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Sound Advice for Families in Transition

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Transitions are almost always very difficult. Any time a family law attorney is needed, you can bet there is a lot of emotion involved, and many times that emotion is anger. The attorneys at Gearing, Rackner & Engel, one of the premier family and matrimonial law firms in Portland, believe getting past those emotions to the heart of the matter is the most important part of their job.

Many clients come to the firm with some level of uncertainty about the process they're about to undergo. Oftentimes, they've been getting advice from well-meaning family and friends. As a result, many clients begin the process with objectives or expectations that are tainted or unrealistic. Gearing, Rackner & Engel attorneys start by delivering professional legal advice. They provide truthful, honest information so clients can become more grounded and better able to navigate the legal system.

Change within the basic family unit is challenging. A good family law practitioner helps guide a client in creating a

palatable new outcome that contributes to the ongoing vitality of the family unit.

Experienced and Involved

Although Gearing, Rackner & Engel just celebrated its third anniversary, its history goes back much further. The nucleus of the firm has been together for a very long time. Laura Rackner and David Gearing have been practicing together for almost 20 years. Gearing, Rackner and Engel's four founding partners share nearly 70 years of cumulative experience in subjects such as dissolution, child custody, parenting time, relocation, complex high-asset property and support issues, domestic violence, pre-marital/postmarital/cohabitation agreements, guardianships, conservatorships, adoptions, grandparent and third-party parenting rights, and juvenile dependency issues.

In addition to its tradition of providing quality legal services, the firm is well known for its commitment to the community. Its attorneys are frequent volunteers for many youth organizations and charities in the area, and they are always quick to

respond to court requests for pro bono representation of children. Gearing and Rackner also co-authored the child custody curriculum utilized by the Oregon State Bar's Continuing Legal Education Program.

Gearing, Rackner and Engel's trademark is its investment in the welfare of both its clients and its community. It imparts honest, legally sound advice throughout the attorney-client relationship. The firm believes that consistent advice dampens emotion and increases a client's ability to make sound personal and business decisions during challenging transitional times. This shared ethic best defines Gearing, Rackner and Engel.



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