

# Tradition on the Cutting Edge of Family Law

## *Drendel & Jansons Law Group*

**D**ivorce is rarely easy, especially when children, large sums of money, homes or businesses are at stake. The right team of attorneys, knowledgeable in family and business law, estate planning and related matters, can make a world of difference. Drendel & Jansons Law Group is such a team. For over 40 years, the Batavia, Illinois-based firm and its predecessors have helped countless clients put the past behind them and move on with their lives as smoothly and painlessly as possible.

“Our clients can count on us to do what is in their best interests,” says partner Kevin G. Drendel, whose father, Gilbert X. Drendel, practiced family law in Kane County from 1961 until his retirement in 2008 and currently serves of counsel to the firm.

Clients of Drendel & Jansons Law Group quickly learn they have done more than engage a team of attorneys to handle their divorce, develop an estate plan or represent them in a business matter. They have entered into a relationship with a group of professionals who truly care about them and their families.

“We approach each client as an individual and not just another case,” Drendel says. “We take the time to listen to what they have to say, and to tailor our representation to their specific needs and concerns.”

### **Best of Both Worlds**

Drendel and his colleagues like to say they offer clients – and the community – the best of both worlds: “tradition on the cutting edge.”

“We consider ourselves a throwback when it comes to professionalism, civility,



*Left to right: (standing) Roman Seckel, Edward J. Boula, III and Kevin G. Drendel; (seated) Carolyn D. Jansons, Lawrence W. Lobb and Mark D. Brent.*

integrity, idealism and giving back to the community,” he says. “At the same time, we practice on the cutting edge of technology and the law.” As a case in point, he notes that members of the firm were “way in front” with the new Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, blogging about it months before it became law. Carolyn D. Jansons, the other named partner in the Firm, says, “Other attorneys are asking us for help with the new statute.”

With deep roots in the local community, the firm boasts many past and current leaders of the Kane County Bar Association (KCBA), the oldest bar association in the state, including past Presidents Kevin Drendel (2003-2004) and his father (1976-1977), and continues the leadership with the next two presidents, Lawrence W. Lobb (2016-2017) and Jansons (2017-2018). Mark D. Brent has published material on family law for attorneys and non-attorneys. Most

attorneys in the Firm have published and presented at seminars for attorneys and are leaders in various capacities in the legal community and local community. Recent recognitions for that leadership include AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell (top 4%) 2012 (Drendel), Top 100 Family Attorneys in Illinois 2014 (Jansons), Top Rated Lawyers 2013 (Drendel), Top 1% National Association of Distinguished Council 2015 (Brent), Pro Bono Attorney of the Year in 2015 (Brent), Top Lawyer under 40 in Illinois 2015 (Seckel), Top 10 Family Lawyer by American Institute of Family Law Attorneys 2015 (Brent), and Leading Lawyers 2014, 2015 (Firm).

“We’re not just businesspeople; we’re professionals who take a personal interest in each of our clients and our community,” Drendel says.

“Our clients appreciate the fact that we’re responsive and personable, and I think they feel comfortable with us. At the same time, we are zealous advocates and skillful litigators who can put on the boxing gloves and fight with the best of them.” At Drendel & Jansons Law Group, clients always come first.

