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## We Are Proud To Introduce The Newest Addition To Our Educational Legal Book Series:

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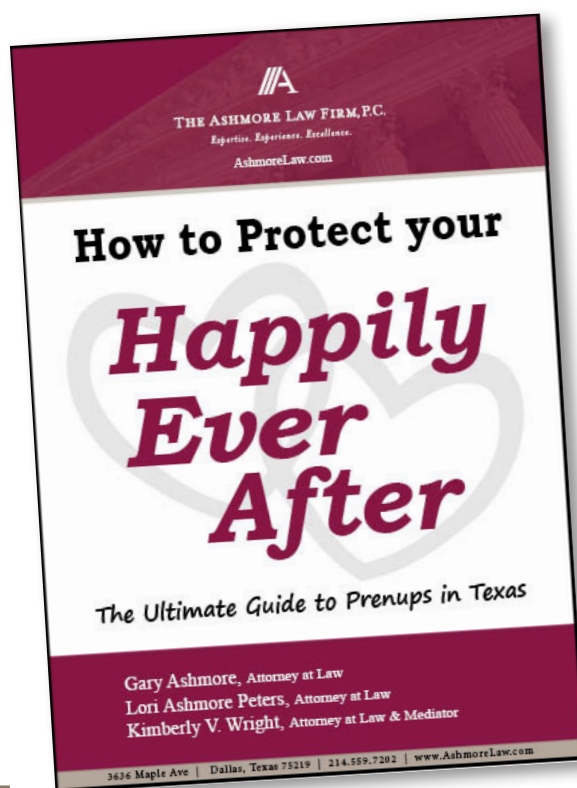
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Meet Our New Attorney:  
Carla De La Cruz

Have you thought about getting a Prenup?

1. *Are you getting married and live in Texas?*
2. *Do you want to protect your assets?*
3. *Do you own a business?*
4. *Do you have children from a previous marriage?*



### Tell Us What You Think!

We strive to provide the best legal experience for our clients! Review us on Google, Facebook or Yelp.

**If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, or just curious how you can benefit from a Prenup, this book can help.**

*Premarital or postmarital agreements often have a negative stigma attached to them. However, there are many beneficial reasons why one or both fiancés or spouses should enter into a marital agreement in our new book. Call our office to request your free copy.*

# Are You The “New Moderately Wealthy”?

*If you have an Estate Plan in order, now is the time to review it.*

Although many of us do not fall into today’s “Wealthy” category, which is for the few who have a net worth over \$11.4 million, the majority of us are considered the “New Moderately Wealthy”.

What does that mean? **It means those individuals whose net worth is under \$11.4 million.**

While you may think you have way less than \$11.4 million and therefore no need for estate planning, think again!

You may not need an estate plan to avoid or minimize estate tax, however, there are many “nontax” reasons why estate planning vehicles, such as Trusts, may still be a benefit to you. An estate plan is no longer just for tax planning, or at least not in the way you may be thinking.

There are a variety of “nontax” reasons to justify the necessity of a Trust. Here are a few examples:

- The use of a Trust as a motivational tool for the beneficiaries
- Creditor and Predator protection
- Protection from Claims of Spouses and Ex-Spouses
- Probate Avoidance

For a more in-depth discussion, be on the lookout for our free mini educational presentation series.

## Undue Influence In A Will Contest:

*Sound a little too familiar?*

**W**ill Contest cases are often the basis of a claim of undue influence. Opportunity to use undue influence by itself is not enough to make a Will invalid. There must be evidence that the influence was not only present but was in fact exerted in connection with the making of the Will. In most cases, the exertion of undue influence is subtle and by its very nature usually involves an extended course of dealings and circumstances.

Influence is not undue unless it destroys the maker’s freedom to choose and the Will that is created by undue influence benefits someone that would not have so benefited otherwise.

The acts of undue influence must have been so excessive that they destroyed the Will of the maker through force, duress, intimidation, excessive pleading, or deception used to try to destroy or overcome the maker’s Will and induce the maker to sign the Will that is not what the maker really wanted.

Potential witnesses of undue influence being made on the maker of the Will might be close friends of the deceased, family members, family doctor, home health care providers, clergy, hairdresser, manicurist, and others the maker trusted or confided in.

**Because no two undue influence cases are the same, the outcome of any case turns on its own unique facts.**

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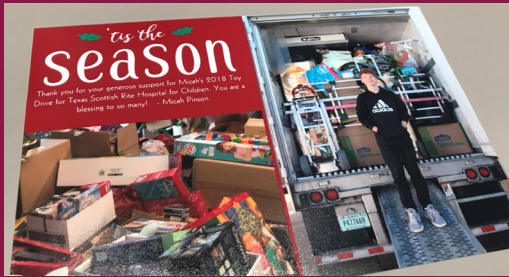


# Firm Events

## Micah Pinson's Toy Drive for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital



## 31st Annual Christmas Open House



## Our booth at The Dallas Bridal Show



## Super Bowl Firm Potluck Luncheon



# Calendar of Events

## Do I Really Need a Will? - Lunch & Learn

Kimberly V. Wright | Belmont Village

March 12, 2019 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

## Free Estate Planning Presentation Series

Lori Ashmore Peters | Signature Pointe Community

March 19, 2019 | April 2, 2019 | April 9, 2019

3:30pm - 4:30pm

## Free Will Clinic

Lori Ashmore Peters | Angelica Farinacci

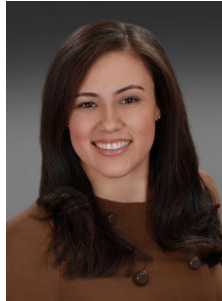
Kimberly V. Wright

March 30, 2019 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

*For additional information on the events above, please contact Kristie Gray at [kgray@ashmorelaw.com](mailto:kgray@ashmorelaw.com)*

## Meet the Newest Member of our Team:

# Carla De La Cruz



### Practice Areas:

- Divorce
- Modifications
- Name Changes
- Child Support & Child Custody
- Enforcements of Child Support & Visitation
- Premarital & Postmarital Agreements

*Carla was born and raised in Puerto Rico, graduated from the University of Puerto Rico in 2009 and later attended Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law.*

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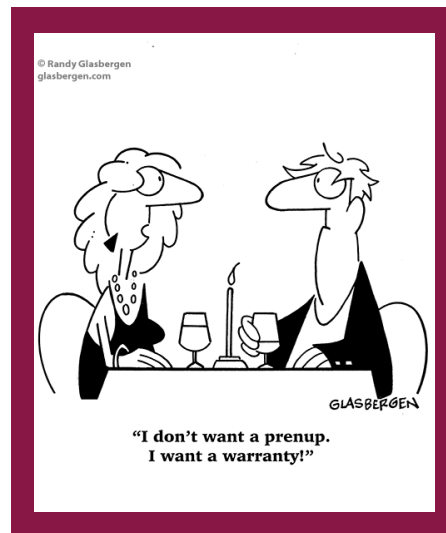
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