

## Givens Law Group News

Welcome to our February 2011 Newsletter

### **Christian Givens and Robert Sparks Become Partners in the Firm**

Welcome to our February, 2011, Newsletter. We have some exciting news since our last Newsletter. Christian Givens and Robert Sparks have been made partners in Givens Law Group. From their arrival to our firm, these former state criminal prosecutors have demonstrated tremendous skills as advocates for our clients. Chris and Rob are expanding the scope of the firm to include representation of homeowners suffering from sinkhole damage to their residences and representation of those injured in automobile and other accidents. We look forward to their contributions of leadership in the firm.

### **What questions should I ask at the first meeting with my divorce lawyer?**

You have an appointment with a lawyer to talk about a divorce. How do you make the most of your limited time in the consultation?

Hopefully, you have prepared a written list of assets, debts, income and expenses for both you and your spouse. After you provide your lawyer the history of your marriage and hear the explanation of the law and the process, you should have a chance to ask questions.

How much will this cost? Are you recognized as an expert divorce lawyer by the Florida Bar by having earned Board Certification in Marital and Family Law? What can I be doing to improve my child custody chances? What should I write about in my journal of events? How will the marital and non-marital assets and debts be divided? How much child support will be paid? How much alimony and for how long? Will one of us have to pay the other's attorney's fees?

We have all written notes to ourselves so we don't forget to ask a question at our next doctor's visit. Do the same with you divorce

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and child custody lawyer.

Bottom line: Some advance preparation can help you get the most out of the meeting with your divorce lawyer.

## THANKS!

We are all extremely grateful for the referrals we have received from former clients, fellow lawyers, mental health professionals and others in our community. There is nothing more professionally humbling than knowing that people are counting on us in their life-changing family law problems.

If you ever decide that one more piece of e-mail is too much, feel free to "unsubscribe" to this newsletter at any time. We look forward to working with you to make things easier for those people you know who are having family issues and we look forward to helping you in any way we can to make your life easier.

