Christina Lamm:

Many law firms are all about the bottom line, and here it's not really about that. Ellen and everyone else who works here really cares about each individual client, and it's really important to me.

Speaker 2:

I help my clients solve problems. I help them be relieved of the burdens that they feel when they're not sleeping at night because they think they are going to lose everything that they have spent a lifetime putting together.

Miriam Hertzson:

I really like that Makofsky has been able to deal with all of the complexities in a way that is really helpful for us.

Speaker 2:

We understand how families operate. I first started law school when my children were young. Law seemed a perfect fit for me. I like to think deep problems, and I love to help people solve big issues for them that have been bothering them. It feels good to relieve clients of their anxieties, knowing there's a plan in place to take care of them.

Deidre M. Baker:

In a given week, we can meet with a young family that has children, and they're concerned about what happens if, God forbid, something happened to them. And later that same week we can meet with a client who's in his or her 90s and is just doing estate planning for the first time. So I feel that it's an area of the law that, although we call it elder law, people of all ages really can benefit from it.

Speaker 2:

Getting services and Medicaid benefits for clients have become much more difficult as the laws and regulations have tried to tighten and tighten. I've done a lot of research to make sure that my clients always get what they're entitled to.

Paul Amundson:

Everybody's situation is different. Your finances are different. Family dynamics is different. Your needs are different. Ellen sat me down and wanted to know all of these things, and we came up with a game plan. What did I want? And what could she do to help me? We got my wife on Medicaid, and it was the best thing I ever did.

Speaker 2:

At the Makofsky Law Group, we are mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, daughters. We have a really strong team of women, attorneys and staff.

Lisa R. Valente:

It was never intentional that we were an all women office, just happens to be the great people who've walked through the doors and happened to be women, and it's the right fit for us. I definitely think we bring a sense of compassion and support to our clients that they're looking for.

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Christina Lamm:

We're able to, if something, if an answer doesn't come to us right away, we're able to bounce it off of Ellen or off of Deidre and come back and get a better approach on something.

Deidre M. Baker:

There's people that have been here for literally half their lives, so the fact that people feel that they're appreciated, that they're a part of a team, and that they don't want to leave, I think speaks volumes to how Ellen runs her practice.

Lisa R. Valente:

It just shows that we're devoted to our clients. We are devoted to the firm providing the best service to our clients. We work really great together, and it's really a team effort around here, and I think that's important to the client in the end.