

LETTER FROM STANN GIVENS

Welcome to our first ever newsletter. In case you haven't heard, November 1st of last year saw the formation of Givens Law Group.

As you may know, I am a divorce lawyer in Tampa. I was joined by three excellent divorce lawyers who had worked with me in my previous firm. They are: Christian Givens, Robert Sparks and Damien McKinney. I am proud of the work they have done for our clients in the past and look forward to receiving additional positive feedback from their clients.

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.

We will include articles in our newsletter, such as the one below, which we think will be of interest to those who will receive it. If you ever decide that one more piece of e-mail is too much, feel free to "unsubscribe" to this newsletter at any time by clicking on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this page. 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.

QUESTIONS SOMEONE MAY ASK YOU ABOUT DIVORCE:

Is it OK to date during the pendency of my divorce?

We are frequently asked if it is okay to date someone while a divorce is pending.

Florida is a no-fault state and even if you date during the marriage it does not affect the legal outcome of your divorce with one notable exception. If you spend marital money on a date, the court may give your spouse the same sum of money before the court divides the rest of your property during the property distribution.

Equally important as the legal rules of your divorce are the strategy considerations. I'll explain. Although there is nothing legally wrong with you dating someone while you are going through the divorce process, you may not wish to do so. Expert psychologists have verified that, in a divorce, your spouse wants you to feel just as miserable as your spouse feels. If your spouse sees that you are happy in a new relationship, it may be very difficult to negotiate with that spouse to reasonably settle your case. Your spouse may have the tendency to try to drag the case out. When that happens, you spend substantially more in attorneys fees and costs getting to the conclusion of your divorce and on with your life.

Bottom line: From our experience as Tampa divorce attorneys, it is legally okay to

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date during your divorce, but don't do it.

For additional information, you may wish to visit our blog at http://www.familylawfirmflorida.com/Florida_Divorce.aspx or simply give us a call.

WE'VE MOVED!

As of March 1, 2010, the Givens Law Group has moved from its previous location in Hyde Park to the Tampa City Center in beautiful downtown Tampa. The new address is 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602. The phone number remains (813) 251-6700 and the fax number remains (813) 251-4542. We even have a toll free number which is (800) 716-6206.

The move downtown has certainly energized us. The space is beautiful and we invite you all to come by for a visit at your convenience.

We wish you all the best.



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