

## Givens Law Group News

We at Givens Law Group hope that you are enjoying the holiday season. Welcome to our December newsletter.

### Questions Someone May Ask You About Divorce

#### When is it Time to Talk to a Lawyer About the Law of Divorce?

Most people think that the time to talk to a lawyer for the first time about a divorce is when they have finally made up their minds to file divorce papers and start the process or when they have received the papers filed by their spouse. Sometimes that may be too late.

Let me start with kind of a silly example. Most of us in this country have never played a game they play in England and other countries called cricket. If someone were to invite you to play cricket next weekend, you would probably want to take the time to have someone explain the rules to you. It's the same, and much more important, in divorce.

There are many financial moves which should be avoided if you think there is a possibility of becoming divorced. For example, if the house that you owned in just your name before the marriage needs refinancing. You may just place the house into joint names and have your spouse join with you on the new mortgage papers as a normal routine of the refinancing process. Only later do you find out that you may well have donated to the marriage the equity you had built up individually in the home.

There are also thing you may wish to monitor so that you know if your spouse is rearranging assets in anticipation of divorce. Sometimes by the time the divorce papers are filed, it is too late to undo the damage.

A consultation with a divorce lawyer is confidential and can save you a lot of future heartache.

Bottom line: If you think that there is even the possibility that your marriage is heading for a divorce, consult with a divorce lawyer as soon as possible

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Givens Law Group is proud to announce that Anita Miranda, legal assistant to Garrett Riley, has been certified by the Florida Bar as a Florida Registered Paralegal. Our firm continually strives to provide the highest qualified staff to work with our clients.

Congratulations to Kelly McDermott, a legal assistant with Givens Law Group, who has had two of her dogs featured in "Deaf Dogs" and "Rescued in America", the first two books in the Photo Book Projects series which were recently published by

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Melissa McDaniel.. Happy-go-lucky Zeke, a deaf and blind Catahoula Leopard dog, appears in "Deaf Dogs". Harley, a vocal and mischievous Catahoula/Siberian Husky mix, stars in "Rescued in America".

Melissa's goals for the photo books were to raise deaf dog awareness and to advocate adoptions from shelters and rescues. Her own dog, Sadie, a deaf Border Collie mix, was the inspiration for the books. You can read more about the Photo Book Projects at [www.thephotobooks.com](http://www.thephotobooks.com) or on facebook.



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## Thanks!

We are all extremely grateful for the referrals we have received from former clients, fellow lawyers, mental health professionals and others in our community. There is nothing more professionally humbling than knowing that people are counting on us in their life-changing family law problems.

If you ever decide that one more piece of e-mail is too much, feel free to "unsubscribe" to this newsletter at any time. We look forward to working with you to make things easier for those people you know who are having family issues and we look forward to helping you in any way we can to make your life easier.



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