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Gutterman Griffiths PC

Committed to Excellence in Family Law



Left to right, back to front: Gutterman Griffiths shareholders Suzanne Griffiths, Sheila M. Gutterman, Diana L. Powell, Ann Gushurst, Megan M. Sherr

Gutterman Griffiths Family Law helps numerous people in Colorado through some of the toughest family transitions. With integrity, compassion, expertise and dedication, firm members help clients move through the process of divorce, and start their lives again. More than 50 percent of marriages fail, and 50 percent of all cases in the court system involve family law. Thus, the work done by the firm has an enormous impact on the community. "Everybody knows somebody who's going through a divorce, whether it's themselves, a friend or a family member," says President Sheila Gutterman. "When the stakes are high, psychologically and financially, you need a firm that understands the system and has the resources available to assist the client."

Gutterman Griffiths has earned a **preeminent** ranking from *Martindale Hubbell*. This ranking means the firm has achieved the highest level of legal ability and the highest adherence to the professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence. Other awards to Gutterman Griffiths attorneys include: Colorado Super Lawyers; Denver's Top Divorce Attorneys; *Denver Business Journal* Best of Bar Finalist; *ColoradoBiz* Top 100 Woman-Owned Businesses; *ColoradoBiz* Top 250 Private Companies; Women's Vision Foundation "Entrepreneur of the Year" and many others.

"With recognition," Gutterman says, "comes the need to give back to the community, which we do through teaching; mentoring; publishing; conducting workshops and seminars; lecturing; and participating on commissions and task forces." Attorneys from Gutterman Griffiths have also been selected to appear on the *Dr. Phil* show, the KUSA Channel 9 (NBC affiliate) relationship series, *A Good Divorce*, and on various other local newscasts.

"We inform our clients about all of the options available to them in family actions from a kitchen table settlement to a complex trial," Gutterman says. "Most divorces, fortunately, fall somewhere in the middle and most people work to be reasonable and rational. By educating our clients and the public, we enable them to choose the path best suited to their particular needs and wishes."

For each client, Gutterman Griffiths creates a team composed of the best attorneys and paralegals for that particular case. This "team synergy" and the firm's wealth of resources are unique. The concept of serving the client with the appropriate team, instead of an individual attorney, sets Gutterman Griffiths apart from any other family law firm in Colorado.

"We are known for our work ethic and attention to detail," Gutterman explains. "We do our homework and pride ourselves on being exceptionally prepared for every step in a client's case —whether it's a phone conference or a trial."

Left to right: Gutterman Griffiths associates Tanya Akins, Catherine Puttmann, Karinn O'Connell Harrington



According to Gutterman, many large-asset family law cases are as challenging and complex as any commercial transaction or litigation. Unfortunately, many family law cases also involve intense emotional complexities that must be successfully defused to assess the realities of a case.

"We listen carefully to the individual needs of every client and then put together a team, within the firm, to formulate ongoing strategies and assist clients in charting a course of action. We know that our work has a continuing and profound impact on families."

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