



## Lawyers Changing Lives

**Attorneys at Connell Michael Kerr, LLP create lifelong relationships with clients, counseling them on a vast assortment of family and education law issues.**

**C**onnell Michael Kerr, LLP is a women-owned firm, established to create a distinctly atypical legal experience for families.

“I approach cases by first asking myself how I would want the legal matter handled if it involved my mother, brother, child, or other family member,” says Catherine Michael, co-managing partner. This is a sentiment shared by the firm’s attorneys and staff.

A multistate model means Connell Michael Kerr can address clients’ legal concerns when family members span multiple jurisdictions. The firm has offices in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas, and attorneys licensed in Indiana, Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Alaska,

and California. “Multistate insight can be extraordinarily beneficial in family and education law and, in addition to better understanding what is occurring nationwide, equipping family and education law clients with expanded knowledge may provide the upper hand vital to resolving many legal issues,” says Michael.

The firm’s robust family law practice offers services for prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, adoptions, divorce, custody, paternity, guardianship, and other child-related matters. The practice is unique in that Erin Connell, co-managing partner and former U.S. Air Force Captain, has significant experience assisting military families with divorce and other family law matters, including relocation, international deployment, and Hague Convention

issues. Connell understands the complexities involved with military and international family law cases. “These family law cases require a much broader understanding and knowledge of federal and international law,” says Connell. “We have provided legal services to military and other families throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, and South America.”

When families have children with disabilities, the firm is also experienced in special education due process cases. Its attorneys ensure children obtain the school services they require and have access to resources. Michael has

represented victims of school shootings, children abused by school staff, and hundreds of children with disabilities under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

“It is extremely rewarding to assist families who felt they had no options and have for years unsuccessfully attempted to resolve matters on their own,” says Michael. “If a family’s child is not appropriately qualified for special education, is not receiving appropriate educational services, is struggling with school, has disciplinary problems, or has health care issues that require in-home education services, we are here for them.”

### Always by Your Side

Clients recognize the passion and empathy of Connell Michael Kerr’s attorneys, and they return when future legal services become necessary.

“We have lifelong clients because we treat them as family members,” adds Connell. As trusted advisors and counselors, clients receive education and guidance throughout the entire legal process to make the experience far less stressful and much more positive for all involved.

Whether implementing literacy programs for children struggling with reading or assisting overseas military families through the divorce process, the attorneys at Connell Michael Kerr truly make a difference. “I love giving families an advocate in their corner as they work to make the world a better place. It is very impactful,” says Michael.

“Family and education law impact the most important aspects of peoples’ lives, their finances, and their children’s well-being,” adds Connell. “We understand the significance of these responsibilities.”

