

The Practice That Makes Perfect



CHOOSING A DIVORCE LAWYER IS AN IMPORTANT DECISION — “as well as an important investment in your future and the future of your children,” states matrimonial attorney Bernard Rinella. “It’s an investment that requires you to do some research, and ask some questions. How long has the firm been around? What are their specialties? Do they have a history of getting the job done? What is their standing in the community?” Asking these questions — and listening carefully to the answers — will give you an idea of whether an attorney has the experience to get the job done.

Bernard Rinella has this experience. A senior partner in the oldest matrimonial law firm in Illinois, he has been practicing matrimonial law for over 40 years. Recognized as one of the premier family law firms in the country, Rinella and Rinella Ltd. is a leader in the field of divorce litigation.

The law practice was founded by Rinella’s parents, Samuel and Kathryn Rinella, in 1932. Since then, the firm has had a range of clients walk through their doors — from captains of industry, television celebrities, and sports stars to small-business owners, professionals, and homemakers.

Rinella handles all kinds of cases and provides top-quality service to all his clients. “There is no difference in the way each case is handled,” he says, adding that the lower-profile cases have the benefit of using a firm that has handled those high-profile decisions.

Such expertise and leadership is reflected in the numerous awards the firm’s attorneys have received, which include citations in “The Best Lawyers in America” by Naifeh and Smith and the “Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of

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Preeminent Lawyers.” Bernard Rinella has been recognized by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, who named him “Fellow of the Year” in 2004 for his outstanding contributions to the practice of matrimonial law, as well as by Town & Country Magazine, which named him one of America’s top ten divorce lawyers in 1998.

Rinella and Rinella Ltd. offers experience and a commitment to growth, adding staff members with tax, accounting, and business expertise in order to accommodate the escalating complexity of financial issues in family-law matters. Firm members are past and present officers in the family-law sections of local Illinois and American Bar Associations and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. The firm’s attorneys also frequently write and lecture on matrimonial law issues, and Mr. Rinella is also a member of Divorce Magazine’s Advisory Board.

“I believe we have experience not only in years but in all varieties of family law. We have a reputation of getting the job done without exacerbating the situation,” explains Rinella.

The primary goal, he says, is to get the best possible results with the least possible animosity between the involved parties. He has seen many people collapse under the pressure of divorce, and because of this, he believes part of his job is to lighten clients’ emotional burdens and help them rebuild their lives.

“I believe it is our responsibility to help people pull through this difficult time.”

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