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**THERE** are ways to minimize the psychological and financial impact of the divorce process, and it takes a special kind of lawyer to navigate turbulent circumstances that surround such a life-altering experience. Those at Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra strive to achieve just resolutions for their clients, all the while offering the encouragement and support to get their clients through such troubled times.

You will find this kind of lawyer at Los Angeles-based Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra, L.L.P., one of the nation's preeminent family law firms. Its multifaceted team of highly trained professionals represents a broad range of clients, nationally and internationally, including high-profile celebrities in film, television, music, sports and politics, as well as wealthy business professionals and homemakers. Each case has its own set of issues and the attorneys at PLLJ give careful attention to each case, knowing that every individual's family and marital problems require the utmost consideration. The attorneys at PLLJ Law have achieved impressive results, including numerous landmark victories.

Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra recognizes that family-law matters require special handling whether they are complex marital-dissolution proceedings, paternity actions, domestic violence, guardianships, spousal and child support, child custody or visitation disputes,

(local, national and international). This focus holds especially true when children are involved because they often need special care to get through the tumultuous process of divorce. Moreover, the attorneys — although formidable litigators — strive to promote a collaborative approach in the practice of family law. Their initial intent is to always work toward a reasonable resolution. However, should a case require an assertive strategy, the attorneys at PLLJ are fully capable of taking a case the distance, often to trial.

Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra attorneys are keenly attuned to the emotional duress and the financial difficulties that can accompany divorce. As such, they make a point of working with their clients with these concerns at the forefront.

Phillips, Lerner, Lauzon & Jamra's highly experienced partners, associates, paralegals and energetic team of experienced assistants, bring a variety of skills and expertise to the table. As part of its service, the firm seeks to match each client to the most appropriate attorney. Though each of the firm's attorneys are seasoned litigators, all are also experienced mediators and negotiators who go to great lengths to choose the most practical and viable approach to handling every case and do so on a highly-personalized and individual basis.



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## **Stacy D. Phillips, Partner**

An author, a frequent contributor to *Divorce Magazine* and a member of *Divorce Magazine's* Advisory Board, Ms. Phillips, a Certified Family Law Specialist, is a seasoned family law attorney whose practice has run the gamut from high-net-worth clients to celebrities. Ms. Phillips was named as one of California's top women litigators in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and has been listed by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* among the 50 most powerful women in Los Angeles law. In 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, Ms. Phillips was selected as one of Southern California's Super Lawyers, and in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 one of the "Top 50 Female Super Lawyers in Southern California." In 2006, 2007 and 2008, she was selected one of the Top Super Lawyer 100 Vote-getters. In 1998, she was also one of only 20 under the age of 40 that was named as a top attorney in Southern California by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She is also listed as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*. In 2007 and 2008, LawDragon ranked her among its "Top 500 Lawyers" in the country. Her practice involves complex litigation in all areas of family law, including dissolution of marriage, legal separation, custody, paternity, and high-conflict cases. AV-rated by the *Martindale-Hubbell Registry*, Phillips is a much sought after source for commentary on family law issues, mediation, and business development by those in the media, as well as those within the family law and legal communities. A member of many not-for-profit boards of directors, Ms. Phillips is also the author of *Divorce: It's All About Control — How to Win the Emotional, Psychological and Legal Wars*.



## **Peter A. Lauzon, Partner**

Mr. Lauzon has extensive expertise in family law litigation and international and interstate custody cases. In 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, Mr. Lauzon was selected as one of Southern California's Super Lawyers. He has represented numerous actors, actresses and entertainment executives. His reputation as a tough and fair litigator promotes settlement in both large and small cases. Mr. Lauzon has successfully litigated cases that involve international custody issues with Canada, Finland, Norway, France and Australia, and is highly regarded for his knowledge of international law issues governing child custody and child abduction. He is AV-rated by the *Martindale-Hubbell Registry*.



## **Marc Lerner, Partner**

An attorney for more than three decades, Mr. Lerner is known as a strong litigator and for his ability to prevail in court trials. Mr. Lerner received international attention for the much-publicized

case he won involving the woman who won the lottery and kept the proceeds secret from her estranged husband. The judge subsequently awarded the husband — Mr. Lerner's client — the entire \$1.6 million windfall. In 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Mr. Lerner was selected as one of Southern California's Super Lawyers. Also known as an outstanding family law mediator, he enjoys an AV rating in the *Martindale-Hubbell Registry* and has also practiced real-estate, contract, and transactional law.



## **Grace A. Jamra, Partner**

Ms. Jamra deals with all aspects of family law including complex dissolution matters, paternity, guardianship, and adoption cases. In 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Ms. Jamra, AV-rated by the *Martindale-Hubbell Registry*, was selected as one of Southern California's Super Lawyers. She has authored many legal articles including "MCLE Self-Study: New Procedures and Protections in Family Law" for California Lawyer, and "Yours or Ours" for the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She has also spoken on numerous family-law issues before various professional groups. She has been recognized for her contributions and accomplishments in the field of family law by *Strathmore's Who's Who* (Millennium Edition). She has many professional affiliations and is the founder and past president of the Whittier College of Law Alumni Network. In 2008 she was honored by Whittier College School of Law as Attorney of the Year.



## **Azita Avedissian, Partner**

Ms. Avedissian has extensive and diverse experience specializing in complex family law matters. Ms. Avedissian has represented a multitude of high net worth individuals, including prominent clients in the business sector and entertainment industry. In addition, she has represented clients on precedent-setting family law matters. Ms. Avedissian brings to the firm her international background and experience which she has honed through her studies in comparative and international family law which she completed through the Dickinson School of Law at the University of Florence, Italy. Ms. Avedissian is dedicated to serving her clients by offering options ranging from practical resolution of complicated disputes to aggressive litigation, when necessary. The focus of Ms. Avedissian's work in the area of family law is often related to complex custody litigation. In that realm, she has contested psychological evaluations, dealt with issues related to discovery of electronically stored information, and handled the intricacies involved in litigation as they pertain to complex business valuations. Ms. Avedissian is fluent in French, Farsi (Persian) and Armenian, is a past board member of the Armenian National Committee of America and is actively involved in the community.