



VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THE BUSY LAWYER QUOTATIONS AND PLAN AHEAD!

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For those of us running from courtroom to courtroom, and have yet to purchase something for the spouse or significant other; or trying to nurture needy clients who are desperately seeking reunification with their spouse or significant other, and think that YOU have the time to bail them out; these Love Quotations and Gift Ideas are for you.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Also, according to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France .



So, how do you compete with all that history and all those cards? How can you stand out in the crowd?

First of all, PLAN AHEAD!

With a little advance planning, you can save yourself a lot of stress and ensure a fun and romantic Valentine's Day--one where you won't be stuck without a reservation or paying too much for a rush delivery of flowers. Obviously, restaurants are flooded with reservation requests for that night, so book early at your favorite romantic spot, or at the hot new bistro. If you leave yourself a little more time, you can also find a more personal gift, such as cuff links, a locket or a watch engraved with your lover's initials or a special message. It doesn't have to be about how much you spend, either. Putting a little time in can make a gift that is far more personal and meaningful than flowers, roses, candy, and even jewelry. Consider framing a photograph of the two of you, writing a silly love poem or making a scrapbook of photos and mementos of your relationship. Or just plan to make dinner at home, complete with champagne and candlelight; find recipes for chocolate fondue (great for sharing!) and everything else you need is there. Finally, you don't have to wait for Valentine's Day to be romantic--give small gifts, flowers or leave notes in the days leading up to the holiday and you'll distinguish yourself from all those bouquets sent to the office on the 14th.



Suggestions: Monogrammed glass box for ink pens. Monogrammed picture frame. Tennis racquet or golf club. Collar for their special



dog or cat. A gift box filled with fancy handwritten IOUs for some Honey Dos on the weekend. An envelope with a

bill of each denomination, from \$1.00 to \$100.00 and write "Gift Cards" on the envelope. Tickets to a concert at the Gwinnett Arena or a swank hotel dinner and a room in Atlanta. Just doing something different will let your significant other know that you care and that you put some thought into the gift.



LET ME COUNT THE WAYS I LOVE YOU- QUOTATIONS



Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving

someone deeply gives you courage.

- Lao Tzu

My bounty is as boundless as the sea,
My love as deep; the more I give to thee,
The more I have, for both are infinite.

- William Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet"

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable.

- Henry Ward Beecher

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.

- Anais Nin

Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward in the same direction.

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

-Helen Keller

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.

- Zora Neale Hurston

Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything is, everything exists, only because I love.

- Leo Tolstoy

Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays... Clutch it, and it darts away.

- Dorothy Parker

I have learned not to worry about love; but to honor its coming with all my heart.

- Alice Walker

*Check out www.History.com for more Valentine's Day information and ideas. Have a Happy Valentines' Day.

