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# Experience Meets Wisdom

With firsthand experience overcoming family law matters, the attorneys of Vaclavek Hartman Vaclavek, P.C. are by your side, every step of the way.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mindy Hartman, Managing Partner; Tom Vaclavek, Managing Partner; and Shawna Vaclavek, Managing Partner.



**D**ivorce is never easy, and when it comes to dividing assets, settling debts, and determining what's in a child's best interests, the process becomes even more complicated. That's why attorneys Tom Vaclavek, Shawna Vaclavek, and Mindy Hartman are doing it differently. Vaclavek Hartman Vaclavek, P.C., (VHV) has built a firm dedicated to serving clients within the nuanced family law realm.

"We help everyday families move on to the next chapter in their lives, whether they're going through a divorce, buying a new home, or planning for the future," says Tom.

From pre- and post-nuptial agreements to complex divorces and custody litigation, VHV is equipped to handle the gamut of clients' needs, including real estate transactions and estate planning matters.

Tom, Shawna, and Mindy work as a team to develop the best options for case resolution. Each of them have also personally experienced what can happen to a family of divorce, and that prompts them to approach their cases and clients with empathy. They know the legal process can be emotionally straining and create a financial hardship on a family.

"We pride ourselves on helping clients in a divorce make meaningful choices to pursue the things that matter most to them," says Mindy.

Despite small-town roots, VHV attorneys are fierce litigators who have tried cases against big-city powerhouses. While encouraging resolution, they are ready and willing to glove up and step into the ring if litigation is the only way forward.

"We have worked hard to become the best attorneys we can be and have the experience to address any issue that comes up," says Shawna. "It shows in court and at the settlement table."

## Giving Back

VHV partners are stewards of their community. Tom served and Mindy currently serves on a local school board. Tom served and Shawna currently serves on CASA of McHenry County's Board of Directors. VHV provides annual scholarships to high school seniors in their area. They also support CASA (they are one of their largest sponsors each year), Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, their local Chambers of Commerce, Bar Associations, and many other charitable organizations in their community.

"We practice what we preach and are involved in causes for children that are near and dear to our hearts," says Shawna.

Impressively, VHV attorneys are routinely appointed by judges as guardians ad litem to represent the interests of children in contested custody cases. "This experience allows us to help children as well as bring a unique perspective to our clients' cases using our guardian ad litem lens to anticipate situations likely to arise and the best way to address them," says Tom.

"It is rewarding to help both our community and our clients through difficult times and put them in a better position than before they walked through our door," Mindy concludes.

In the end, Vaclavek Hartman Vaclavek partners pride themselves on providing personal guidance through tough and often deeply personal legal matters. They are by their clients' side, every step of the way.

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