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Here comes the bride ... and the prenuptial!

So you're serious about the man in your life? You're having fun, planning a life together and even combining bank accounts. Things are rosey...for now.

But what if things turn sour? Sadly the statistics speak for themselves; around half of all marriages now end in divorce.

McCullough Robertson Lawyers partner Matthew Burgess says it's important to prepare for what this could mean financially.

"Statistically relationship breakdown has increased dramatically over the past 20 years," Matthew says. "Similarly the financial clout of females has progressively increased over the past 20 years and most literature appears to suggest that this will continue to improve over the next few years."

Guest speaker at the April event for Brisbane's Girls Learning About Money (GLAM), Matthew says anyone who is married or intending to enter into a relationship at some stage would benefit from learning about prenuptial agreements.

Matthew will introduce GLAM women to the overriding legal and commercial drivers of prenuptial arrangements, and update them on the 'fairly radical' changes in this area during the past 12 months.

GLAMorous Executive Officer Alysia Hamilton says that while a prenuptial may not be something women had considered in the past, it is important to at least find out the pros and cons.

"GLAM is all about education and if we can help women in any aspect of their finances, whether that is learning about prenuptials, then we have achieved our goal," she says.

GLAM's April event details: Here comes the bride...and the prenuptial

Date: Wednesday 14 April 2010

Time: 5.45pm – 8pm

Venue: The Summit Events Centre, Given Terrace, Paddington

Cost: \$30

Registration: www.girlslearningaboutmoney.com

About GLAM

GLAM - Girls Learning About Money - is an education seminar series run for women, by women. We hold events in Brisbane each month on a range of topics covering everything from budgeting and tax to shares and property investing. We also think outside the square with fun topics like investing in art! Our aim is to provide access to information so women can make informed decisions about their finances. We want to help women learn more about money – earning, managing, saving and growing it!

About the speaker

Matthew Burgess is a Partner in McCullough Robertson Lawyers' Business and Revenue Group and specialises in estate and succession planning for individuals and business owners.

He provides structuring advice in relation to business succession, tax planning, business sales, mergers and acquisitions. Matthew has been involved in many of the significant high net worth family re-organisations for which the firm has been responsible.

The overriding focus of Matthew's practice is on providing strategic succession advice to business owners and high net worth individuals.

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