



Ron Ousky
Attorney & Mediator

Ron Ousky has been working with families since 1982 and is recognized internationally for his ability to help people facing divorce make the best choice for their family. He has extensive experience in every area of family law, from litigation and traditional negotiation, to Collaborative Divorce, mediation, and unbundling. Ron's primary focus has been on

helping individuals find innovative ways to resolve their issue. The American Bar Association recognized his work in these areas by awarding him the John W. Cooley Lawyer as Problem Solver award in 2015. Ron is also the co-author of the Collaborative Way to Divorce, a groundbreaking book, written with Stu Webb, the founder of Collaborative Practice, to help couples achieve the best outcome for their families. The primary focus of Ron's current practice is to help individuals and couples understand their options so that they can make the decisions that will make a difference for their family.



Megan Yates
Attorney & Mediator

Megan has been working with families in transition since joining Ousky Law Office in 2008. Megan is an Associate Attorney who has a knack for sifting through overwhelming and confusing situations and for focusing in on what matters most. Megan's practice focuses exclusively on family law matters, including divorce and adoption. Megan wholeheartedly believe that each client's situation

is unique, and therefore, process choices should be tailored to meet the specific needs of each family. As such, she helps clients reach resolutions using Collaborative Law, mediation, and a variety of unbundled legal service options.

Megan is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota, and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP). Megan is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota. Finally, Megan enjoys presenting on a variety of topics related to Collaborative Law and is a frequent presenter at the Annual Networking and Educational Forum of the IACP and at Daisy Camp, a trusted resource for helping women facing divorce.



Informed decisions. Better outcomes.

Helping individuals and families make the best possible choices during difficult times.

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Family Law Services

Over the past three decades, Ousky Law Office has helped thousands of families through a variety of methods. We have the resources and flexibility to help a wide range of families from the most simple divorce cases to matters with complex issues and significant resources. Our primary expertise is in the following three areas of family law practice:

Collaborative Family Law

A Collaborative Divorce is one in which each spouse retains a lawyer for settlement purposes only, allowing the couple to have the benefits of an amicable divorce along with the reassurance of separation advocacy. Collaborative Divorce focuses on helping the family get a more complete solution to their issues by having lawyers team up with financial experts and mental health professionals to address all of the family's needs. The primary focus of Collaborative Divorce is to give clients the opportunity to control the outcome of their divorce and to focus on what matters most.

Mediation

Mediation is a method in which the parties work through the divorce issues with the assistance of a neutral person. The mediator cannot represent either you or your spouse individually, but is committed to helping you reach agreements on issues. Mediation can mean many things; from a simple one-meeting mediation process without attorneys to several meetings, sometimes involving an integration of a team of professionals to address all your family's needs.

Unbundled Legal Services

We recognize and appreciate that not all individuals facing divorce need, want, and/or can afford to have a lawyer handle all aspects of their divorce on their behalf. One way to limit lawyer involvement (and reduce legal fees) is to limit the things your lawyer is asked to do for you.

Rather than having your lawyer provide the full "bundle" of things that lawyers do, (such as gather information, provide legal advice, negotiate, draft papers, go to court, etc.) you can perform some tasks on your own while asking your lawyer to do the things that you need a lawyer to do for you.

For example, you can gather your own information and even gather information from your spouse and negotiate some of your issues, and then have a lawyer advise you on other issues, negotiate a final resolution and draft the final papers. Go to <https://www.ousky.com/services/unbundled-legal-services/> for additional examples of our unbundled services.

Testimonials

"Ron Ousky embodies everything you'd want or need in a family law attorney: reasonable, trustworthy, caring, knowledgeable, and a tireless advocate for amicable and fair resolution. I worked with him in a very difficult case that continued over several years, have recommended him to others, and know he's still there if I ever need him again. He gets my highest recommendation."
-Patty Mitchell, Former Client

"Having had the privilege of working with Ron on collaborative family law cases for many years, I know what a skillful, creative, knowledgeable, and compassionate collaborative professional he is. Ron has impeccable integrity and depth. As a member of the Collaborative Law Institute, I have also benefited from his extraordinary leadership on collaborative law on a state, national, and international level. I highly recommend him as a collaborative attorney and mediator."

-Deborah Clemmensen, Psychologist/Neutral Child Specialist

"Mr. Ousky was very sincere but yet very professional in his handling of my divorce. If I had a list of divorce attorneys to give to a family member, friend, or a stranger on the street, Mr. Ron Ousky would be at the top of that list. My now 'separated family' is a very respectful and loving family as we all still care about each other... My former husband is happily remarried. Thanks to how our divorce was handled we are both happy for each other."

-Alicia Lahti, Former Client

"Ron is a shining light in the Collaborative Practice community both as a stellar visionary leader and as a collaborative attorney. In my experience with Ron as 'opposing counsel,' colleague, and friend, he has always been congenial, thorough, and effective in all that he does. Ron is committed to the highest standards of client service and a joy to work with in any role."

-Rebecca Picard, Mediator and Owner of Mediated Services

"Ron is a compassionate, caring lawyer who will help his clients separate the emotion of divorce from doing what is right and in the best interests of the family long term. I have recommended Ron to many individuals over the years and will continue to do so."

-Terrie Wheeler, President of Professional Services Marketing

"I was referred to Ousky Law Offices by a colleague who also used their services for a marital divorce matter. After consulting with them and a few other firms, I decided that they would be the best fit for my needs. During my initial consultation with Megan Yates, she asked the question "What does your family need from me?" to which I responded, "Confidence and calm." I knew this process would be arduous and time-consuming and I needed to create a stable environment for my children. Megan delivered that and more. A consummate professional, she answered communications in an efficient and timely manner with a tone of reassurance and tenacity. I felt heard and understood at all times. She took action swiftly and succinctly which allowed me to feel confident in her abilities and in the process itself. I would recommend Ousky Law Offices to anyone looking for a high quality and caring team of representation."

-Michael H., Client