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Kathryn Mickelson is a people person, which is why her particular division of the law is a perfect fit. "The practice of family law requires legal and business acumen, creative thinking, a strategic mindset and a calm demeanor," she says. "It's one of the only areas of law that focuses on people and their particular needs during what may be their darkest times. Every day is a challenge and a new experience."

Mickelson knows a thing or two about overcoming challenges. "Where I am today is a success story in itself," she says. "Through hard work, grit and long nights I've become an owner of the largest family law firm in Illinois." She's been at Beermann LLP since her clerkship, "a rarity in today's world, where switching firms is commonplace," she says. She's trusted, credible and no-nonsense, and loves empowering people with information. "I represent incredibly intelligent individuals who have always excelled in everything they do. And yet, when it comes to the nuanced area of family law, be it a divorce or other sensitive matter, they don't know where to begin and that can be very unsettling. I love to educate people to enable them to make smart decisions for themselves and their families."

Now Mickelson is passing those qualities on to the next generation. "I have a 12-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter, and if I am their ultimate role model, and teach them that you can do what you set out to do, I've done my job."

