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COLUMBUS LEADERS IN LAW

# Experienced Attorneys in High-Asset Divorce



FROM LEFT: Joseph Overstreet, Brian Jun, Susan Suriano, Tony Greco (Founder), John Rozmus IV, Jaelynn Roberts, Joseph Jeziorowski, and Anthony Greco Jr.

Greco Law is Central Ohio's leader in complex divorce and custody matters—with the grit and gumption to get results.

Much has changed since Tony Greco began practicing law in 1993, but one thing has not: his determination—and ability—to triumphantly fight for his clients' best interests.

Greco's career began in healthcare law and business litigation, a foundation that paved the way for complex divorces that also deal with business and contract litigation. As many physicians recognized Greco's proficiency in their business transactions, they sought his guidance in their divorces. Greco's practice quickly evolved into family and divorce law for high-earning professionals of all industries, a field he's been pioneering ever since.

"When you get divorced, you're hiring a lawyer to help with everything that's important to you: your money, your business, your future ability to earn income, and your relationships with your children and your soon-to-be ex-spouse," says Greco.

Today, Greco Law thrives in the niche field of complex, high-value, and contentious custody family law. The firm's carefully curated case load commonly involves business valuations in the eight digits, seven-figure salaries, properties all over the world, and complicated trust agreements. Greco Law's custody cases often involve individuals from countries all over the world who reside in Ohio, which often

include complex citizenship issues and finding assets located outside the country.

"Our experience informs our success. From day one, we know exactly where we want a case to end up and can draw a straight line to our goal. We then work efficiently and effectively to achieve that goal," says Greco. "My clients can afford any lawyer they want, and the fact that they choose and stay with us is a huge compliment, and we do not take that for granted. We are grateful that our clients have entrusted us during these pivotal moments in their lives."

## TRIAL READY

Handling cases quickly and amicably is always ideal for all parties involved. Greco often advises clients to consider being generous at the onset of negotiations with the hope that the opposing party will agree to reasonable terms without the need or cost of trial. But when opposing sides have different definitions of fair and equitable divisions, trial may be necessary.

"I personally love trials. It's one of my favorite things. It is my client's opportunity to introduce evidence to the court that supports their position, and give the client 'some justice' by confronting and discrediting the soon-to-be ex's accusations. While an agreement is oftentimes better, particularly when minor children are involved, sometimes trial is unavoidable and necessary. We don't go to trial unprepared to obtain our goals," says Greco. "If my client is looking for their day in court, then we make sure they get it. And we're going to be ready to rock."

A powerful tool in Greco Law's arsenal is its unparalleled ability to gather evidence. Forensic specialists, financial experts, mental health practitioners, private investigators, and sophisticated surveillance may all be employed when building the strongest case for clients. Greco Law has created its own software to assist in processing and analyzing large volumes of financial records and other data, all for use at trial.

Another strength is the firm's team-based approach. In addition to one or two lead attorneys, other team members are always well-versed on the case. When emergencies arise—such as a child being taken by a parent



or a spouse stealing business assets—Greco Law can call "all hands on deck" at a moment's notice. "If I need to rally seven lawyers to one case, I can. That's 56 hours of work on one case in one day," Greco says.

Clients have access to Greco Law 27/4—by Zoom, by attorneys' personal cell phone numbers, or by email. Attorneys are ready and willing to respond to clients' needs at all hours, as well as make accommodations for meetings at the client's convenience.

"We're frequently the second or third counsel to take over on particularly challenging cases," notes Greco, "but we're almost always the last."

## CASE LAW CHAMPIONS

Successful appeals are a hallmark of Greco Law. While prior results are not necessarily an indicator of future success, approximately 68% of all appeals involving family law issues litigated by Greco Law attorneys have had successful outcomes. This specifically includes an approximate 75% success rate in appeals involving spousal support termination based on cohabitation.

In a recent appeals case, a husband sought to terminate his lifetime spousal support based on cohabitation. The husband was represented by a different law firm at trial, and the trial

court denied the husband's request. The husband retained Greco, who appealed the decision. The court of appeals reversed the trial court and terminated the husband's lifetime obligation to pay his ex-wife spousal support. Examples of evidence the court of appeals considered included the ex-wife and her boyfriend vacationing together, exchanging gifts with one another, attending family events as a pair, physical and emotional intimacy, and the location data from the wife's phone records.

## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

It's no secret that most contested divorces are emotionally and financially taxing, even under the best circumstances. When clients come to Greco Law, they're often going through the worst time of their lives. "Clients often tell me, 'I don't know who I am anymore,'" Greco says. "It's part of our job to help them see past the immediate issues and get them to the light at the end of the divorce tunnel.

"We're never judgmental about a client's situation when they come to us," Greco concludes. "I tell every client that they're either going to be the best witness for their case or the worst. Our job is to help them be the best they can be—for themselves, their children, and their case. We want them to be as good as they can be."

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