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DIVORCE LITIGATION & COLLABORATIVE LAW

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DIVORCE WITH DIGNITY

With more than 60 years of legal experience, Attorneys Caroline Black Sikorske, Jennifer Ficarrotta, Alex Caballero & Sarah Kay at **SESSUMS BLACK CABALLERO & FICARROTTA** practice family law, emphasizing mediation and the collaborative divorce process. They believe that while mediation and collaborative law are different models, both embrace the principle that sensitive family matters are best resolved when the parties commit to a private, non-adversarial process for resolution. They also serve as review counsel for clients who are in mediation and are trained in collaborative divorce law.

All four are qualified to mediate complex custody and divorce issues, including cases involving domestic abuse. They also represent adults and children in family litigation cases. Whether acting as mediator, collaborative lawyer or litigation advocate, they have helped numerous clients and families constructively move their lives forward, tailoring the approach and result to the needs and concerns of each individual or, as appropriate, for the family as a whole. [Visit: www.sbcf-famlaw.com](http://www.sbcf-famlaw.com)

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TANYA P. O'CONNOR of **BRANDON LAW** takes a personalized approach to law. Previously a licensed RN, she brings principles of patient-centered care to client advocacy, such as being respectful, responsive & anticipating client needs. Attorney O'Connor is a solution-oriented advocate, skilled in interest-based negotiating which ensures the clients' goals/objectives are comprehensively treated. She practices "Collaborative Law", a peaceful alternative to the adversarial process of conventional litigation.

During the Collaborative Process, couples end their marriage outside of court by working with a team of professionals to resolve relevant issues, including custody/visitation; allocation/division of assets & debt; household budgeting; tax planning; and retirement saving. Collaborative proceedings are mutually respectful, protect client privacy and designed to preserve the dignity & integrity of the family. As compared with traditional litigation, the Collaborative Process has proven to be more cost-effective and less emotionally damaging. Other practice areas include Personal Injury, Estate Planning, Probate & Appellate Advocacy. [Visit: www.tanyapocconnor.com](http://www.tanyapocconnor.com)



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ATTORNEY JENNIFER D'ANGELO states that when it comes to the major life change of divorce, it is critical to seek answers early and become familiar with your legal rights. Even if you think you may be divorcing or are encountering difficulties with a paramour with whom you have children, Attorney D'Angelo states that you should talk to an attorney well-versed in family law matters. She always has you, your children, and your future in mind.

Attorney D'Angelo has 19 years of legal experience, strength and hope to offer her clients. Initially, she makes an effort to stabilize her client's emotional and financial situation. This may require obtaining court orders concerning child custody and spousal & child support. Many times, these issues can be resolved amicably, and a separation agreement can be negotiated. Her other areas of practice include criminal defense & personal injury law.

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Aggressive pursuit of consumer rights is what Attorneys Gus M. Centrone & Brian L. Shrader at **CENTRONE & SHRADER, PLLC** provide with skill and speed. Most consumers think nothing can be done about harassing debt collection, even after bankruptcy. Some think they have no defenses or are intimidated by the court system. The firm's main focus is on fighting for consumers who are being harassed by debt collectors, especially after those consumers have already been through the struggle of a bankruptcy.

Unlike most attorneys, Centrone & Shrader has extensive experience as plaintiff's counsel on claims under Florida & Federal consumer protection laws. They have taken these matters all the way through summary judgment, trial & appeal, so they are familiar with the difference between good cases and bad cases. They also pursue class actions against large financial institutions to help as many people as possible. Other areas of practice include criminal defense and commercial litigation. [Visit: www.centroneshrader.com](http://www.centroneshrader.com)



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ATTORNEY MICHAEL BLICKENSDEFER is a former U.S. Marine whose strong Christian values serve as the foundation for his legal practice. Michael Blickensderfer provides his clients with outstanding legal strategies that stem from his extensive background and expertise in the industry, including cases involving personal injury, real estate, bankruptcy, DUI/traffic and immigration matters. For your initial consultation, there is no charge.

Throughout his career that has spanned over 30 years, Mr. Blickensderfer has handled a broad range of legal matters. His time spent practicing as an attorney for personal injury, criminal law, and serving as a public defender has made him an efficient, well-rounded legal professional. Mr. Blickensderfer serves as a private defense attorney who works with clients in both a courtroom and civil setting. [Visit: www.blicklawfirm.com](http://www.blicklawfirm.com)



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