

## **Debra S. Frank Reviews Statutory Authority, Validity and Nuances of Marital Agreements**

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Century City, CA ([PRWEB](#)) July 1, 2009 -- Debra S. Frank, a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, recently updated and revised her treatise entitled "Marital Settlements" in the third edition of the highly regarded compilation Marital Settlement and Other Family Law Agreements, in print this Spring by the University of California - Continuing Education of the Bar. Written by some of the most authoritative California family lawyers, this book provides fundamental practical information for any family lawyer covering such topics as:

Developing the Case and Negotiating the Agreement

Mediation

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Drafting and Implementing the Agreement

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Child Support

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Property: Retirement Benefits

Property: The Closely Held Business

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Marital Agreements

Other Family Law Agreements

"Marital agreements enable spouses to structure their marital relationship-during marriage, on dissolution, and on death - in ways different from those otherwise provided by law," says Debra S. Frank. "The validity of various provisions, however, depends to a significant extent on the specific subjects addressed."

Debra S. Frank advises her clients on the issues involved in the structuring of a marital agreement to protect the client's interests. Ms. Frank also authored the chapter "Stock Options and Benefits Under Executive Business Plans," that appeared in *Dividing Pensions and Other Employee Benefits in California Divorces*, CEB (Continuing Education of the Bar California), looseleaf, last updated June 2009. Ms. Frank is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section Executive Committee and its Secretary, editor of its annual Family Law Symposium book, mediator, and a founding member and Master of its Family Law Inn of Court. She regularly serves as a moderator and presenter for family law programs. She just completed three-year terms as a Commissioner for the Family Law Advisory Commission, Board of Legal Specialization and as the Chair of the Financial Issues South subcommittee of the State Bar Family Law Executive Committee. She is a Board Member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) and its Newsletter Editor for the 2008-2009 term. She is also on the Board of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section and the Century City Bar Association. Debra S. Frank was admitted to the California bar in 1977 and is a member of the District of Columbia bar. She graduated from Boston University in 1970 with honors, Carnegie Institute of Technology (M.A., with honors, 1972), and Southwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1977).

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