



OF PROPOSALS AND PRENUPS.

A **Modern** Love Story (with an *Unexpected* Ending)

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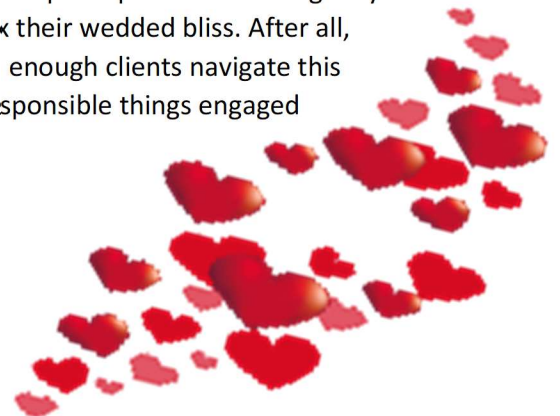
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What makes for the perfect proposal? For starters, it's the person you're with. Love, kindness and trust, as well as shared goals, values and interests. A romantic setting is probably high up there, too. Maybe a trip to the ocean or a mountain hike. A ring is likely. But a prenup?

Prenuptial agreements may not yet have any place in the modern proposal, but they're an increasing part of engagements, especially among millennials. It's true they're not romantic, but neither is marriage. You can have romance in your relationship, but marriage comes with all kinds of legal consequences. In many ways, marriage is a contract. And once you recognize that, you might understand why surveys have shown a surge in prenuptial agreements, driven mostly by millennials.

Many people view prenuptial agreements in a negative light. They think prenups are something only the rich and famous need, or they're afraid that entering one will jinx their wedded bliss. After all, planning for failure means planning to fail, right? Wrong! I've helped enough clients navigate this issue to know that a prenup is actually one of the most loving and responsible things engaged couples can do.



In honor of **Valentine's Day**, I've rounded up three reasons why prenups are *actually Romantic*.



A prenup forces you to talk openly and honestly about your finances.

According to a recent poll, 70% of couples argue about money more than any other issue in their marriage, including chores, dinner, and snoring. This is because many people never received the tools to handle their money effectively, or the education to make smart financial choices. Money is also incredibly personal. Binding your life (not to mention your bank account) to another person can be terrifying. A prenuptial agreement, facilitated by an experienced and sensitive lawyer such as the ChrisLaw can help prepare you for a lifetime of financial health and shared wealth.

This foundation can not only strengthen your marriage but save you countless arguments down the road.



A prenup helps you plan your future in addition to your wedding.

Prenuptial agreements aren't only useful in the case of a divorce. They're also an opportunity to make legal promises about how you'll take care of one another. The terms of a prenup can include health insurance, life and disability insurance, deeds, access to certain bank accounts, estate planning, and how to care for your children. These are all issues that aren't normally discussed during the wedding planning process, when seating charts and bridesmaid dresses seem like the most important thing in the world.

A prenuptial agreement is an important reminder that the future you're building together is what really matters.



A prenup helps you protect each other, no matter what.


Instead of thinking of a prenup as protecting your own assets, think of it as *protecting your partner no matter what happens*. It's an opportunity to make choices while your relationship is strong and loving, rather than during a worst-case scenario situation, when you might be tempted to lash out or punish one another. If you plan to have kids, this is especially important.

A prenuptial agreement means you've committed to taking care of each other and doing what's best for other person, now and always.

I know what you are thinking, this guy is really reaching here. BUT, I am not alone in my vision of the sexy, romantic prenup agreement.

I stumbled onto a fellow blogger's passage during my research for this post that struck a note with me. From a March 3, 2016 article written by **Chelsea Fagan** and published on TFD (thefinancialdiet.com) website, **Why Prenups Are More Romantic To Me Than Weddings.**



There are so many beautiful parts of choosing to be with another person forever, and one of the most beautiful, in my view, is your mutual confrontation of all the scariest bits of life. Together, you can think about the unpleasant. You can look the worst-case scenario in its face and choose to be bigger. The feeling of doing this is, to me,  more romantic than the (undoubtedly lovely) party that will accompany it. I cannot wait to dance, and drink, and laugh with the people I love most on that day when it comes, but I know that I will dance, and drink, and laugh with the people I love many times in my life. I will only get one chance to make sure the person I love most in this world has everything he deserves, no matter what happens. And I want to make it count.

- CHELSEA FAGAN

You can make the Prenup Romantic. Embrace it in a new light. Use it as a tool to actually strengthen your connection with your betrothed (or soon-to-be). Hopefully, at the end of the process, you will want to show up to sign your agreement with a chilled bottle of champagne. Celebrate your work. A life of certainty is to be celebrated! Certainly, better than celebrating your hopes dreams of what you hope will be. With the good, bad, and truly terribly, terribly ugly discussed, together you will have an advantage over "couple B" [still guessing, bickering, and going in circles] to achieve monumental things – together – on the same page - knowing that you have each other's back and have protected each other no matter what may come. So, go out in the world and do truly great things!

If you're planning to get married in the near future, a prenuptial agreement can be a great way to plan for a safe, stable, and secure future. And, just as it's important to choose the right partner to settle down with for life, it's also important to find an attorney you can trust to help navigate this contract with compassion and professionalism. I can help make sure you start your marriage with kindness and honesty

Contact me today to start the conversation.

You can schedule a free consultation on my website. www.ChrisLawOffice.com and select the Schedule Consult tab. or [CLICK HERE](#)

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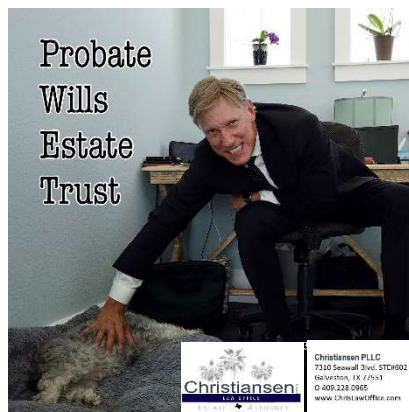
His current practice centers around helping his clients create their **estate and life planning documents** and **probate administration**.

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