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FAMILY LAW

CALIFORNIA IRVINE

BRETT R. WISHART

For Brett Wishart, there was never any doubt about his career path. The son of Barry J. Wishart, a prominent attorney who has practiced family law in Orange County since 1981, Brett grew up witnessing firsthand how his father helped clients overcome some of life's most difficult challenges.

"What I love about practicing family law is that I get to help families. While I can't save their marriages, I can calm their fears and improve the quality of their lives by helping them make good decisions that have a lasting impact on their families."

In only a decade of practicing law, Wishart has emerged as one of Orange County's top attorneys in family law. His peers have rated him AV® Preeminent (the highest possible rating) in the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell attorney ratings guide, he has a "10" out of "10" "Excellent" attorney rating on AVO.com, and he was named one of the "10 Best" attorneys in California for "client satisfaction" in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys.

"My clients tell me they appreciate that I really listen to them, I do what I say, and I don't promise things I can't deliver," says Wishart, who credits his highly experienced and dedicated staff as a key to his firm's success. "Clients are never just a number to me. They know I really care and that I work really hard for them. I come into court prepared and thoroughly knowing my argument. I also believe in being civil with opposing counsel. It's a key reason why I settle most of my cases, which is what most clients want because litigating is such an emotional process. But, when I'm convinced my client will get a better deal from the judge, I won't hesitate to litigate."

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HEATHER BROOKE QUICK

Heather Brooke Quick is the founder and CEO of the only divorce and family law firm for women in Northeast Florida, The Quick Law Group, located in Jacksonville, Florida. Her vision for The Quick Law Group began with a passion for changing the way women in Florida undergo divorce. By offering family and marital law services specifically for women, The Quick Law Group works in a consistent and reliable way to advocate for women in the divorce process. The firm educates and empowers women on their rights and the law, so they can find the strength to endure the process and end up better financially and emotionally.

Heather Quick has received national recognition for her outstanding work in this space. Heather was awarded the SILVER AWARD in the Women Helping Women category and Female Entrepreneur of the Year category in the 12th annual Stevie® Awards for Women in Business. The Stevie Awards for Women in Business honor women executives, entrepreneurs, employees and the companies they run – worldwide.

Actively engaged in the local legal community, Heather Quick is a member of the American Bar Association, St. Johns Bar Association as well as the Jacksonville Bar Association, serving as Chair of the Judicial Relations Committee. She serves on the Family Law Rules Committee for the Florida Bar, board member on the Winston YMCA and on the advisory board of Her Song. Heather is rated by Martindale Hubbell as AV Distinguished® and Superb by AVVO, both the highest ratings available.

Consistent with her message and mission of women empowerment, Heather has published three books *Women's Guide to Divorce in Florida*, *Is Divorce Right for You* and *Women's Guide to Becoming a Successful Entrepreneur*, which are available at: TheQuickLawGroup.com.



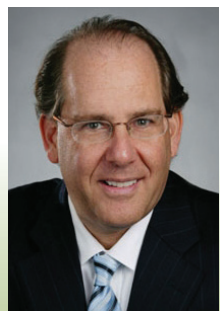
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ROBERT S. SUNSHINE

ROBERT SUNSHINE founded the Law Office of Robert S. Sunshine, P.C. in 2002 after years serving as a well-respected litigation partner with a national law firm. His private professional practice has focused on representing individuals in matrimonial litigation with high net worth and complex business interests, and on matters involving domestic violence, child custody, child access/visitation, child support, spousal maintenance, adoptions, paternity, family offenses, relocations, child abductions, and alienation. Mr. Sunshine has handled numerous nationally exposed litigation matters as lead and co-counsel, and has repeatedly been retained to represent the interests of attorneys, accountants, physicians, public figures, performance artists, and other business professionals.

At the Law Office of Robert S. Sunshine, P.C. the number of cases that are accepted is limited so that a high level of direct client assistance is maintained. Providing award winning legal services to his clients for the past 26 years, Mr. Sunshine received his Juris Doctor from the prestigious Fordham Law School where he was a member of the International Law Journal. He is admitted in the State and Federal Courts of New York and is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, the Rockland County Bar Association (serving as Co-Chairman of the Legislative Subcommittee for the Family and Matrimonial Law Committee) and the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. He has been a repeated continuing legal education lecturer and recognized yearly with a Top Lawyers in New York honor and a 10 Best in client satisfaction by the America Institute of Family Law Attorneys.



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Ginger started as a solo practitioner nearly 20 years ago. Earning the trust of judges lead to appointments as guardian ad litem and then as Family Court Commissioner in two counties. She presided over divorce and paternity cases, deciding custody, placement, and child support as well as abuse and harassment restraining order/injunction hearings. In 2004 she moved to Madison, starting at a mid-size firm working her way to shareholder and then president. While training for the Ironman, she realized she wanted to work at a place that focused exclusively on family law matters, which is what she did next. "With the support of our team of lawyers and staff, Your Family Law Center offers full service representation to parents, children, and families going through transitions in their family structure."

"Kids come first. We strive to reduce the trauma for children in families in crisis." The lawyers at Your Family Law Center provide competent and compassionate representation for clients with family law matters including: adoption, child support, custody, divorce, grandparent's rights, guardianship, maintenance, paternity, placement, restraining orders, and surrogacy. "We are proud to achieve settlement, when appropriate, and prepared to litigate, when needed."



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The Gucciardo Law Firm provides families and couples legal representation commensurate with a large firm but with the accessibility and responsiveness of a small firm.

Renée K. Gucciardo has always been passionate about families and their legal needs, so 14 years ago she founded The Gucciardo Law Firm to guide families through the emotional and legal difficulties of divorce.

"We understand how important trust is when a client places the lives of themselves and their families in our hands," Gucciardo says.

Included on this year's list of Super Lawyers, Renée understands that open and honest communication is key to a successful attorney-client relationship. "We ensure that we are compassionate about the overwhelming stress that clients may experience during a divorce," she says.

The Gucciardo Law Firm provides trial and appellate court representation in family law, throughout Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.



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