"IS IT PROPERTY?" GAME

'Til Assets Do Us Part* A Primer, [redacted]

Faculty Review Draft: Please confirm answers, citations, and reveal language

WHAT IS PROPERTY? (THE TEACHING POINT)

Property is anything of value that a person owns or has rights to. Under Md. Code, Family Law §8-201(e), marital property includes all property acquired by either or both spouses during the marriage, regardless of title. The purpose of this game is to push participants past the obvious (houses, cars, bank accounts) and into the items that trip people up in practice: intangible assets, contingent interests, and things that don't look like "property" until you define the interest.

The game is designed to be fast, fun, and slightly surprising. Every item should make the room react, even if the legal answer is straightforward.

HOW TO RUN IT

Duration: 3 minutes maximum. Fast and fun.

Mechanic: Thumbs up (YES) / Thumbs down (NO). Hands only. No technology, no Slido.

Prizes: Small prizes (chocolates) tossed to correct respondents.

Slide format: Item slide → click → YES/NO + one-sentence reveal → next item. One sentence max on the reveal. Not a lecture.

Final item (#10: Frequent Flier Miles) is a fun closer that ends on a YES and keeps the energy up heading into the next segment.

10-ITEM SET

Left column = what appears on the question slide. Right column = the reveal after voting. Please review each answer, the one-sentence reveal script, and the cited authority. Mark anything you want changed.

#1	IS IT PROPERTY? **Family Dog (Pet)**	**YES** Personal property in Maryland. Even though we all emotionally disagree, pets are personal property subject to division. ***Authority:*** *Mueller v. Mueller, Appellate Court of MD, No. 1081, Sept. 2022 Term (Unreported, [redacted] to confirm preferred citation*
#2	IS IT PROPERTY? **Frozen Embryos**	**TRICK QUESTION** Define the interest first: this is why Step 0 matters. No clean MD authority at the Primer level. The point is to teach the class to stop and ask: what kind of interest are we even talking about? ***Authority:*** *No controlling MD authority at Primer level*
#3	IS IT PROPERTY? **Professional Degree / License**	**NO** Archer v. Archer (1984). A medical degree and license are not marital property. It's an earning capacity, not a transferable asset. ***Authority:*** *Archer v. Archer, 303 Md. 347, 493 A.2d 1074 (1984)*
#4	IS IT PROPERTY?	**NO**

	Non-Transferable Country Club Membership	No transferable ownership interest to divide. A non-transferable, non-redeemable membership is not property. ***Authority:*** *Solomon v. Solomon, 383 Md. 176, 857 A.2d 1109 (2004)*
#5	IS IT PROPERTY? **Personal Injury Claim (inchoate, accrued during marriage)**	**NO** The inchoate claim is not marital property. It arises from personal harm, not from the marriage. ***Authority:*** *Unkle v. Unkle, 305 Md. 587, 505 A.2d 849 (1986)*
#6	IS IT PROPERTY? **Settlement Proceeds (generic check)**	**YES (then classify)** An ownership interest exists; it's property. But classification as marital or non-marital is the next step. ***Authority:*** *General MD property law*
#7	IS IT PROPERTY? **529 College Savings Account (held in parent's name)**	**NO (as parent's asset)** Abdullahi: it was error to count a 529 as the parent's asset absent evidence the custodian would divert the funds. ***Authority:*** *Abdullahi v. Zanini, 241 Md. App. 372, 211 A.3d 510 (2019)*
#8	IS IT PROPERTY? **Unvested Stock Options / RSUs**	**YES (marital portion)** Otley: even unvested options are an economic resource. The marital portion is calculated using a coverture fraction. ***Authority:*** *Otley v. Otley, 147 Md. App. 540, 810 A.2d 1 (2002)*
#9	IS IT PROPERTY? **Cryptocurrency Wallet / Virtual Currency**	**YES** Virtual assets are property. Identifiable, ownable, and subject to division, even if they behave unpredictably. ***Authority:*** *Confirmed by faculty decision,* [redacted]
#10	IS IT PROPERTY? **Frequent Flier Miles / Credit Card Rewards Points**	**YES** They have value and they're ownable. Valuation and transferability can get messy, but the interest exists. ***Authority:*** *General property principles: [faculty: confirm preferred framing]*

SWAP-IN OPTIONS (if any of the 10 need replacing)

- PayPal / Venmo balance (YES)
- Gift card balance (YES)
- Tax refund pending or received (YES)
- Domain name / website (YES)
- Royalty stream from work created during marriage (YES)

- LLC membership interest (YES)
- Employee bonus earned but unpaid at separation (YES)
- Business goodwill (DEPENDS: personal vs. enterprise; reserved for June Advanced course, but available if you want a teaser)
- Any non-transferable membership right (NO: Solomon archetype)
- Professional degree or license (NO: Archer archetype)

Please mark up and return by end of day Wednesday so I can build the final game slides on Thursday.