

# REGAINING CONTROL IN DIVORCE

*Celebrating 10 years with Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, LLP, the hallmarks of Gregory Maksimuk's family law practice center on giving a sense of control to his clients as he works to make sure every step they take together furthers his clients' end goals.*

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**G**regory Maksimuk unexpectedly fell in love with family law right out of law school, realizing that this field of the law was where he could really pursue his passion: helping people. When he meets his clients, Maksimuk concedes that they're usually in one of the most difficult and trying times in their lives. He loves being able to bring comfort to his clients in situations that are akin to dealing with the loss of a loved one coupled with a sense of control in typically uncontrollable situations.

"I try to be as invested in a case as my clients are," says Maksimuk.

As a family law attorney, Maksimuk wears many hats. He acts as an advocate as a trial lawyer, peacemaker in negotiations, strategist throughout the various facets of mediation and litigation, and constant guide to his clients so that they are always aware of what options are available to them.

"I don't take a cookie-cutter approach with my clients," says Maksimuk.

Maksimuk is a master of strategy, stressing that strategy and deliberation have been the key to his success and his clients' happiness. Every one of his cases are custom-tailored specifically to his clients' goals and needs. By having a clear strategy and plan for each of his clients, as each case progresses, Maksimuk further defines and fine-tunes the strategy, always making sure that he's doing what's best to protect the things most important to his clients.

"A lot of attorneys are more reactionary, and I like to plan ahead," says Maksimuk.

At the outset of each case, Maksimuk makes sure he understands his client's goals. In a fact-intensive branch of law, Maksimuk emphasizes how important it is to have client goals defined as early as possible, that way he can be sure that every step he's taking gets him closer to those goals.

One of Maksimuk's biggest strengths is that he is in constant



communication with his clients, always making sure they know where their case stands.

"I believe clients should know everything," Maksimuk says, stressing that clients need all the information so that they can make informed decisions and help guide their next steps in the process.

Keeping clients informed has become increasingly important over the last year, with mounting court delays and the division of parenting time often being affected by the global pandemic.

Maksimuk specializes in highly contentious cases with high-net-worth individuals, typically dealing with complicated issues ranging from defining parenting time, protecting business/trust assets, to dividing generational wealth and trust assets.

In such high-stakes cases, Maksimuk emphasizes that being as open and upfront as possible is essential to a successful outcome.

"Sometimes you have bad facts, it's better to just own them and figure out a way to make it work to your advantage the best you can," says Maksimuk, noting that sooner or later, they'll come out.

And even when the facts are not as ideal as they could be, Maksimuk is able to bring the comfort of control back to his clients' lives through his deliberate strategizing and high level of client service—always putting his clients and their goals at the forefront of each case.

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