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FAMILY LAW

ROUNDTABLE

Navigating the legal complexities and emotional challenges of divorce can be overwhelming, and most people have questions about what to expect. Here, Firm Founder **Sonya K. Zeigler, Esq.** provides insight into common questions and concerns, such as choosing the right lawyer, talking with children about divorce, managing stress, and finding support and guidance.

THE INITIAL CONSULTATION

Make sure to ask if the attorney you're meeting is actually the attorney you'll work with. Oftentimes you go into a firm, and you retain somebody you meet with, but then the case gets pushed off to another attorney. Some people may not care about that, but you should at least know that is how your case is going to proceed.

WHAT PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE ABOUT THE DIVORCE PROCESS...

People often don't understand that the spouse or partner we're dealing with on the other side of the case - we can't make them a better person. We can't make them conduct themselves in a way that's fair or equitable or what a good father or husband should do. Most times, whatever negative attributes that partner had, which led to the divorce, are now amplified.

CASES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

When someone is in an abusive relationship, the key is finding someone - a lawyer, therapist, family member - who has their back. Try to communicate with resources out there to help.

HELPING YOUR CHILD DURING DIVORCE

It's not the child's fault that the two of you fell out of love, and that is still their parent. So even if you're aggravated or angry, try to maintain your cool until you can communicate with the other person without the children being around. Don't speak ill about the other parent, because that's somebody the child still loves.

WOULD YOU CHOOSE FAMILY LAW AS A SPECIALTY AGAIN...

I would choose family law again. I love when I can give my client all the information that their spouse has, whether deliberately or not, withheld from them over the years. I help them come out with a life that is much better than the life they had when they were together.



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