

# TOP NOTCH LAWYERS

**Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt & Kline demands high credentials and quality work from its versatile team of family law attorneys.**



**W**hen choosing a law firm to handle your divorce, you should find one that's prepared and qualified to deal with any legal curveball your case might throw you. They should also be working to make the process as easy and efficient as possible, so that you can move on with the least damage to your wallet or your emotions. With these traits in mind, you need look no further than Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt & Kline, LLP, based in Los Angeles.

"A family lawyer must be knowledgeable about all areas of law," explains Steven Mindel, the lead family law attorney at FMBK. "To use a baseball analogy, you have to be a utility player. Divorce law combines so many different legal areas – including business, child custody, finance, and property – there's always some collateral issue involved. You also have to respond to the clients' needs: returning phone calls, listening to what they're saying, changing gears from toughness to compassion whenever necessary."

FMBK's staff has extremely high standards for their own work. They're versatile in their legal abilities, and they expect only the best of themselves. "Our level of academic performance makes us unique," says Mindel. "We're a high-credential firm; for example, I'm a certified specialist in family law with degrees from UCLA and the USC Law Center. We work with top corporations that demand high talent, and we demand

high quality from ourselves." Aware that divorce is very expensive, they also do what they can to make it less so. "Our retainer is lower than that of most firms. We're very conscientious of cost control and we work closely with the client to reduce fees if necessary. We aim to minimize the expense and maximize the return.

"There are two flavors of family lawyers: transactional and litigational," Mindel continues. "Whereas most are litigators who fight in court, my own background is transactional, which means settling cases as quickly as possible." So Mindel and his colleagues explore a realm of solutions to divorce cases before even considering going to court – and getting lost in the no-win adversarial system.

"Diffuse your anxiety," Mindel advises clients. "Figure out a mechanism to deal with it, because it only leads to more confrontation and more attorney's fees. The cure becomes worse than the disease. Don't fight for principle; pick and choose what the important issues are." FMBK knows that confrontation makes divorce longer and more frustrating. "We try to reduce the animosity between parties to help them build trust and move on."

In addition to setting up realistic goals and showing clients where to get the tools to deal with their anxiety and grief, FMBK offers a broad spectrum of legal

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services. The firm practices complex civil litigation matters, real property law, and commercial litigation in addition to family law; many of these additional fields become involved in divorce cases. "We also offer 'unbundling' of services," says Mindel. "If you're representing yourself in court, we can deal with your documents and monitor the process. We provide whatever you want."

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