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FAMILY LAW

For more than two decades, Duffee+Eitzen has been the name to know for high-net-worth divorces, complex property, custody litigation, collaborative matters, and mediation/arbitration. *D Magazine* Best Lawyer Melinda Eitzen and Marilea Lewis, who is board certified in family law, place a strong emphasis on their clients' well-being and understand the impact divorce can have on families. They are focused on seeking ways to help their clients successfully survive the rigors and demands of family law cases. All the award-winning attorneys at Duffee+Eitzen work together and combine their experience and resources to give clients the best outcome possible.

"Simply put, we do very dependable work," Lewis says. "We are resolution oriented in all family law matters. Trends come and go in family law that are dictated by legislative enactment, and we have been able to adapt and always put what is best for a family at the time of the divorce at the forefront. No one in this firm is afraid to go to the courthouse, but we try to settle our clients' cases if possible. We do a good job of managing client expectations and educating them about what the court likely will or won't do. Any outcome that allows for our clients to maintain a working relationship with their child's co-parent is a success, as well as the ability for them to move forward emotionally and financially."

Eitzen says many of the firm's clients are those who are looking for a better, kinder way to divorce. "The last few years have been hard on people, and many of our clients say they are ready to lead a more peaceful life. To do that, they needed to get out of their bad marriages," Eitzen says. "I have been doing collaborative law for over 20 years and mediating divorces for others, and Marilea is a former family law judge who periodically serves as a private judge. Therefore, we have the ability to come up with creative solutions for our clients based on our knowledge and experience. We have been able to achieve so many excellent settlements because we know most every way a case can go, and we want to help our clients reach their goals faster and more efficiently."

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