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**E**ven under the best of circumstances, a divorce is a highly transformative experience, and Certified Family Law Specialist, Stacy Phillips, author of *Divorce: It's All About Control—How To Win the Emotional, Psychological and Legal Wars*, approaches each client with this campsite rule in mind: Leave the person better than you found them.

**"I HELP PEOPLE GET THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME** and in the process I like to think I help them come out the other end a more complete person," she says. "I also help them gain a stronger foundation and better understanding of who they are along with a greater sense of personal and financial independence." Listed by *Lawdragon* as one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America," and among the *Los Angeles Daily Journal's* "Top 75 Female Litigators in California," Phillips also is listed as one of "The 50 Most Powerful Women in Los Angeles Law" and named on the short list of the "Best of the Bar" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*.

Ms. Phillips' high profile and celebrity client list has made her a frequently seen figure in the media, although in that regard she has a firm comprehension of her role as a spokesperson. "I'm fine talking to the press about anybody who is not my client, but I'm extremely protective and closed mouthed about my own clients, unless I am asked to do so by my client," she says.

**OUTGOING AND FIERCELY LOYAL** to

those fortunate enough to find themselves in her circle, Ms. Phillips' motivations lie in her relationships—"the key to life"—an outlook that has virtually defined her among those who know her. As a managing partner at Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra, LLP, she is thankful that her personable approach works to her benefit. "While I realize there is a fine line that should not be crossed when dealing with clients in order to remain objective, I also know it is important to forge a sort of partnership that is collaborative in nature with those I represent in order to get the job done. In my line of work, a careful blend of the two is critically important."

**AN UNABASHED MATCHMAKER IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE**, she hosts monthly luncheons, alternating between coed and all-women attendance, with the goal of bringing together people and partnerships of similar minds and interests and then letting nature take its course; these innate introduction and pairing skills have resulted in business and personal partnerships, even marriages. Phillips' desire to create new connections among friends, family and colleagues is borne not out of any specific design or business success, but rather a desire to surround herself with the best, most stimulating people, and to be a support system and coach for those who seek her wisdom and counsel. "My relationships are what drive me," she says.

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**FIRM FACT:**

Ms. Phillips and two close friends co-host an annual "Power Relaxation Day", a spa-and-dinner gathering of strong and powerful women that enables new personal and professional relationships to flourish amongst individuals. Now in its ninth year, the event sees women flying to Southern California from all across the nation.



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