



5 COASTALLY VALID REASONS TO GET A PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT IN CALIFORNIA

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California (FMK as Kalifornia) - the land of sunshine, surfboards, and... starry-eyed soon-to-be spouses who think that love conquers all. But here's a reality check for those about to tie the (Gordian) knot in the Golden State: love might be a many-splendored thing, but it won't protect your collection of vintage surfboards if things go south. Here's why you should consider getting a prenup, served with a side of humor:

You've Got More Shoes than Imelda Marcos:

Alright, maybe you don't have a shoe obsession to rival the former first lady of the Philippines. But if you've spent a small fortune on your shoe collection, you might want to ensure they don't end up on eBay after a bitter breakup. A prenup can ensure your beloved Louboutins or Jimmy Choos- stay right where they belong - in your closet.

Because Your "Starbucks® Savings" is Real:

Let's be honest, living in California isn't cheap. If you've been diligently skipping that daily \$5 latte and saving it for years, it adds up. And if your partner is the type who thinks money grows on palm trees, you'll want a document to safeguard your caffeine sacrifice.

Pets Over People:

While some are concerned about who gets the house or the

car, others are busy worrying about Fido and Whiskers. In the unfortunate event of a breakup, who gets the pets? With a prenup, you can detail your furry friend's future, avoiding potential catastrophes. (See what I did there?)

To Avoid a Reality TV Debut:

If you haven't noticed, reality TV loves messy divorces - especially in Cali. Get a prenup and save yourself from being the next binge-worthy drama. No one needs their dirty laundry aired on "Real Divorces of Newport."

Because California is a Community Property State:

Alright, let's get serious for a moment. California, with its community property laws, mandates a 50/50 split of all marital assets (Q: What is a marital asset?...more to come) during a divorce. If you've built a business, saved a chunk of change, or have specific family heirlooms, you might not be thrilled with the idea of splitting everything right down the middle.

In conclusion, while we jest about shoes, pets, and Starbucks® savings, a prenuptial agreement can provide genuine peace of mind. It ensures that both parties are on the same financial page, saving potential heartaches down the line. So, before you say "I do," maybe say "I do... want a prenup."

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