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MISSOURI DWI LAW

DWI laws in Missouri are changing. Prosecutors in many cities (including the City of St. Louis) have been directed limit the plea bargains offered to those accused of DWI, and the State of Missouri is considering legislation that would mandate stiffer penalties. A DWI conviction can have a dramatic and lasting impact on your employment, educational and credit opportunities. If you have been arrested and charged with a DWI, contact us today. We will explain your rights and the complex procedures associated with DWI law. You can also visit our website (www.lawyerstl.com), which contains information regarding DWI law.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

We hope you and your family are enjoying summertime in St. Louis. The weather is predictably hot, but we hope this summer offers you many opportunities to gather with friends and family and create lasting memories. 4th of July is one of our favorite holidays. Americans are truly blessed to live in this great country. We hope you have a great 4th of July weekend and that you are able to gather with those closest to you to celebrate our country.

WHAT ABOUT THE RING?

Who gets the engagement ring when the engagement is broken off before the wedding? This is a question frequently asked of attorneys and one that seems to be of general interest. Thankfully, this issue is not often disputed. When engagements are broken, the former couple typically resolves the issue without court intervention. On occasion, however, a dispute arises and the courts are asked to decide.

Missouri is in the minority of states that considers fault and who broke the engagement in deciding the right to the ring following termination of the engagement. If the man breaks the engagement for no fault on the part of the women, the women keeps the ring.

If the woman breaks the engagement on account of some wrongdoing by the man (such as infidelity), the woman keeps the ring. Conversely, if the woman breaks the engagement for no fault of the man, the man keeps the ring, but the if the man breaks the engagement because of some wrongdoing by the woman, the man is entitled to the ring.

An engagement ring is conditional gift that becomes absolute at the time of marriage (i.e., the recipient has absolute right to the ring after the marriage). If the engagement is mutually terminated, the condition attached to the gift is not satisfied and the man keeps the ring. This is the case with most broken engagements.

Finally, engagement gifts are typically regarded as joint gifts and are divided equally when an engagement is broken. If the parties cannot agree on who takes which gifts, the court will divide the gifts, or order the gifts sold and the proceeds equally divided.

If you have any questions about family law issues, feel free to contact us. We are always happy to hear from our current and former clients.



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