

WHAT IS FAMILY LAW?

Family Law is a term used to describe a wide variety of legal issues which affect the rights and obligations of families, parents, children, spouses and even grandparents. A good Family Law attorney is one who has skill and expertise in all the domestic relations areas. At Rowley Chapman & Barney, Ltd. we have a team of dedicated Family Law attorneys and paralegals who have extensive experience.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR

- Divorce
- Division of Marital Property
- Child Custody and Child Support
- Spousal Maintenance (alimony)
- Paternity Actions
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Adoptions
- Post- Divorce Modification of Custody and Support
- Enforcement of Divorce Decrees
- Collaborative Divorce and Mediation Services
- Pre-nuptial Agreements
- Grandparents Rights
- Bankruptcy

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FAMILY LAW ISSUES

DIVORCE

MORAL SUPPORT IS KEY...

A divorce is typically a crisis event in a person's life, requiring the support of many people. Although the divorce process itself is generally unpleasant, a good attorney to guide and council you through the process can ease much of the worry, fear, and stress. It is vital that you and your attorney have a good relationship, and that you are comfortable and confident in your attorney.

HOW LONG...

To obtain a divorce in Arizona, one or both of the parties must have maintained a domicile in Arizona for at least 90 days prior to the filing of a Petition for Dissolution. Depending on the issues involved, your case could be resolved in as few as three months, or it could take much longer. A contested divorce will generally take a minimum of six to nine months; however it could extend to well over a year. When contemplating a divorce, one should carefully consider the time and expense involved and plan accordingly.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Unfortunately, family law cases often involve allegations of domestic violence. Our team of family law attorneys is especially qualified to handle the case involving domestic violence, including allegations of mental, emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse. Cases involving allegations of domestic violence or abuse must be handled with expertise and sensitivity. We have the skill and experience to guide you through every phase of your case, including the case involving domestic violence issues.

CHILDREN

CUSTODY AND VISITATION...

Cases involving minor children require an even greater amount of attorney expertise. We understand that your children are your greatest treasure, and therefore work aggressively to obtain a custody and visitation order that will be in your children's best interest.

CHILD SUPPORT...

Many people believe calculating child support is a simple matter. Unfortunately, it is common for parents to understate their own income or to overstate the income of the other parent. Sometimes a parent will even try to conceal their income. At RCB&B we pride ourselves in our ability to produce a child support order that is above all, fair and accurate.

PROPERTY & DEBT ISSUES

Every divorce will include a division of property and debts. Arizona follows the "community property" theory, which means that property acquired and debts incurred during the marriage will be divided equitably upon dissolution. While this may seem a simple way to determine "who gets what," the community property rule has several exceptions. Our family law attorneys have multiple years of experience working under the community property rule, and we pride ourselves in obtaining favorable property rulings on behalf of our clients.

ALIMONY

Spousal maintenance ("alimony") is often a highly contested issue in a divorce. A judge must decide whether an award of spousal maintenance is appropriate, and if so, how much and for how long. Having a skillful and experienced family law attorney can often be the difference between obtaining a favorable and unfavorable spousal maintenance order.

WE HAVE SOLUTIONS

At RCB&B, our team of family law attorneys will carefully guide you through the entire process, whether it is a simple uncontested divorce or a complex case involving multiple issues, we can guide you through it all.