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**Free Class-
Splitting Assets and Debts: What
You Need To Know About Finances**

We will be holding a free, virtual, divorce education class on Thursday, February 16th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. This month our topic addresses finances.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 908-810-1083 and ask for Jaime or email: jaime@awilliamslawgroup.com

Congratulations, Heejae!

Heejae used her experience to advocate for a client, who was left without financial support for herself and the client's three children for two years. Heejae persuaded the client's husband's to change his position on



paying alimony based upon the parties' marital lifestyle and standard of living. Heejae also had to review financial documentation to determine husband's true income, as he owned his own business which heavily involved cash transactions. The parties recently were able to reach an agreement resolving all outstanding issues, including alimony, with additional income imputed to husband for cash transactions. Heejae is pleased that was began as a contention divorce is now moving in the direction of an amicable settlement.

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Why Is A Rose Given On Valentine's Day?

The tradition of giving roses for Valentine's Day has several origin stories, and like the history of Cupid and Valentine's Day, it's rooted in Greek mythology. "Some stories say that the first red rose was created when the Greek goddess Aphrodite was scratched by a white rose's thorn, causing that rose to turn red," says Sara Cleto, PhD, a folklorist and co-

founder of the Carterhaugh School of Folklore and the Fantastic. “Others say that the first red rose grew on the ground where Adonis, Aphrodite’s lover, died and the goddess’s tears fell.”

As far as the history behind the tradition of Valentine’s Day roses, an early figure sometimes connected to the association between roses and romance is Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, wife of a British ambassador to Turkey during the 1700s. “Lady Montagu wrote letters home enthusing over a version of Turkish ‘flower language,’ or the process of assigning certain symbolic meanings to certain flowers, but she seems to have misinterpreted this local custom, which had more to do with rhyming words than the significance of the flowers themselves,” Cleto says. “Still, the concept of ‘flower languages’ caught on, especially in 19th-century England, and over the course of that century, roses became ever more tightly linked to romantic love.”

But a huge reason giving roses for Valentine’s Day has persisted as a tradition is “simply because roses are beautiful, fabulous-smelling flowers that happen to travel really well,” says Cleto. “Flowers are usually shipped over long distances, and roses are both gorgeous and hardy, so that’s a huge part of why this practice has continued.”

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Happy Workiversary, Sondra!

Sondra Bell joined Williams Law Group, LLC in February of 2022, as our Receptionist/Legal Assistant. Sondra has over twenty years of experience as an administrative assistant. Prior to working as the firm’s Legal Assistant, Sondra had experience in customer

service and in the medical field. In her free time, Sondra enjoys visiting all types of museums, watching classic movies, and spending time with her family and friends.

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