

Navigating Your Future - Cindy

My husband and I met almost 25 years ago, I guess, not quite that. We worked in the same industry, and so, a lot of friends in common, a lot of things in common, and then over the course of, you know, years, it was alcohol and anger and all sorts of other stuff.

And I had willingly signed a prenup. That was not a problem. I mean, people don't get married with the idea of immediately getting divorce, so it was just not, it just wasn't a big thing. So, when I first started talking about or thinking about getting a divorce, that was the first thing I thought, was, "What is that impact going to be?" and I talked to a couple of attorneys and quite honestly, I felt like they were pretty dismissive.

And I was a child advocate volunteer. One of the attorneys ad litem that I worked with that, I just really respected a lot. I asked him, "If this were you, what would you do?" And he didn't hesitate. He said, "I would go to Trey Yates' [The] Guide to Good DivorceSM. You'll get information there, whether you choose to go forward now or later. I still think it would be a really, really good use of your time." So I did that, got so much information. Having those women in the room, hearing the other speakers, really gave me the sense that I could do it, that I had the tools, I had the ability, and that I would have the support here in Trey's office.

Trey actually read through and highlighted the prenup, as opposed to just pushing it out of the way and saying that it's not important, which is what I had experienced with two other attorneys that I had talked to.

So, when I came in here, it truly was just such a relief to feel like I was being heard. It felt very collegiate, very collaborative, as opposed to the other attorneys who were much more, "This is what I'm going to do. I will do this, I'll do that." And - but with here, it was a - like I said, it was a collaborative sort of thing. "We're going to do this. I need you to do this to support us." It was a totally different feel, just...just, yeah, just a sense of comfort knowing that I was going to be supported.

I have a daughter who was 12 when my husband and I married. Trey was very, very good about asking me what I wanted to do, how I intended to take care of her moving forward, what I wanted to leave for her.

I feel that Trey really dug into what I had, what we had jointly, what I had individually, and got me the best settlement that I could possibly have gotten. I feel like I am back to the person that I was and a lot of that was just the support from Trey.