

## *When Should You Seek Legal Counsel*

This country has a complex system of laws and regulations which govern each and everyone. Situations will occur where the advice and guidance of an attorney can be helpful in protecting your rights. An attorney will analyze any matter(s) and advise you on how to protect your interests. Below is a sampling, but not a complete list, of when seeking legal advice is helpful.

Wills and trusts should be prepared by a lawyer to ensure the proper division of your estate. Not only could an improperly drafted will result in your estate going to incorrect people, but also your will potentially could be affected by federal and/or state tax laws. An attorney can prepare the proper documents to ensure your property goes to the beneficiaries you desire.

The purchase of a home or other real estate can be one of the largest investments a person makes. Having an attorney review the sales contract as well as prepare the closing documents can help ensure your rights concerning the property and transfer of ownership.

The purchase of an automobile by a younger adult may be a detrimental experience. Some of the automobile sales lots have sold automobiles to younger adults telling them that their payments would be under a few hundred dollars per month, but fail to ensure that the buyer is aware that the annual percentage rate is extremely high. Having an attorney review the purchase agreement, prior to signing can potentially save the buyer thousands of dollars in erroneous interest payments.

Marriage and divorce have legal ramifications that may call for the advice of a lawyer. Couples getting married may seek legal counsel to learn its legal affects on creditors, dependents, and other obligations or to draft a pre-marital agreement. When a couple separates or divorces, attorneys represent each party to reach a fair settlement and resolve such issues as child custody and support.

If financial problems arise, an attorney can help you consider your options in settling your debts. Many laws exist concerning credit arrangements, payment options, debt collection, repayment plans, financing, and bankruptcy. An attorney can advise the best method to resolve the situation.

If you should ever be involved in any criminal or civil action, the advice of an attorney may be your saving grace. The lawyer will advise you of your rights and might personally represent you in the proceedings.

Consumer and landlord/tenant problems sometimes call for the assistance of an attorney, who can advise you of your rights under those statutes.

The Brashear Law Firm, PLLC is available to provide legal assistance to all who are in need of such assistance. If you would like assistance in ensuring that your legal rights are protected to the fullest extent allowable by law, please contact The Brashear Law Firm to arrange for an initial consultation at (281) 994 - 4034 and request to speak with the Paralegal.