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## PRE-NUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

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**Pre-nuptial agreements** generally define property rights for two individuals entering into a marriage. Such a contract usually addresses the following issues:

- a. The status of property each individual brought into a marriage.
- b. The status of property that the husband and/or wife acquires individually or jointly during the marriage.
- c. Issues of support and alimony, where applicable, should the marriage become dissolved.
- d. The ability of one spouse to leave all, something or nothing to the other in a Will or other testamentary instrument.

**NOTE WELL:** An individual's Will CANNOT supersede the terms of a bona fide Pre-Nuptial Agreement without the consent of the other party.

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