

business spotlight

Making it Work

Attorney Matthew Podolnick successfully guides his clients through some of the toughest situations they'll ever face.

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Matthew Podolnick, a partner with the law firm of Sherman Silverstein Kohl Rose & Podolsky, P.A., concentrates his practice in divorce, family law and related areas. It is essential to have the right attorney on your side who offers experience in divorce and family law matters, is relentless in protecting his clients and pursuing their rights and skilled in navigating complex issues that are part and parcel to divorce and family law matters.



"It's extremely rewarding to help families from the beginning of their matter to the logical conclusion," he says.

Podolnick offers assistance to clients regarding all aspects of divorce and family law, including division of retirement funds, business interests and other assets and liabilities acquired during the marriage, preservation of separate and exempt assets, custody and alimony.

Podolnick did not begin his professional career as a family law attorney. In fact, before attending law school, he worked in the Dearborn, Mich., corporate offices of Ford Motor Company, where he honed his business skills. "The experience and knowledge I gained working in the cut-throat business environment affords me the ability to navigate the aggressive nature of divorce and family law," he states.

Podolnick's business background and more than 20 years of litigation and trial work renders him a powerful force in the courtroom. In his role as a family law attorney at Sherman Silverstein, Podolnick has discovered family law is where he's meant to be.

The business background he garnered early in his professional career makes Podolnick capable of understanding and handling the complexities of divorce and family law. In addition to offering advice from the family law perspective, he can offer insight into the business side of things that other attorneys may not be able to.

"My business background gives me perspective into the complex financial issues families deal with," Podolnick says. "Not only can I help with dividing up basic assets and liabilities, but I also understand business valuations. Of course I hire business experts and accountants to help through the process, but I understand the issues surrounding business valuations and related matters."

A family man who is actively involved with his own children and family, he is sensitive to the emotions and frustration that many clients may face when they find themselves in these difficult situations.

"My clients come to me at difficult times in their lives. I help them forge a path to the future. The stress can impact their professional and social relationships. I guide them through the emotional issues and help them plan for their financial futures through the lit-



igation process," he says. Podolnick represents both men and women and both those in the position to provide support and those who sacrificed their careers for their families.

Podolnick describes himself as an "appropriately aggressive" attorney who is willing to go after whatever his clients hope to achieve.

"I'm resolution oriented, but I'm not afraid of a challenge or to hit something head on when it's appropriate," he says. "I discuss with my clients what I believe is worth fighting for. But if you want me to get you the \$250 toaster oven, you probably have the wrong attorney. I watch my client's money as if it was my own, and the toaster oven probably isn't worth fighting for. The more money that stays in my clients' pockets at the end of the divorce litigation, the better the result.

"I will always guide them," he continues, "whether the issues concern alimony, child support, custody, distribution of assets or preservation and protection of assets."

Sherman Silverstein is a medium-sized law firm offering a range of legal services. Podolnick heads the divorce and family law part of the litigation department. The litigation department also focuses on commercial disputes, personal injury and insurance litigation, among other areas of practice. Sherman Silverstein also has a residential and commercial real estate department, corporate and tax department and wills, trusts and estates department. "The benefit of having Sherman Silverstein on your team is that you have very talented attorneys who can competently handle the various issues which are part of many divorce and family law matters," he says.

Podolnick has successfully helped guide

his clients through the process, and has helped them to achieve finality and the right results. He is respected among his colleagues and earned a reputation among his peers and the judges as knowledgeable, committed and effective.

Most important, Podolnick's clients hold him in the highest regard. They find him to be effective, focused on their cases and tenacious. "My clients tell me that I achieve results for them that they had not experienced for years with other counsel. They also ex-

press to me their appreciation that I am attentive to their cases, accessible beyond 9-5 and knowledgeable about the law," he says. "I am humbled by comments like these because I work extremely hard to make sure my clients achieve the results they want. I am gratified that many of my referrals come from my past clients. I take these referrals as the highest compliment about the work my team did for them."

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