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Till Debt Do Us Part: The Financial Side of Marriage

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Marriage is more than a commitment to one another—it's also a significant financial and legal agreement. So, how much do couples really understand about the financial implications of saying "I do"?

In this episode of *Love Ends. Law Begins.*, Stephanie Lehman and Fara Rodriguez explore the financial side of marriage, breaking down what couples should know about prenuptial and postnuptial agreements before and after the wedding.

From defining marital versus separate property and protecting inheritances to navigating real estate, business interests, and generational wealth, Stephanie and Fara explain how thoughtful planning can help couples avoid costly disputes down the road. They also discuss when to start the prenup conversation, why these agreements are far from boilerplate, and how major life changes—like raising children, leaving a career, or building a successful business—can reshape a couple's financial future.

With candid insights drawn from decades of family law experience, this conversation challenges couples to look beyond the wedding day and understand the legal and financial commitments that come with marriage.

Because planning for the unexpected isn't about anticipating the end of a relationship. It's about entering marriage with clarity, transparency, and a shared understanding of what comes next.

In this episode, discover:

- What prenuptial agreements can—and cannot—address
- The difference between marital and separate property
- How inheritances, real estate, and business interests may be treated
- Why timing, transparency, and independent legal counsel matter
- How postnuptial agreements can address changing financial circumstances
- Why understanding the legal contract behind marriage can help couples make more informed decisions