



FAMILY LAW

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Client: What is family law and how might it affect me?

Lawyer: Family law involves any area of the law that might affect anyone in the family. It is that simple and that broad. Attorneys who practice in family law usually only represent one member of a family against someone else in the family. This does not mean there is always a fight, but it often involves an adversarial relationship between family members who have a conflict of interest - such as divorce, child custody, domestic violence, visitation rights, child support, establishing paternity, adoptions, emancipation, dividing up property and debts, CPS issues, juvenile court, or inheritance. Although many family law matters go to court and can be resolved on friendly terms, the system is built around advocates (attorneys) who fight for your rights.

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