



## Lee Budner

### FAMILY LAW

Lee Budner brings tenacity, first-class service, and a strategic focus to the practice of family law. His practice includes complex divorce matters, high-asset property division, custody disputes, modification suits, enforcement actions, grandparent and relative suits, and termination and adoption matters.

Budner excels in high-stakes and high-conflict situations. Prior to joining Calabrese Budner, he honed his skills as a commercial litigator at a large, national law firm and two elite Dallas litigation boutiques. As a commercial litigator, Budner represented clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies, to banks, to small business owners in matters with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake. "My experience in high-stakes business disputes enables me to effectively navigate complex matters for my family law clients," he says. This distinctive foundation allows Budner to bring a level of sophistication and professionalism not often seen in family court proceedings.

Budner's clients know him to be relentlessly committed to accomplishing their goals. A fierce advocate and a level-headed advisor, his clients know he has their back. "I take tremendous pride in knowing that my clients understand not only what is going on in their cases, but why," he says. He enjoys working collaboratively with his clients to tailor a strategy that focuses on efficiently and effectively accomplishing client objectives. Bringing dedicated service to the table, Budner's clients find that he is "ridiculously responsive."

Outside the courtroom, Budner is an empathetic and emotionally intelligent ally. He offers his clients unwavering support, fostering trust and confidence throughout their cases.

Recognizing the imperative to work with underserved communities, Budner's family law practice also includes pro bono representation of children and their families in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases. When not in the courtroom or helping his clients, he enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, and playing guitar.

Budner and his partner, Carla Calabrese, both combine large-firm experience with boutique attention and focus to create one of the most successful and effective family law firms in Dallas.

### EDUCATION

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