former spouse's children in favor of his or her own children.

## **Antenuptial agreements**

Antenuptial agreements are property agreements that are entered into after marriage. These agreements can often be used to protect a partner from incurring a spouse's debts. They can also be used to confirm the terms of a prenuptial agreement.

#### Free consultation with a Florida lawyer

For a free prenuptial or antenuptial agreement consultation by telephone, call Miami attorney Theodore Enfield at 305-933-9592 or 1-800-733-5299 or fill out the contact form on this Web site.