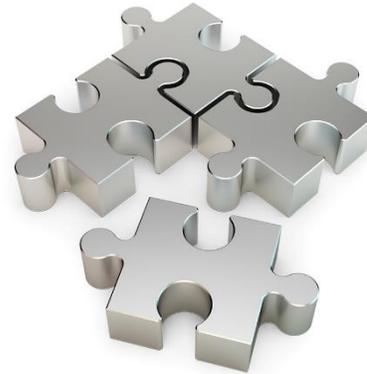


Family

Providing experienced advocacy in difficult personal matters



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When a marriage ends and you are seeking to

- resolve important legal issues related to money and, possibly, children
- have complicated issues addressed with a reasoned, thoughtful plan
- have these issues, when necessary, properly presented in trial or challenged on appeal

our experienced family law attorneys are here for you.

Our clients

Our clients are husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Most have substantial wealth and income and enjoy high standards of living. Many of them own closely-held businesses and/or are established executives or professionals. All clients need and deserve attention to detail. Most want to avoid protracted litigation but know preparation for, and a willingness to go to, trial is critical to optimizing results and protecting children.

Our approach

Beginning at the first meeting, we help clients understand how the legal issues will likely be resolved. We know it is overwhelming. We understand the process is painful and highly emotional. Working with the client, we identify realistic, attainable goals which not only end the current dispute, but consider the long term impact.

- We look for creative solutions
- We are committed to the best possible approach to your case
- When negotiations fail, we apply our intensive experience and training for effective presentations in the courtroom

The Nelson Mullins Family Law Team has deep experience in complex family law matters

- Combined, our family law attorneys have more than fifty years of experience focused on representing clients in family-law disputes.
- We work statewide in South Carolina. When necessary, we call on a network of colleagues in other states.
- Our clients benefit from a range of resources, both within and outside of our Firm. We include other skilled professionals in our Firm who provide experience in such areas as corporate transactions, tax, employment benefits, retirement plans, and real estate. We routinely work with experienced forensic accountants, valuation experts, and psychological professionals.
- We believe it is important to actively participate in the best professional education programs in the country. Many of our family law partners are active in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, an invitation-only group of lawyers committed to protecting the family and improving the practice of law in this area.
- We believe in sharing our experience and teach at local, state, and national programs, including the National Family Law Trial Institute.

Our attorneys use their experience as counselors and advocates on behalf of clients facing difficult personal challenges

- We help our clients formulate legal positions in divorce or custody disputes that provide solutions workable in the long run
- We have deep experience in the valuation of privately-held companies, including persuasive presentation of expert opinion testimony regarding that issue
- We provide clients with the information needed for weighing the costs and relative benefits of various legal strategies

Why Nelson Mullins?

- Attorneys with experience helping clients in emotionally-charged legal situations
- Our courtroom abilities, critical for family law matters, can also help move parties to appropriate settlements
- Financial and business acumen – we understand the financial issues and their impact on every case
- Closure is important. We appreciate the need to bring the legal aspects of a deeply personal situation to an appropriate close with realistic solutions that work in the long-term.

Experience

Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

- Handled trial and appeal of case presenting questions regarding
 - business valuation issue which created new law in South Carolina on the distinction between enterprise goodwill and personal goodwill
 - characterization of assets as marital versus separate property (including conversion of separate property into marital property)
 - the amount of alimony
 - the value of minority interests in closely held and real estate businesses
- Handled trial of case in which
 - two fit parents both of whom work full-time contested custody
 - one parent sought venue for custody dispute in foreign country
 - the court approved a negotiated settlement over the objection of the other party
 - the amount of alimony was in dispute
 - the amount of child support was in dispute
 - the enforcement of prior orders was at issue
- Advised business owners seeking to retain ownership and preserve value of closely held businesses
- Assisted spouses who have very few assets in their name or control, but who have equitable interests in highly valuable marital estates
- Defended high wage earners who are exposed to alimony or child support
- Represented low wage earners who need alimony or child support
- Counseled Fathers and Mothers seeking custody of children
- Worked with spouses in high conflict relationships created by adultery or substance and/or physical abuse
- Advised uninformed spouses who need professional help finding and valuing assets and income
- Defended high profile spouses who value privacy in private, personal matters
- Advised and drafted premarital agreements to protect property interests