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FAMILY LAW

Divorce is serious business, and even the most sophisticated clients—business leaders, C-suite executives, entrepreneurs—lack the knowledge and experience to navigate on their own. When stakes are high, choosing a lawyer might be the most important decision a client makes.

Dawn Ryan Budner is a family and collaborative divorce lawyer with the intellect, experience, and insight to help you navigate successfully through the divorce process.

Budner spent the first half of her career in complex business litigation. As an equity partner with a top Dallas law firm, she obtained headline verdicts in state and federal courts. Budner draws on her business litigation experience in matters involving complex marital estates, closely held businesses, or complex holdings in a myriad of corporate structures.

In her family law practice, Budner has continued to achieve extraordinary results, including a multi-million-dollar recovery after the reversal of a five-year-old divorce settlement procured through fraud. Less flashy but equally notable are the many clients Budner has helped to restructure their families and estates through collaborative divorce, avoiding courtroom battles that serve to deplete assets and further damage relationships.

Budner has received many recognitions including Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine* (2019-2023); AV Preeminent Rating, *Martindale Hubbell* (2000-2023); and Woman Leader in the Law, *American Lawyer*. Budner graduated Order of the Coif and was a Chancellor at the University of Texas Law School, where she served as an articles editor on the *Texas Law Review*.

EDUCATION

B.B.A., with high honors, The University of Texas
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