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COURTNEY QUIST

Courtney Quist has been practicing family law for 16 years in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is currently the Co-Chair of Collaborative Divorce Professionals of West Michigan Rapids (CDP) as well as a Trustee of the Family Law Section of the Grand Rapids Bar Association (GRBA). Courtney is a recipient of the President's Award from the GRBA, as well as a former Trustee of the GRBA.

"When I first started practicing family law, almost all of the cases were litigated. Many of the attorneys were old school, scorched earth types."

Times change, people change. "There has been a paradigm shift over the years, from position based litigation, to option based Collaborative Law and Mediation. Michigan now has a statute addressing Collaborative Divorce (MCL 691.1332), as well as Court Rules governing the practice."

"As family law attorneys, we have been on the front lines of conflict, and witnessed the unnecessary destruction of family ties, trauma to children, and the drain of resources from litigation."

The Collaborative approach to divorce preserves family ties and conserves resources. "Through the Collaborative approach we are able to reach a resolution specifically tailored to meet the needs of a particular family."

"The bottom line is that divorce is painful, but it doesn't need to be a war. I am proud to be an attorney committed to the Collaborative Process, and I encourage all family law attorneys to consider this process as an option."



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Otto Lee is the founding partner of IPLG LLP, an internationally recognized Top IP Boutique Law Firm specializing in patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, infringement litigation, licensing, and customs matters. After his Extern Clerkship at the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, Otto is admitted to practice in California, D.C. and won jury trials in New York Federal Courts.

After serving 28 years, Otto retired as a Commander, US Navy Reserve Supply Corps. Mobilized in 2009, he helped bring troops home from Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star. He also served on Sunnyvale Planning Commission, Sunnyvale City Council and as Sunnyvale's 57th Mayor recognized for his environmental stewardship.

Rated "AV Preeminent", and 10.0 Superb by Avvo, Otto's awards include: BEST UNDER 40 by National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, NAACP Silicon Valley Legislator of the Year, and Character Award by the Boy Scouts of America.

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As explained by Todd Tefteller, the founder of the firm, "My granddaddy taught me that 'a man should never forget where he came from, no matter where he ends up.' This philosophy has allowed our firm to achieve an impressive level of success. Staying true to our East Texas roots and being plugged into our local communities allows us to relate better with jurors anywhere and speak with them as people, friends and neighbors—not talk down to them from some legal ivory tower." The results have been seen in Tefteller Law's ability to go across Texas and obtain substantial settlements and verdicts in tough cases when insurance companies or big corporations refuse to do the right thing.

Tefteller states that "the firm's 'dig in and fight' mentality illustrates why some of our lawyers have been featured in numerous national and international publications, radio and television programs." Tefteller Law attorneys have appeared, provided commentary, or been featured on Fox News, CNBC, ABC's World News Tonight, NBC's Nightly News, and CBS' Nightly News, along with *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and National Public Radio, among others.

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