

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES
FOR PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT**

This Contract for Professional Legal Services will confirm the terms under which our firm will prepare, handle and represent you and your lady prospective spouse to the best of our ability and experience in connection with the PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT.

1. **The U.S. Gentleman Hires Our Services, But Our Clients are Both Members of the Couple**
We will assist, counsel and advise on the Premarital and Marital Agreement. We consider both the U.S. Gentleman and the lady prospective spouse to be our clients. Thus, we will undertake as part of our service to advise you candidly and openly about what might be in the lady prospective spouse's best interest as well as in the U.S. Gentlemen's best interest and the best interest of the enforceability of the Premarital and Marital Agreement.
2. **Advance Notice**
You agree to provide out office with as much advance notice as possible with regards to any anticipated wedding or marriage date. Premarital and Marital Agreements should be signed as early as possible prior to the wedding or marriage date, and thus we require at least forty-five (45) days advance notice prior to any wedding or marriage date in order for us to properly prepare and handle the Premarital and Marital Agreement.
3. **Reasonable "Best Efforts"**
We agree to prepare and will prepare the Premarital and Marital Agreement to try and protect your assets and income with all reasonable "best efforts" to the best of our ability and experience, and in accordance with current state law in your home state and current interpretation of the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act. We will customize and craft the Premarital and Marital Agreement to meet your case specific needs and concerns. We require a reasonable time to prepare all Agreements, consistent with the other work in our office and vacation and other out-of-office time. We will answer any and all reasonable questions of reasonable number about the Premarital and Marital Agreement process during business hours. We will work with any additional Attorney of your choosing to assist in the process, such as a personal or family state law attorney representing you, or any another attorney representing your lady prospective spouse.
4. **Drafts and Re-Drafts**
We will prepare and mail, fax or E-Mail you, as appropriate, the First Draft of the Premarital and Marital Agreement for your review, corrections and modifications. We urge you to utilize as much as possible our standard provisions and clauses, so long as they meet your needs and concerns. We will then supply you with the Second Draft for your final approval. After your final approval, we will then mail you for signatures the Final Version with Two (2) Copies. [If a Third, Fourth or further Draft is necessary and involves more than simple housekeeping corrections, we may choose to add an additional Attorney Fee charge to compensate us for the additional work and time required.]
5. **Future Updates, Changes, and Modifications to the Final Signed Version**
We urge that you periodically review the Premarital and Marital Agreement for any updates, changes and modifications as your circumstances may change over time. If you wish us to modify and change the Premarital and Martial Agreement, we will review your request and if we agree to undertake it, we will charge an additional Attorney Fee for the additional work and time required.
6. **Client Updates, Case Status and Attorney Answers to Questions**
We will keep you advised of all significant developments in the preparation of the Premarital and Marital Agreement. We will answer all reasonable questions of a reasonable number. Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM U.S. Eastern time for telephone calls, e-mails and faxes, but you may call at other times as well and may indeed receive a response. On the other hand, our office is small and when staff is not immediately available due to special circumstances or problems, please leave a message and we will call you back in 24 hours or less, except for holidays and weekends and pre-scheduled vacation and business trips, in which case, we will respond to you immediately as soon as we are available.

7. **Attorney Ethics and Our Expectations of You and Your Lady Prospective Spouse**

For our part, we agree to the highest level of attorney-client confidentiality and work-product privilege in our representation and case-handling. Our expectation on your part is that we expect that you and lady prospective spouse will cooperate reasonably for requests for information and documents. We expect full and truthful answers to our questions from you and your lady prospective spouse in connection with the preparation and handling of the Premarital and Marital Agreement.

8. **Fees and Refunds**

Our Attorney Fee as of Current Year is **\$1,500.00** flat fee, payable to “Law Offices of Gary G. Bala” or “Gary G. Bala”. There is no charge for the Translation to Spanish, if you agree to the standard provisions and clauses which we typically use. If your Premarital and Marital Agreement requires extensive and unusual translation, there may be an additional charge, which you will be given advance notice of. [For all other foreign languages other than Spanish, there will be an additional reasonable charge for Document Translation if you wish to use us for that service, which you will be given an estimate of in advance. Or you may choose to undertake your own Document Translation through your own resources.] Minimum Retainer-Deposit for Administrative Work: Initial Consultation, Interview and File-Opening (NON-REFUNDABLE) is: **\$350.00**. All Checks or Money Orders accepted. Credit & Debit Card and PayPal Payments accepted online on our Website for Deposits Only. Under most normal circumstances, we will NOT charge you for copy costs, telephone, fax or E-mail costs or mailing or postage costs with the exception of any special overnight delivery charges but only if this service is requested by you. Our normal mail method of delivery with no charge to you is: First-Class postage pre-paid or U.S. Priority Mail, as deemed appropriate by us.

