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FAMILY LAW

Guiding Florida Families Through Divorce

Every legal struggle is important, but when the outcome will affect your family, it is critical to turn to the right attorney. Your divorce lawyer needs to be able to understand what is important to you and guide you through the divorce process to accomplish your goals.

At the Law Office of John F. Greene, I have been helping clients resolve their legal issues for 27 years. I will help you understand Florida's family laws and fight for you. Contact me to schedule an appointment to discuss your situation.

Florida's No-Fault Divorce Process

If your marriage is irretrievably broken, you must be a resident of Florida for 180 days prior to filing. I will guide you through the divorce process and protect your interests. Every client needs to know exactly what to expect during their divorce, and I will be there for you every step of the way, addressing all of your concerns.

Although every client has unique needs, the following issues often arise in family law cases:

- **Contested vs. uncontested divorce:** First, we will determine if your divorce is contested or uncontested. If you and your spouse can agree on everything, I will help you file for a simplified dissolution when there are no children and no assets in the marriage.
- **Child custody:** In Florida, shared custody is presumed to be in the best interests of the child. This means both parents continue to make the major decisions affecting the health and welfare of the child, such as, religion, medical needs and education. If a parent desires sole parental responsibility, they bear the burden of showing that shared parental custody will be detrimental to the child. If you have children, the first thing I will do is help you determine custody. No one knows how to care for your kids better than you, and I will work with you to reach a custody arrangement that works for your family.

- Child support: Both parents have a duty to support a child. Child support cannot be waived by a parent because it is the right of the child. Child support is determined from the financial affidavits of the parents with reference to the Florida child support guidelines.
- Distribution of property: The Florida equitable distribution statute provides that in dissolution proceedings the court shall set apart to each spouse their non-marital assets and liabilities, and shall distribute between the parties the marital assets and liabilities in such portions as are equitable. The property must all be distributed equitably, but not necessarily equally.
- Alimony can be awarded to either spouse temporarily through the dissolution process, in a lump sum, in periodic payments, for a fixed number of years or permanently. Alimony is mainly based on the duration of the marriage and a showing of the spouse's need for financial support and the other's ability to pay.

I understand how difficult divorce can be, and I will help you reach solutions that work for you and your loved ones. If you or your spouse is a member of the military, I also have the experience you need dealing with the complicated issues that stem from divorce.

You can trust me to guide you through Florida's family law process. I encourage you to contact me online or call 850-424-6833 to schedule a free consultation to talk through your situation and how I can help you.