



Resident Paula Schaefer

Resident Spotlight

WITH PAULA SCHAEFER

We caught up with Paula Schaefer of Ruppert & Schaefer P.C. to discuss her practice and what she loves about living here in the neighborhood.

You're a partner at Ruppert & Schaefer P.C. Can you tell us what kind of law you specialize in and what types of services you can provide for clients?

Our firm has four attorneys, all of whom devote their legal practices solely to family law. My partner, Michael Ruppert, and I have been certified by Indiana's Family Law Certification Board as Family Law Specialists. Board certification involves rigorous testing and extensive experience in all areas of family law. Attorneys at my firm handle divorces, pre-marital agreements, appeals, child support, custody, adoptions, paternity, and other similar matters. We also provide mediation and arbitration services, Parenting Coordination, Guardian Ad Litem services and Collaborative Law.

For you, what's the most rewarding aspect of your work?

What I enjoy about my work is that no two days are alike. Every case and every client is different. Each person has a unique set of needs and facts and I enjoy working through issues with my clients to help them move past what is inevitably going to be an emotional time in their life. My days vary widely because at times I will be meeting with a client and at other times I may be in court. Some days I am handling a mediation and others I am working at my desk doing research and drafting. As with many jobs, some days are very rewarding and others are extremely difficult. Nevertheless, I have been practicing family law for 23 years and I am still glad this was the choice I made.

And finally, what do you appreciate most about living here locally?

I have lived with my family in the same house in Meridian-Kessler for 18 years. Because it is not readily apparent, I should share that my business partner is also my husband! There are so many things I love about our neighborhood. I love the walkability;

that we have wonderful, gracious neighbors; proximity to our church and school; the fact that there are nearby restaurants and retail shopping; being close to the Riviera Club is wonderful for our family; and, I really love the architecture and character of the homes and gardens.



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