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The One-Two Punch of San Diego Family Law

Antonyan Miranda LLP

wo powerhouse attorneys have joined forces to form one of the largest family law firms in Southern California: Antonyan Miranda LLP. Prior to the merger, both Antonyan and Miranda had launched successful family law practices. "This was not a merger of necessity but of want," says Timothy Miranda. "We have similar professional objectives and complementary skill sets. Working together makes us that much stronger and provides our clients with a robust quiver of legal options."

In fact, says Ilona Antonyan, "In this case, one plus one equals

three. The sum of the parts, including resources and legal acumen, is greater than the parts alone."

The team is comprised of five Certified Family Law Specialists and many attorneys and administrative staff that are fluent in English, Spanish, Russian, and Farsi. Their high-tech, 8,000-square-foot office is located directly across from the downtown courthouses.

The firm handles all aspects of family law, from basic divorces to complex property division, domestic violence cases, and high net worth estates, with clientele ranging from housewives to CEOs and professional athletes. Setting them

apart from their peers, Antonyan and Miranda also have extensive experience with jury trials. Prior to exclusively focusing on family law, Antonyan was also a civil litigation plaintiff's attorney, and Miranda focused on criminal defense. While Antonyan won multimillion dollar verdicts, Miranda secured notguilty verdicts for attempted murder.

"We have the background, scale, and courtroom experience to handle just about anything, even very large cases," says Miranda.

Antonyan has been selected as a Super Lawyer® Rising Star for both 2015 and 2016, and both she and Miranda have a "Superb" Avvo

rating. Antonyan currently serves as a Director for the San Diego County Bar Association® Board of Directors and is also an Adjunct Family Law Professor at California Western School of Law. Both have been recognized as top attorneys by the local media. "Tim is the first one there in the morning, and I am the last one to leave. We're a good team," says Antonyan.

Working together

Background Stories: What Makes Them Great

Antonyan, an Armenian refugee, completed both her undergraduate and law degrees in just four and a half years and became the youngest person in California ever to be named a Certified Family Law Specialist. She's an active community member and spends time volunteering, including serving as a Judge Pro Tem in both Family and Small Claims Court. "Don't let the good deeds fool you. Ilona packs quite a wallop. She's got a jackhammer in her briefcase," jokes Miranda.

Before becoming an attorney, Miranda launched several businesses and also held senior executive positions at multinational corporations. This nontraditional path lends him unique perspective: "I've been in the trenches and have personally experienced a lot of the situations clients are going through," he says. Miranda's background, work ethic, and selfdescribed "hate to lose" mentality make him a "formidable opponent," says Antonyan.

