

Unwavering Conviction, Unparalleled Outcomes for Clients:

Annette Benson of Benson Family Law earns “Best” designation by securing desired results in every case.

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Annette Benson is often described by her clients, opposing counsel, mediators and judges alike as relentless, assertive, driven, exceedingly prepared, even a pit bull in high heels.

These monikers suit the petite, powerhouse founder of Benson Family Law in Bingham Farms just fine. It is her well-known passion for securing the best outcome in each case, her well-honed negotiating skills, and the strong bonds she develops with her clients that have earned Benson the distinction of being voted Best Family Law Attorney by *Jewish News* readers who shared their accolades.

“Your dedication and relentless pursuit to protect my children and get me custody is a gift I will never forget,” said Michael, one grateful client.

“Over the last three years, you have become part of my life. You helped me regain my sanity and focus, and no man will ever have control over me again,” shared client Beth.

For Benson, practicing family law is a calling rather than a job, and one which beckoned early on. “I always wanted to be a lawyer; there was never any other career path for me,” she explained.

Benson’s clients are often immersed in the most stressful situations they have ever encountered in their personal or professional lives, such as divorce, custody battles, post-judgment issues and domestic violence scenarios. They find in Benson a tireless, trusted, fearless advocate who is never intimidated in the courtroom.

The child of Jewish immigrant parents and a Michigan native, Benson was raised with a strong work ethic and a focus on education and independence. Her parents taught her that achieving success required the “sechel” to outsmart others, which has served Benson and her clients well.

While clerking for a Wayne County judge during law school, Benson gained an invaluable, behind-the-scenes perspective on the legal system as well as intimate knowledge of how to best present cases in court. She later worked for a prominent

family law attorney, and her career path was sealed.

“I love the personal relationship aspects of the job, the chance to dive in deep and get a full understanding of both parties’ personalities,” explained Benson. “After almost 20 years practicing exclusively in family law, I am convinced that knowing everything about our clients and their spouses helps us develop the best approach to take and leads to the outstanding outcomes we achieve every day.”

Putting the children first is always Benson’s top priority. She is hugely selective about the clients her firm chooses to represent.

“I can’t represent someone I don’t believe in, or who wants something that I don’t believe is best for the family,” she said. “I am passionate about doing the right thing to ensure children end up in the right environment.”

She has been married to Mitchell Benson for 20 years. They are parents of son Jonah, 16, and daughter Lia, 13, and are members of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

In 2002, Benson Family Law opened its doors. Benson and her team collaborate closely with one another, the firm’s clients and with skilled experts such as forensic accountants, business valuers and child psychologists. She possesses strong relationships with judges, referees, and other attorneys, earning their respect and admiration based on her exemplary work ethic, attention to detail and knowledge of the legal system.

Ralph, one of Benson’s clients, summed up his feelings about her this way. “You did more

for me in one day than my first attorney did in months.” This doesn’t come as surprising news to Benson, who often receives similar feedback from clients.

“I am completely vested in my clients,” said Benson. “We fully educate them about the legal process at every juncture so they understand their options, and we discuss strategies together. When clients are informed and involved in their case, they

become empowered and are able to play an integral role in the decisions that will impact their lives.”

Benson, an avid marathon runner, maintains relationships with her clients over the long run as well.

“Our job does not end with the entry of a final judgment,” Benson said. “Our clients know that beyond the legal aspects of their case, we believe in them and have their backs. Regaining their self-esteem, self-respect and feeling validated are all important parts of the legal as well as the emotional process they are undergoing. We work in conjunction with financial planners to assist our clients in securing their financial future. We look ahead to ensure that they have direction, security, family stability and the confidence to move forward in the next chapter of their lives.”

Knowing the law is one thing. Knowing how to

interpret the law to benefit clients’ needs, goals and lives is what sets Benson Family Law apart from other firms.

“Satisfied clients are always our goal, but believe it or not, we get numerous referrals from our clients’ former spouses,” said Benson. “That’s when I know we have made a positive impact on the lives of everyone on both sides of the legal table.” □



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