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Calm in Chaos

Lawrence & Jecmen PLLC takes a future-focused approach to family law.

hen most people go through a divorce, they have plenty of cheerleaders," says family law attorney Andi Lawrence, partner and cofounder of Lawrence & Jecmen PLLC. "They have friends and family who will encourage and support them, even in making plans that may not be realistic. Our job is to be honest with clients, and give them a cost-benefit analysis of how their decisions during the divorce will impact their finances, children, and future, and bring calm to the chaos they are feeling. We aren't cheerleaders, we are coaches."

Based in Scottsdale, Lawrence & Jecmen PLLC brings a modern perspective to family law. Lawrence as well as partner and cofounder Tabitha Jecmen credit their practical, collaborative, and straightforward approach to their midwestern roots and early careers in Chicago. Their goal is to help clients evaluate their options and, when possible, promote creative settlements that preserve the family resources and relationships.

"The vast majority of our cases involve couples who have children," says Jecmen. "Even if the children are grown, divorce impacts the whole family. How the parents, and their attorneys, approach the divorce can have a lasting impact on the family, and if left unchecked, conflict can carry over to the future, impacting both parents' active involvement in graduations, weddings, and their grandchildren's lives."

Striding Forward

Even when the parties largely agree, some issues may still need to be decided by a court. For example, when there are complex financial matters or when there are businesses or other income generating property. Some cases simply can't be resolved amicably. With decades of experience as highly skilled trial litigators, Lawrence and Jecmen are ready to represent their clients with authority and tenacity in the courtroom.

"We try to help our clients limit litigation to issues that they truly can't resolve on their own," says Jecmen. "Most people don't realize that there is a range of possible outcomes in a divorce trial. We try to guide



clients toward the best possible settlement."

The duo notes that much of their work involves helping clients see beyond the stress, anxiety, and turmoil of a divorce. Emotions can run high, coloring every part of the process, from the complexities of financial settlements to creating workable parenting plans. These emotions can make it difficult for clients to see the next steps.

"We try to show them a path forward, where they can see what life could be like on the other side," Lawrence says. "Clients often feel panicked and uncertain about the future. They're worried about their

children, their finances, and where they're going to live. We provide calm in the chaos, and they can trust us to accurately and truthfully evaluate the situation with an eye on the long term."



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