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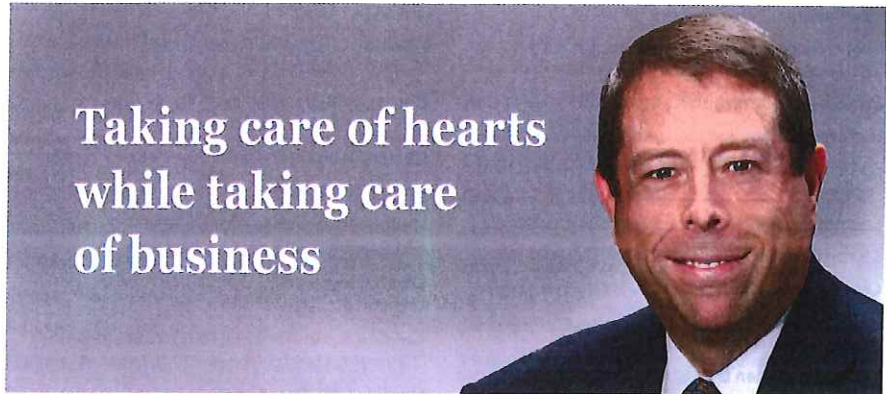
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In 2011, Yates created the now popular, educational seminar series called *The Guide to Good Divorce*. Designed to help women effectively proceed through the divorce process toward a fuller, happier life, the seminars offer guidance from uniquely qualified experts on what Yates calls the *Five Keys to a Good Divorce* — strong legal representation, divorce financial planning, life skills refresh, and physical, emotional and spiritual wellness.

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