



## John P. O'Malley

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John O'Malley is a Certified Family Law Specialist\* who helps clients navigate the extraordinarily complex and emotionally challenging landscape of family law.

His practice includes dissolution of marriage, legal separation, domestic partnership dissolutions, paternity, child custody, child support, spousal support and domestic violence proceedings. He has specific proficiency in drafting and reviewing pre-marital and post-marital agreements, step-parent adoptions and name-change proceedings. John's clients literally come from all walks of life ranging from surgeons, lawyers, politicians, lobbyists, general contractors and professional athletes to middle-class salaried employees and homemakers.

John is a successful courtroom attorney, having adeptly handled dozens of contested trials and hundreds of short cause non-evidentiary hearings. But as much success as John has had in court, he is particularly proud of the settlements he has reached outside of court through mediation and negotiations. John has four children, and he approaches every case sensitive to the fact that the decisions his clients make will have an indelible impact on the family unit. So while John is an aggressive advocate, he balances his competitive spirit with keeping his clients focused on the long term effect their choices will have on their families' future.

Before attending law school, John worked in a highly competitive commission sales environment, where he consistently ranked in the top 1% of sales persons for a national electronic sales company. That experience helped John develop communication and negotiation skills that he puts to use as a lawyer for his clients, achieving excellent results through carefully planned negotiations.

When John is not working or spending time with his family, he devotes his energy to giving back to his community through activities such as Rotary and through service on the Executive Committee to the Sacramento Family Law Section. John is also an avid runner, having completed 7 marathons including the 2013 and 2015 Boston Marathons. John uses his running time to strategize and focus on his cases.

\*Certified Family Law Specialist, California Board of Legal Specialization

## Professional Affiliations

### Professional, Community and Pro Bono Involvement:

- ▶ Member, Woodland Sunrise Rotary Club, 2008–Present
- ▶ Board Member, UC Davis School of Law (King Hall) Alumni Board of Director, 2009–Present
- ▶ Member, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, 2003–Present
- ▶ Executive Committee Member, Sacramento County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2016–Present, 2018 Section Chair
- ▶ Member, Sacramento County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 1999–Present
- ▶ Former Board Member, Yolo Wayfarer Center, 2008–2012
- ▶ Former Member, Anthony M. Kennedy Inns of Court, 2004–2005

### Honors and Rankings

- ▶ Certified Family Law Specialist, California Board of Legal Specialization
- ▶ Best of the Bar, Family Law, Sacramento Business Journal, 2014–2016
- ▶ Northern California Super Lawyers, 2017 and 2018

### Education

- ▶ J.D., University of California at Davis School of Law, 1998
- ▶ B.A., *summa cum laude*, California State University, Fresno, 1993

### Bar Admissions

California, 1998

### Court Admissions

United States District Court Eastern District of California

### Languages

Spanish, Conversational