

PAMELA

You are one little cutie! Yes, you are. What, nine, ten weeks...?

SKYLAR

Close. Two months to the day.

PAMELA

God, I love 'em at that age. You just wanna eat 'em up.

Alright. I usually open with "So sorry you're here.." Where would you like to begin?

SKYLAR

I really just need this quick and easy. As quick as, you know, something like this can be.

PAMELA

Okay. Is that mutual? Does your husband go along with that? Does he know?

SKYLAR

I mean, he certainly knows we're separated. So...

PAMELA

Has he moved out?

SKYLAR

We're in the process of moving him out. Yeah. Today, hopefully. In the meantime, my son and daughter and I are staying with my sister.

PAMELA

Wait. So you've moved out.

SKYLAR

Well, just temporarily. Only until he could get his things together. That was supposed to be last week, but then came the crash, and...

PAMELA

Oh god, you weren't one of the—

SKYLAR

Right beneath the flight path. We had debris land right in our yard, all over our neighbourhood...

PAMELA

Mm. Terrible.

SKYLAR

Apparently, you know, even... parts of bodies..? I mean, I couldn't bring myself to go over there.

PAMELA

Jesus. So awful.

SKYLAR

God, I know. Anyway, I certainly wasn't ready to move us back. But... it's time. And we're driving my sister and her husband up a wall, I'm sure.

PAMELA

Well, you definitely want to maintain residency in your actual home. It just puts you in better position in regards to custody. Two children, you said?

SKYLAR

Yeah. Holly here, and a son in high school— Walter, Junior. They need to stay with me.

PAMELA

Okay. How long have you been married?

SKYLAR

Sixteen years.

PAMELA

And it's not an apartment, it's a house that you live in? (off Skylar's nod) Do you own outright, or is there a mortgage, or do you—

SKYLAR

Definitely a mortgage. We've got maybe fifteen years on it.

PAMELA

What about other debts or assets? Do you feel you have a good understanding of you and your husband's financial situation? Is your husband employed?

SKYLAR

Yes. He's a high school teacher. Chemistry teacher.

PAMELA

Did you pay for any of his schooling? For instance, did you help put him through, maybe, a master's program or ...

SKYLAR

I pretty much supported us while he did some post-doctoral work. But really, here's the thing: I am not looking for any kind of loopholes, or I dunno —

PAMELA

No- no loopholes. I just intend that every one of my clients get a full and honest accounting of what it is they owe, and what it is they own. To that end, I say let's leave no stone unturned. You'd be amazed what I've seen partners hide from one another.

SKYLAR

The financial end of things is something he and I can deal with. We'll split everything fifty-fifty and just be done with it. So... Yeah. Quick and easy's all I need.

PAMELA

Who're we looking to protect here— you or your husband?

Well. Think about that. And if you do choose to retain me, just know there's certain information I'll need if I'm going to represent you properly. Okay?

SKYLAR

Okay. I will think about that.