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Attorney at Law

As the founder of Schaffer Family Law Group, APC, Sarah Schaffer has built her practice and reputation on one sure foundation: results. Certified by the State Bar of California as a Family Law Specialist, she is one of a select handful of attorneys who can identify themselves as certified specialists in California.

Sarah is known for her legal expertise and courtroom savviness, her calm and compassionate demeanor, and her ability to obtain favorable results for her clients. Her experience includes representing clients in challenging, high-conflict family law matters, including difficult child custody disputes and complex community property division for high-net-worth clients.

Sarah is also a certified collaborative divorce practitioner. Collaborative Divorce is an Alternative Dispute Resolution process that provides divorcing parties the opportunity to reach a creative settlement that meets the needs of the family.

In addition to her law degree, Sarah earned a Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.) in taxation. Prior to becoming an attorney, Sarah worked as a tax consultant with Big Four accounting firm Ernst & Young. Her background allows her to not only understand and assist clients with their tax and financial planning needs, but also gives her the ability to ensure their assets are adequately protected.

Earlier in her career, Sarah served in the United States Marine Corps, spending five years working as a Logistics Officer in Okinawa, Japan, and Quantico, Virginia. Today, she continues to serve as Deputy Director, Reserve Legal Support, Headquarters Marine Corps, Judge Advocate Division, Washington, D.C. Because of her



military experience and background, military families appreciate and trust in Sarah's ability to guide them through various family law issues that are specific to service members.

Sarah formed Schaffer Family Law Group in 2011 after practicing law at a well-known San Diego law firm. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University, majoring in Spanish and International Relations, and graduating with departmental honors. During this time, she spent a year studying at the University of Salamanca in Spain. She earned both her Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degree from the University of San Diego.

She is actively involved with Casa Cornelia Law Center, a public interest law firm providing quality pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations, and Kids Turn, a non-profit organization supporting children and parents experiencing family separations or military transitions.

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