Segarra & Associates, P.A. Warns That the Most Expensive Family Law Cases Are Often the Ones People Thought Were Finished

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Segarra & Associates, P.A. is encouraging Florida families to pay close attention to the language used in settlement agreements, parenting plans, prenuptial agreements, and postnuptial agreements, noting that many costly family law disputes begin long after the original case was supposedly resolved.

According to Manuel A. Segarra III, founder of Segarra & Associates, P.A., some of the most contentious litigation he encounters does not arise from a new problem. Instead, it stems from an old agreement that failed to anticipate future realities.

"People often believe their divorce is over once they sign an agreement," Segarra said. "Unfortunately, I spend a significant amount of my practice dealing with disputes that arise because an agreement was vague, incomplete, or failed to address foreseeable issues."

For many families, the real challenge begins when life changes. The children grow older, parents remarry, people relocate, businesses increase in value, income changes, and homes need to be sold or refinanced.

When agreements fail to address these possibilities, disputes frequently follow.

One of the most common mistakes involves parenting plans that appear workable on paper but fail in practice. Questions often arise regarding holiday schedules, school breaks, summer vacations, international travel, passport renewals, extracurricular activities, school selection, medical decision-making, and transportation responsibilities. When agreements fail to clearly address these issues, parents often find themselves back in court asking a judge to interpret language that could have been clarified years earlier.

Financial provisions create another frequent source of post-judgment litigation. The phrase "share expenses equally" may seem straightforward until the parties disagree about what expenses are actually included. Questions commonly arise regarding childcare costs, private school tuition, medical expenses, extracurricular activities, vehicle expenses, college-related expenses, and reimbursement deadlines. Without clear procedures and definitions, disagreements can quickly escalate into motions, hearings, and attorney's fees.

Business owners often assume that once a divorce settlement is signed, disputes involving the business are over. In reality, disagreements frequently arise regarding valuation methods, buyout procedures, payment schedules, ownership interests, refinancing obligations, and future business growth. These issues can become particularly problematic when settlement agreements fail to include specific deadlines, valuation procedures, or mechanisms for resolving disputes.

Segarra & Associates, P.A. believes that the goal should never be reaching an agreement at any cost. The goal is reaching an agreement that continues to function years later.

"Anyone can write an agreement that gets a case settled," Segarra said. "The real test is whether that agreement still works when circumstances change. Good drafting is not about ending today's dispute. It's about preventing tomorrow's dispute."

Drafting effective family law agreements requires more than understanding Florida statutes. It requires understanding where agreements typically fail. Having represented clients in divorce, post-judgment enforcement, modifications, relocation cases, support disputes, business-owner divorces, and parenting litigation throughout Florida, Segarra & Associates, P.A. approaches agreements with an eye toward avoiding future conflict rather than simply resolving present disagreements.

The firm regularly represents professionals, entrepreneurs, business owners, parents, and high-net-worth individuals throughout Miami-Dade County, Orlando, and other Florida communities.

Whether negotiating a parenting plan, marital settlement agreement, prenuptial agreement, or postnuptial agreement, Segarra & Associates, P.A. encourages families to focus not only on resolving today's issues but also on preparing for tomorrow's realities. Because in family law, some of the most expensive cases are the ones people thought were already finished.

For additional information regarding family law agreements, divorce, post-judgment enforcement, modifications, parenting plans, and related matters, visit www.segarralawfirm.com.

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