Normally, we do not consider refunds for cases accepted and work commenced. In unusual circumstances where we have accepted the case but have not commenced meaningful work, we will consider a request for a refund of 50% of our fee (NOT INCLUDING THE NON-REFUNDABLE RETAINER-DEPOSIT), less all actual costs incurred by our office for any reason.

DISCLAIMERS:

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE WE DO NOT CONTROL THE FUTURE ACTIONS OF A STATE COURT JUDGE IN YOUR HOME STATE, WE CANNOT PROMISE OR GUARANTEE ANY GIVEN RESULT UNDER A PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT OR ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS. BECAUSE STATE LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS CHANGE FREQUENTLY AND SOMETIMES WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE, OUR POLICY IS NOT TO PREDICT OR ASSURE THAT A GIVEN SET OF RULES WILL ALWAYS STAY THE SAME AND BE APPLIED TO YOUR CASE EXACTLY AS IT WAS IN PAST CASES.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY:

OUR OFFICE AGREES TO KEEP ALL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO US BY YOU AND YOUR PROSPECTIVE SPOUSE CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RULES CONCERNING ATTORNEY-CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY. YOU AND YOUR PROSPECTIVE SPOUSE AGREE TO KEEP ALL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS GENERATED BY OUR OFFICE, INCLUDING OUR PREMARITAL AGREEMENT, PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT AND ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS, CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE TO ANY THIRD PARTY OR THE INTERNET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RULES CONCERNING ATTORNEY WORK-PRODUCT PRIVILEGE.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

THE U.S. GENTLEMAN CLIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS AND EXTEND IMMUNITY TO GARY GANESH BALA AND LAW OFFICES OF GARY GANESH BALA AND ALL AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY KIND IN LAW OR EQUITY OR OTHERWISE ARISING FROM THIS CONTRACT OR THE DRAFTING AND PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THE PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT AND ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS.

THE U.S. GENTLEMAN CLIENT HEREBY AGREES THAT, IN EXCHANGE FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED, GARY GANESH BALA AND LAW OFFICES OF GARY GANESH BALA AND ALL AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROVIDE, ARE PROVIDING AND HAVE PROVIDED FULL, FAIR AND REASONABLE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTRACT, AND IN THE DRAFTING, PREPARATION AND HANDLING OF THE SUBJECT PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT AND ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS.

SINCE THE FUTURE INTERPRETATION OF ANY PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT AND ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THOSE HERE UNDER THIS CONTRACT BY A FUTURE JUDGE IS INHERENTLY UNPREDICTABLE, THE U.S. GENTLEMAN AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS GARY GANESH BALA AND LAW OFFICES OF GARY GANESH BALA AND ALL AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, COST, AWARD, JUDGMENT OR ORDER ARISING FROM THE SUBJECT PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENT AND ANY WAIVER OF COUNSEL AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS, AND FURTHER AGREES NOT TO FILE SUIT ARISING FOR ALLEGED CLAIMS ARISING THEREFROM.

THE U.S. GENTLEMAN EXPRESSLY AGREES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT HE VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER AND THAT IT IS INTENDED TO BE BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND STATUTES, AND FURTHER AGREES THAT IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE CLAUSES OR PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER ARE FOUND TO BE INVALID, THE REMAINING CLAUSES AND PROVISIONS SHALL NOT BE AND ARE NOT AFFECTED OR MODIFIED.

Thank you for your confidence in our service, and we look forward to working with you and your lady prospective spouse to accomplish the Premarital and Marital Agreement.

I HAVE READ ALL THREE PAGES OF THIS CONTRACT AND AGREE TO AND ACCEPT THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS BY ON THIS DATE _____:

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