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FAMILY LAW

Legal issues surrounding the family can be challenging. At Gray Reed, we strive to guide clients through the process as smoothly as possible. We educate our clients, both individuals and family offices, about their options, learn their objectives and work to resolve the legal issues with our client's goals in mind. Six of our family law attorneys are Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and have the experience and determination to be prepared - no matter what the situation entails.

ADOPTIONS

Adoption is a golden opportunity for all parties. A child is placed with a family who needs him or her, and parents who are not quite ready for the experience of raising a child can give another couple their chance. However, while an adoption can be a joyous event, there are many legal issues that can stop the proceeding in its tracks. Working with an experienced adoption attorney is important in any type of adoption. The laws governing the adoption process are complex.

At Gray Reed, we are intimately familiar with the procedures and laws surrounding adoptions. We will make sure that you understand adoption requirements for independent, stepparent, relative, and interstate or international adoptions, as well as legal issues involved in adopting from an agency.

ASSET PROTECTION

Asset protection is nothing other than the use of legal instruments for the preservation and accumulation of wealth. When implemented by a qualified, competent attorney, asset protection is a powerful legal tool that can protect clients from future unforeseen risks. Gray Reed provides private counseling to clients on the tools and techniques of asset protection and privacy planning. There are numerous tools available to assist you in protecting your assets. Firm services include the formation and maintenance of various legal vehicles to accomplish the tax planning and estate planning goals and objectives of individual clients.

CHILD SUPPORT

Our attorneys are considered experts in negotiating child support payments in high-income cases. When the parties are unable to resolve child support issues, we can explore alternative ways of reaching a settlement such as mediation and arbitration, and collaborative law. Our attorneys are experienced with collection of past due support, defense of county Child Support Enforcement actions, child support modifications and other arrearage issues.



COLLABORATIVE LAW

Collaborative law is a relatively new way to resolve divorce issues such as asset division, child custody and support, and maintenance out of court. If both parties are committed to the collaborative process, this option creates a setting that allows for the give and take that can result in an amicable divorce settlement. Because information exchanged in collaborative law is not public record or admissible in court, it may be appealing to public figures or persons of high net worth.

CUSTODY

At Gray Reed, all child custody and support issues are determined based upon what is in the best interest of the child. We advocate for our client's rights in mediation or fight for their interests in trial to determine parental rights and resolve all issues involving child custody including legal custody, physical custody, visitation/parenting time child support and post judgment modifications.

DIVISION OF ESTATE

Asset division in divorce is complex and requires an attorney with knowledge of accounting, asset valuation, tax issues and other financial matters. It also requires an attorney who has experience with family law judges and understands how they tend to treat various items of property. When it comes to the division of an estate, our asset valuation and division lawyers have handled divorce cases with assets ranging from very modest holdings to hundreds of millions of dollars.

DIVORCE

Every client engaged in divorce has unique set of needs and priorities. Gray Reed is committed to addressing those needs on an individualized basis. While thorough and aggressive, we counsel clients to resolve their cases in ways to minimize the emotional strife attendant to divorce.

We work hard to protect your parental rights and property interests. We are committed to doing whatever is necessary to help you and your children achieve the best possible outcome in an otherwise difficult situation.

PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

For those concerned about the possibility of divorce down the road, premarital agreements or "prenups" are a perfectly reasonable response. Prenups are most popular with people who enter a marriage with large assets or assets that are not easily divisible, such as an interest in a family-owned business or a large tract of real estate.

ACCESS TO RESOURCES

As a full service firm, we are uniquely positioned to effectively represent and counsel individuals and families beyond routine or the most complex family law matters. When a client's need goes beyond the expertise or jurisdiction of a family law attorney, our firm has a worldwide network of lawyers for international and cross-border issues and access to other Gray Reed attorneys from a variety of disciplines to help solve nearly any issue, personally or professionally, a client may face such as tax, estate planning, real estate, bankruptcy, intellectual property, wealth preservation and civil litigation.