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FAMILY LAW COMPASSES THE MOST SENSITIVE issues in legal practice: divorce, property distribution, paternity and custody cases are sources of intense emotional and financial insecurity. It takes a wealth of experience, expertise and understanding to negotiate or litigate the highly personal matters of family law — characteristics that the law firm of Ruppert & Schaefer, PC brings to every client it represents. It starts with the firm's leadership.

**POWERFUL ADVOCATE** Super Lawyer Michael G. Ruppert, who has been designated as a "Certified Family Law Specialist" by the Indiana Family Law Certification Board, founded the firm in 1996 with partner Paula J. Schaefer. The firm's attorneys dedicate their practice solely to divorce and other family law cases. During twenty-five years as a lawyer, Ruppert has represented clients in every area of family law. He has taught seminars for lawyers and bar review courses for law students regarding property division, custody and child support, to name but a few topics. In addition, Ruppert has authored numerous articles for law journals and other publications. His professional memberships include the Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association, in which he also sits on the section's Executive Committee. He sets the standard of practice for the attorneys and staff of Ruppert & Schaefer.

**CLIENT-ORIENTED** In every aspect of the law, the client's interests should be paramount, and no where is this more important than in family law. The lawyers of Ruppert & Schaefer start from a root understanding of the client's needs, and the course they set in handling a case is based always on that root. Thorough investigation and clear analysis are only the starting point for effective representation: strong communication skills — backed by years of trial experience — make Ruppert & Schaefer a choice that can be made with confidence for delicate family law matters.

**COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE** Marriage is complex by nature, and particularly where children and property are concerned, the

dissolution of a marriage is a minefield that can seem impossible to navigate. An experienced family law practitioner can clear a path toward equitable distribution, fair child support, and healthy custody arrangements.

**NOT ALL FAMILY LAW CASES ARE ALIKE. NEITHER ARE ALL FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS.**

The attorneys of Ruppert & Schaefer guide clients through issues like these with a combined 50 years of experience, both in the courtroom and across the negotiating table. In addition, Ruppert & Schaefer offers preparation and advice about prenuptial

agreements which help couples to make decisions regarding money management, estate planning and even lifestyle choices.

**WINNING TEAM** The best family law practitioners make their clients feel comfortable, confident and protected at the most vulnerable times of their lives. The lawyers of Ruppert & Schaefer, PC combine the knowledge, deep understanding and passionate conviction to earn this trust, one client at a time.

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