

# What Does It Mean To Be a Divorce Lawyer?

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People often ask me what it's like to be a divorce lawyer, and the answer is that being a divorce lawyer requires wearing many hats, sometimes one at a time, and sometimes several together.

**Advocate:** Being a divorce attorney means advocating for clients and their interests, even when they have a hard time speaking up for themselves. It means standing up for clients against unreasonable expectations or requests on the other side, and working in the best interest of your client's family and their future.

**Armor:** Being a divorce attorney means being the armor and shield for your client. Allowing them to point to someone else to have discussions of legal consequence, or where emotions may run too high. It means being by the side of our clients, but also standing in front of them when need be.

**Being realistic:** Being a divorce lawyer means being realistic with a client about what a court may do, what the law provides, and what the facts of their divorce may mean in terms of custody, support, and division of assets. It means not telling someone what they want to hear, but rather telling someone what they need to hear, so they can be prepared in the future for themselves and their children.

**Seeing into the future:** Being a divorce lawyer means helping someone look into the future to see what their life may look like in a year, 5 years, 10 years. It means helping someone focus not just on what's right in front of them, colored with their sudden and blinding emotion, but instead looking at what they may want or need in years to come.

Being a divorce attorney means many different things for many different situations, but it also means being a source of guidance and comfort during a tumultuous time.

To discuss family law issues or concerns, please contact one of the family law attorneys at Sandberg Phoenix.