



Green Cordonnier & House LLP

By Ben Norris

At Green Cordonnier & House, keeping focus has been the key to maintaining more than a decade of growth. While the boutique family law firm employs seven attorneys and additional staff, the mission remains the same – provide top-notch family law representation and nothing else.

“When a client comes here they know any of the lawyers they hire spend their days doing nothing but family law cases,” founding partner Margo Green said. “We believe we are always current and up-to-date on the law. We know the family court judges because we practice in their courtrooms every day and we know other family law attorneys so well. I believe that is an advantage for our clients.”

Family law is a natural fit for Green, who started her career as a social worker before obtaining her law degree. She considers family law an extension and important part of social work.

“I loved helping families and children solve their problems and realized my interest was on the legal side of things,” Green said. “I believe I can help many more people with a law degree than I could have as a social worker.”

Green remains close to her social work roots and chairs the advisory board for Kids in the Middle, an organization that provides counseling and group therapy for children of parents going through a divorce.

The law firm was known as Margo L. Green and Associates until 1999, when Justin Cordonnier and Michelle House joined Green as partners. Today, the team handles dissolution cases, motions to modify, support collection, business valuations, paternity cases and grandparent visitation, to name just a few.

Each partner works with his or her own team – an associate and paralegal – to tackle a wide variety of family law cases and maintain client relationships. Green says the attorneys’ longstanding relationship with experts and professionals also helps the firm stand out.

“We see people at the worst time in their lives,” Green said. “When we feel someone needs counseling we are the first to give them two or three names. People really need to make sure they are grounded when going through a divorce.”

Attorneys at the firm also work with experts from several professions to ensure clients have access to resources to help them get back on their feet. Green and her partners work with therapists, financial planners, business valuations experts and real estate appraisers. She believes a good family law firm does much more than negotiate agreements between splitting couples.

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A quality family law firm also plays a role in making sure clients have access to resources that put peoples’ lives back on track.

“We get the most satisfaction when we see someone who has moved on with their life and is doing well,” Green said. “That is very rewarding.”



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