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## MARITAL & FAMILY

Ruden McClosky's Marital & Family Law attorneys are committed to providing quality, professional representation to individuals involved in difficult family and life situations.

As experienced lawyers in this unique area of the law, we understand the emotional and financial stresses that divorce can have on families, and can offer assistance in a variety of areas, including:

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Spousal Support & Alimony
- Child Support
- Child Custody & Time Sharing
- Modification & Enforcement Actions of Support & Parenting
- Negotiations & Settlement
- Trial Disputes
- Paternity Cases
- Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements
- Cooperative Problem Solving & Collaborative Divorce (when appropriate)
- Step Parent Adoptions

As your trusted counsel, we attempt to negotiate and mediate an appropriate settlement in order to avoid the expense and stresses of a courtroom trial. If representation in the courtroom becomes necessary, you are assured representation by highly skilled and thoroughly experienced trial attorneys.

### Our Team Approach

As part of the Ruden McClosky law firm, our Marital & Family Law attorneys frequently consult or collaborate with our Trusts & Estates, Tax, Corporate or Bankruptcy attorneys on behalf of our clients. Your attorneys also have access to specialists such as forensic accountants, business valuation and pension experts, as well as psychologists, vocational evaluation specialists and other professionals whose expertise may be helpful to the case.

### Consultation

Our first goal is to help the client understand and deal with the problems that can arise out of marital and family situations. Each case is first analyzed under Florida law and the client is presented with all available options. Our attorneys then work with the client to determine their rights and responsibilities, and recommend the most appropriate course to pursue.

### Dissolution of Marriage

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Divorce cases are often complex and can involve issues such as parental responsibility, child custody and time sharing, child support, relocation, alimony, equitable distribution of property as well as the issue of attorneys fees and costs. The issues that face each family are unique. Our attorneys carefully analyze each case and work toward negotiated solutions, where appropriate, that are best suited to the needs of the client. Working with the parties, your attorney's goal is to effectively resolve financial and parenting issues. While the goal is an amicable resolution, our attorneys are prepared to represent our clients in court if necessary.

### **Collaborative Family Law**

Our attorneys are also trained in collaborative lawyering and are prepared to handle collaborative divorce cases. In these cases, all parties and attorneys agree to resolve differences in a non-adversarial setting using techniques committed to mutual resolution and minimal conflict. Settlement is reached through discussion, mediation and other amicable alternatives rather than through litigation.

### **Modification & Enforcement Actions of Support and Parenting**

An individual's circumstances may change following a divorce. Your attorneys are prepared to address these potential changes and their affect on the divorce settlement and can handle the filing of modification actions and provide representation dealing with post-divorce issues such as support, visitation and relocation. Your attorneys can also file actions to enforce previous agreements and orders of the court.

### **Paternity Cases**

Our Marital & Family Law attorneys also assist biological mothers and fathers to determine issues such as paternity, parental responsibility, child custody, visitation and child support between unmarried parents.

### **Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements**

Our attorneys frequently work with potential spouses to negotiate and draft prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. The prenuptial agreement involves parties who plan to marry and wish to resolve financial and estate issues that may arise through death or divorce. The postnuptial agreement is a contract produced after marriage that enable spouses to resolve their financial arrangements and estate planning in the event of death or divorce. Our attorneys are thoroughly experienced in working with the parties through the negotiation, disclosure and drafting processes to create legally enforceable agreements that will withstand legal challenges.