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BARNES & DIEHL, PC IS Virginia's largest law firm dedicated to family law. Their clients are made to be a part of a team of some of the state's brightest and most celebrated attorneys. The firm, which has offices in Richmond and Chesterfield, handles

all issues pertaining to divorce, adoption, estate planning, and pre-nuptial agreements, as well as other legal practice areas, including criminal defense and personal injury, as well as all facets of appeals in state and federal courts.

THE TEAM APPROACH IS ONE THAT has served clients well for more than three decades, and has helped the firm to turn each case into an ongoing conversation in which clients take part in every decision and preparative step. Attorneys recognize that they are dealing with some of the most intimate issues that people can face, and remain mindful not only of the legal issues, but of the emotional issues involved. Through open communication and a focus on collaboration, clients are able to achieve resolution in as peaceful a manner as possible. "In many cases, we can see the physical improvement of our clients as they progress. They often come in depressed or anxious, and gradually that dissipates as they go through the process with the firm," says Founder Edward Barnes.

ALL OF THE FIRM'S EIGHTEEN LAWYERS are active in continuing legal education, acting as speakers, lecturers, and faculty for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Virginia State Bar, Virginia Bar Association, and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, among other organizations. Three of the firm's partners—Edward D. Barnes, Lawrence D. Diehl, and Brian H. Jones—also act as Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, an organization composed of leading practitioners in family law.

THE FIRM HAS ALSO PRODUCED A great many authors on matters pertaining to their practice, most famously Mr. Diehl's authoritative book *Virginia Practice Family Law: Theory, Practice, and Forms*, now in its eighteenth edition. Leslie Ann Shaner also recently authored the critically acclaimed *Divorce in the Golden Years* which was published by the American Bar Association.

FOUR OF THE FIRM'S ATTORNEYS have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*: Edward D. Barnes, Lawrence D. Diehl, Brian H. Jones, and Michael HuYoung.

EDWARD D. BARNES HAS BEEN NAMED as "Virginia Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business Magazine*, and as the "Top Family Lawyer in the City of Richmond and the Region" in 2001 *Richmond Business Magazine*. He is on faculty at the University of Richmond School of Law, where he teaches Ethics and Family Law, and is also Founder and Chairman of the National Center for Family Law at the University of Richmond.

LAWRENCE D. DIEHL IS ONE OF Virginia's most well-recognized family lawyers, and a prolific author and lecturer on the subject. He was named the 2010 Richmond Family Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section.

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