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Stephanie Blum: A big picture approach to family law

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At the age of 12, Stephanie Blum had made up her mind to be a divorce lawyer. "I'm perfectly fine with high conflict or dramatic situations, where emotions run high," she says, adding that her parents went through a divorce while she was a kid.

A New York native, Stephanie came to Los Angeles for law school and earned her JD from USC in 1994. (She spent her undergrad years at Cornell University.)

Now a partner at the boutique law firm Reuben Raucher & Blum (RRB), she has practiced family law for more than 25 years. Her commitment to clients, strategic vision, and access to RRB's broad legal expertise make her a standout in the field. In December 2024, Stephanie was recognized by the Los Angeles Times' Influential Women magazine. Other recent honors include:

- Legal Visionary – 2024 Los Angeles Times' Business of Law magazine
- 500 Leading Family Lawyers – Lawdragon 2024, 2025
- Inspirational Women Awards – Los Angeles Times' B2B Publishing 2024
- Super Lawyers 2012-2024
- Top Family Law Attorney – Daily Journal 2024
- Best Lawyers in America – Best Lawyers® 2024

Stephanie's empathy, ability to think outside the box, and relentless dedication help her resolve immediate issues while setting up her clients and their families for long-term success. As she puts it: "I can help make a difference, especially when kids are involved."

Stephanie's approach is guided by the big picture. Knowing that divorce impacts families in profound ways and that her work can change lives for the better—or the worse, she takes a strategic, long-term view to meet her clients' goals.

She once worked with a businessman who had lost custody of his child after years of ineffective representation. Stephanie quickly shifted the trajectory of his case by using practical, child-centered solutions, which included: immediately restoring monitored visitation rights; engaging a forensic and clinical psychologist to provide insights into the family



dynamics; securing a parenting coach for the client; and obtaining recommendations for a therapist the child could see.

Stephanie achieved a resolution in a three-hour mediation that otherwise likely would have taken 18 months and cost \$200,000 through the courts. Ultimately, Stephanie helped the client regain custodial time with his child and take steps toward a 50/50 custody arrangement. Not only did she save her client significant time, money, and emotional distress, but also she paved the way for a more cooperative co-

parenting relationship.

In fact, Stephanie tries to resolve cases through mediation whenever possible, always striving to protect children and preserve resources. Mediation is often faster, less expensive, and less adversarial than court proceedings.

Stephanie's strategic thinking is complemented by creative problem-solving. Her extensive expertise and willingness to go above and beyond often lead her to fix issues caused by prior counsel.

Stephanie recalls a client who came to her after his first attorney lost a domestic violence hearing, despite evidence showing his wife was the aggressor. Stephanie leveraged RRB's full-service litigation capabilities to file a notice of appeal, thus preserving the client's rights and ensuring the adverse ruling could no longer prejudice the client's case. Starting a new path, he could secure the children's health, safety, and welfare.

Clients who choose RRB will find that a full-service litigation firm offers unique advantages. RRB's multidisciplinary expertise sets it apart from traditional family law firms. The firm's ability to handle civil litigation and appellate work alongside family law cases means no opportunity to protect a client's rights is missed.

For example, Stephanie and her partner Tim Reuben reversed a trial court's orders on child support, attorney's fees, and discovery sanctions. When a mother lacked financial resources to fight for her rights, Stephanie secured funding for the appeal. Tim persuaded the appellate court to grant a new trial, overturn sanctions, and allow the mother to seek additional attorney fees. Stephanie then obtained a significant settlement for the mother and her child.

RRB's diverse capabilities allow the firm to deliver exceptional results, even in the most difficult cases.

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