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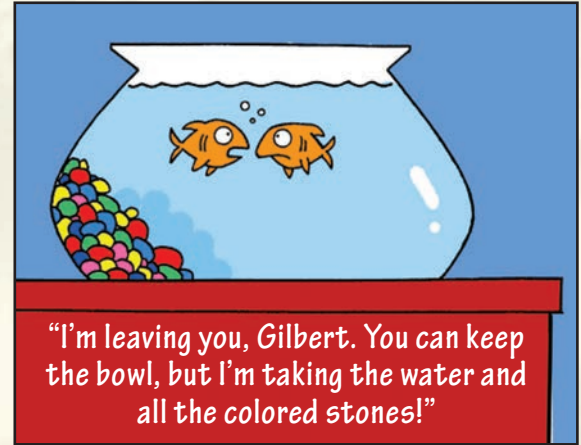
**JUPITER LAW CENTER** is a neighborhood law firm with a rich history of helping clients in the Jupiter/Tequesta area since 1988. Adam Gumson, principal attorney, is well versed in many categories of law with an emphasis on Estate and Business Planning, Family Law and Real Estate. Adam and his team prefer to minimize the amount of time – and cost – associated with legal matters for your benefit. But don't let that fool you. The experienced and empathetic team are fierce advocates for your best interests. You don't have to, **and shouldn't**, go it alone. JUPITER LAW CENTER can help with all your legal needs.

**DID YOU KNOW... IN FLORIDA:** ALIMONY may be appropriate where the lesser earning spouse has a **NEED** and the greater earning spouse has an **ABILITY TO PAY?** And, the statute is gender neutral, which means that a Wife can be ordered to pay Alimony to her Husband if the financial situation warrants it. There are a variety of types of Alimony, including "Bridge-the-Gap", "Lump Sum", "Temporary", "Durational", "Rehabilitative", and "Permanent" (although there is some momentum for abolishing this type of Alimony).



## WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR FIRST DIVORCE CONSULTATION

Many clients put off scheduling Divorce consultations because they fear the process, being somewhat in the dark about what information they will need prior to sitting down with an attorney and having heard that Divorce involves a lot of paperwork. While the amount of paperwork can be daunting, it shouldn't prevent you from obtaining some general information about how the Divorce process works. Amassing and bringing the following documents to your initial meeting will help us "*cut to the chase*" instead of spending most of the first meeting just trying to obtain the information. I often wonder how people can negotiate a settlement without first knowing where they stand legally, but every week someone comes to our office with a "settlement" that they agreed to without being fully informed. Don't go it alone – let us help you make the right decisions for you and your family.



**Legal Paperwork.** Any *Prenuptial/Postnuptial Agreements* and/or *Final Judgments/Court Orders* (even if they are from a prior Divorce or other action) will help us get a quick and accurate picture of where you stand. If you have been served recently with any Divorce papers, you should absolutely bring them, too.

**Financial Information.** From a dollars and cents standpoint, it is very important to get an immediate understanding of both parties' assets and liabilities, even if some of the assets were owned by one party **before** the marriage. So, make a list of all known assets and liabilities and supplement it with any documents which evidence value (such as Appraisals, Statements, etc.). Further, documenting income and expenses by bringing your (and the other party's) Pay Stubs, Tax Returns, Bank Statements, Credit Card Bills and a list of customary monthly living expenses, real estate information for any properties you own jointly or separately, pension plans, and bank statements will save tons of time for us and, consequently, money for you. Financial information is used to determine Child Support, Alimony and Attorneys' Fees obligations, so provide as much information as you can and make sure it is both current and accurate.

**What You Want.** During the first meeting, clients always want to know "*what's going to happen*" after they get divorced and want specific details about what their life will look like. However, few clients think about where they will live, how their finances will change, or what timesharing schedule will work best for their children, their former spouse and them. If you know what you're willing to compromise, what outcomes you find ideal, and which ones you think are unacceptable, it will be much easier for us to give you the best/worst case scenarios you want to know about. Sometimes, a client realizes after the consult that his/her situation is not as dire as he/she believes and that a divorce is not the answer. Other times, clients conclude that the grass is greener, and a Divorce should be pursued.

**Candor.** Don't be afraid to be truthful and up front with us – we can help you only if we know the truth. And, remember, our discussions are confidential, so keeping information from us due to embarrassment will only hurt your interests down the road.

Attorney Adam S. Gumson of **JUPITER LAW CENTER** graduated from *Duke University (1988)* and the *University of Florida College of Law (with Honors)*. In addition to preparing and reviewing Contracts, he primarily handles matters involving *Estate and Business Planning (including Wills, Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Surrogates, Living Wills, Succession Planning, Contracts & Purchase/Sale Agreements)*, *Probate Estates, Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Alimony, Timesharing, Same-Sex relationships, Pre/Postnuptial Agreements, Modification actions and Collaborative Law)* and *Real Estate (Community Association, Residential/ Commercial Transactions, Deeds, Closings)*. He is married and resides in Jupiter with his wife and three children.

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