

FAMILY MATTERS:

Sasha Sloup

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Navigating the legal system can be a very intimidating process, especially when there are children involved. Sasha Sloup, a family law attorney with Snider, Diehl & Rasmussen, LLP, knows this firsthand as she works to guide people from all walks of life through some of the most trying times of their lives. Using her skill and knowledge of the legal system, this hard-working associate attorney is committed to assisting families during difficult, emotional and confusing phases of their life.

"Family law entails areas that affect a family, such as dissolving a marriage, custody issues, support issues, adoptions and domestic violence," Sasha informed. "A divorce can be difficult for most people, but there are ways to do it amicably and without the fighting or disagreements. Every case I encounter is different, but I feel that when there are children involved, it works better to get everyone involved on the same page, create a stable environment for the kids and work toward a goal of co-parenting as much as possible."

Although Sasha was always interested in the legal system, it wasn't until her college years that a career in law became a reality. "What initially attracted me to law was hearing so many troubling details of people struggling with custody and visitation issues during my college years," Sasha declared. "I remember hearing these stories, and then having this 'aha moment' of, there just has to be an easier way." So once I earned my bachelor's degree, my focus turned to working toward my law degree. I



earned my juris doctor with honors in family law at Humphreys College Laurence Drivon School of Law in Stockton."

It was during her time as a legal secretary and paralegal that Sasha determined that family law would provide her with the opportunity to fulfill the same passion that had driven her to

law school. "I knew within a few weeks of working as a paralegal in a Sacramento law firm that specialized in family law that it was the career path I wanted to take," she noted. "After passing the bar exam, I became an associate attorney at Snider, Diehl & Rasmussen, LLP, fulfilling my passion for practicing law. There is nothing quite

as precious as family and I wanted to be there to help guide families in need. When there are children involved, I want to help parents configure their family so that even if they are no longer living together, they can still interact as a family unit in order to raise children and maintain stability in their daily lives."

The care and nurturing of her own family is also high on her priority list. Sasha is happily married to her husband of eight years, Brent, and the couple have a four-year-old son they affectionately call Little B. She also noted that although her job can be stressful at times, it's the comfort of family, friends and extracurricular activities that keep her fresh and focused. "Brent and I work to spend as much time together as a family as possible," she affirmed. "I think everyone needs an outlet or two to decompress from work and enjoy life to the fullest. Our son is a huge part of everything we do as well because we want him to experience the same things we are experiencing and to make memories with him. We do a lot of outdoor activities such as boating and camping; we just like being outside and being busy even if it's just gardening or playing. Life is short so you need to get out and enjoy it whenever possible and make family priority. We have a quote in our living room that reads; 'We didn't realize we were making memories, we just thought we were having fun.'"

Sasha also shared another new-found passion that has become a key part of her away-from-work down time. "I was never much of a reader, especially through my law school years, because you are reading so much as it is," She admitted. "But within these last few years I've really come to appreciate reading as an escape. I like everything from fiction to romance and suspense. Reading gets my mind off work, relaxes me and it's something I truly enjoy."

What does Sasha like best about her job? "I think it's the reality aspects of family law that inspire me," she remarked. "I thoroughly enjoy being a family's 'rock' that helps guide them in what can be an overwhelming legal process. To be able to be that person who can make a difference in a family's life when things have the potential to not work out so well is very motivating for me and I look forward to fighting the good fight for people every day." **HLM**

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