

# When What Matters...are Matters of the Heart!

*By Janet Bohling*

Matters of the heart are personal and private. When to start a family and with whom are decisions that government is not involved in, and rightly so. Yet, law governs other types of family matters such as divorce or adopting a child. Some family law processes can be handled without counsel, and some such as divorce and child custody require the expertise of a knowledgeable, skilled attorney. However, when we find ourselves in need of counsel regarding our families, we want someone who is indeed competent, but also someone who genuinely cares about our most personal matters.

Enter, Attorney Robin Rose Buxton. Robin's desire to become an attorney began at the age of 10. Just as you are now, I was stunned! I was still playing dolls and drawing pictures of my future wedding gown at that age. Yet, Robin's focus from that tender age onward remained steadfast. After Robin graduated from High School she entered Middlesex Community College and received an Associates Degree of Science. From there, with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology, Robin received an undergraduate degree from UMass Lowell. While serving as a Paralegal in a Boston law firm, Robin attended Suffolk University, and in 2004 earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. Needless to say, fortitude is a hallmark of Robin's character; a trait that has benefited her clients for over a decade.

Robin's primary focus is family law and she represents a wide range of clients with various needs. She has years of experience in all matters, including divorce, child custody and support, and domestic relations. In addition, Robin is proficient in probate/estate planning, civil law and criminal defense. Robin has a reputation of paying close attention to her clients. She is proactive, readily available and takes immediate action when warranted. No chasing this woman down! She's on top of things. In fact, the two things I noticed first about Robin was her intense passion for her clients, and her sense of justice. Those are qualities you can't acquire in college. Rather, they are something within your core. It is this strong sense of justice and passion that drives Robin to advocate for her clients



vigorously and protectively as she has single handedly achieved successful resolutions for countless numbers of clients. And yet, she champions her clients as a supportive advocate with all the sensitivity needed for family matters.

As a peacemaker, Robin is a problem solver and savvy negotiator. She will not back down...ever! She is a gifted and perceptive contender. Which brings me to the third and fourth things I noticed about Robin. She is highly intelligent and extremely compassionate. Two heterogeneous traits not often found to the same degree. For clients in need of a family law attorney, this time in their lives is dynamic, perplexing, and often very emotional. An intelligent adjudicator is needed to help navigate the legal environment. No concern there. Robin is astute and possesses copious mediation skills. Robin is also sensitive to her client's financial condition. She makes every attempt to minimize costs, obstructions, and acrimony so that an attractive settlement can be made. Nevertheless, when not voluntarily attainable, Robin's proficient trial skills are asserted to protect and advance her client's interests in the court of law.

In addition to her private practice, Attorney Buxton devotes a portion of her time to the Committee of Public Counsel Services (CPCS), Children And Family Law (CAFL) division. This gives her the opportunity to educate indigent people on their legal rights and to provide her legal expertise to a diverse clientele, including children. This critical role affects every family member. To the struggling parent, Robin's expertise can mean the difference between reunification or termination of parental rights. To a child in need of counsel, Robin's expertise may indeed mean the pathway to a better life. Needless to say Attorney Buxton does not take her role lightly. And as you may well imagine by now, Robin's mother bear like style is deployed to defend her client's position, especially that of an innocent.

To the core, Attorney Buxton is honest, intelligent, passionate, and formidable. She has indeed earned the titles, Defender of Rights, Diplomatic Peacemaker, Honest Representative, and A Friend In Time Of Need. She is well respected in the courts and has earned the highest regard of her peers.

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