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## Late Love: Pre Nuptial and Post Nuptial Agreements for Seniors and Their Families

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You've found love late in life, and are excited to tie the knot. You each come with your own responsibilities: adult children, grandchildren, houses, retirement accounts, pets, and debts. Aside from picking out the entree choices and first dance song, it's time to start thinking about some important questions as you enter into your new life together.

What happens if we divorce or I die? Who gets the house? What about my retirement account? How much of my assets do my kids get? Should we own property together or keep it separate in the future? Do I have to pay alimony if we divorce?

You can control the answers to these questions with a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement. Prenuptial agreements or pre-nups are signed before a wedding. Post nuptial agreements or post-nups are signed

after a wedding. Both kinds of agreements are practical ways to protect your hard-earned assets and ensure you are taken care of after a potential divorce. They are also good tools for older couples who want to carve out inheritances for their adult children.

Mirick O'Connell is a full service law firm located in Worcester, Westborough and Boston with family law and estate attorneys who can help you, your future spouse, and your families craft personalized agreements that give everyone guidance in the wake of your divorce or death. Please call us or schedule an appointment to discuss this important family planning issue.

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