

Premarital Agreements Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on premarital agreements. Also known as a prenuptial agreement, a premarital agreement is “an agreement made before marriage usually to resolve issues of support and property division if the marriage ends in divorce or by the death of a spouse.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Family Code

- Ch. 4 Premarital and Marital Property Agreements
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.4.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7

- Vol. 4, Ch. 63 Property Agreements

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35

- Vol. 4, Objective V1 Premarital Agreements

Prenuptial Agreements: How to Write a Fair & Lasting Contract KF 529.Z9 S86

101 Law Forms for Personal Use KF 170.L46

- Ch. 13 Living Together

Texas Transaction Guide KFT 1268.K45

- Vol. 22, Ch. 93 Antenuptial Agreements

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83

- 2021 Ch. 23 Cohabitation, Pre-Marital and Post-Marital Agreements
- 2019 Ch. 39: Premarital Agreements: Making Your Own Rules!

Online Resources

Marital Agreements (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/marriage-in-texas/premarital-agreements>

Prenuptial Agreements: Who Needs It and How Do I Make One? (NOLO) <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/prenuptial-agreements-overview-29569.html>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)