

# Premarital Agreements Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on premarital agreements. Also known as a prenuptial agreement, a premarital agreement is “an agreement made before marriage usually to resolve issues of support and property division if the marriage ends in divorce or by the death of a spouse.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Family Code

- Ch. 4 Premarital and Marital Property Agreements  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.4.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7**

- Vol. 4, Ch. 63 Property Agreements

**Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35**

- Vol. 4, Objective V1 Premarital Agreements

**Prenuptial Agreements: How to Write a Fair & Lasting Contract KF 529.Z9 S86**

**101 Law Forms for Personal Use KF 170.L46**

- Ch. 13 Living Together

**Texas Transaction Guide KFT 1268.K45**

- Vol. 22, Ch. 93 Antenuptial Agreements

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83**

- 2021 Ch. 23 Cohabitation, Pre-Marital and Post-Marital Agreements
- 2019 Ch. 39: Premarital Agreements: Making Your Own Rules!

## Online Resources

Marital Agreements (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/marriage-in-texas/premarital-agreements>

Prenuptial Agreements: Who Needs It and How Do I Make One? (NOLO) <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/prenuptial-agreements-overview-29569.html>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**