



## MICHELLE MAY O'NEIL

**"AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTREPRENEUR, I UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE ISSUES THAT AFFECT BUSINESS OWNERS IN A DIVORCE."**

Attorney Michelle May O'Neil, named in this edition of *Super Lawyers*®, grew up in an entrepreneurial family. Both O'Neil's mother and father were small business owners and she worked in their businesses from a young age. For most of her 20 years as a family law attorney, she has headed her own firm. "When a business owner is getting a divorce, he or she should have an attorney who understands the day-to-day needs of running a business and can mesh those needs with the process of divorce," O'Neil says.

O'Neil has a team of experts available to help business owners in a divorce, such as valuation experts, financial planners and tax professionals. It is important, O'Neil believes, for business owners to understand the huge impact the value of the business' reputation versus owner's reputation can have on the divorce. "This difference is especially important to professionals like doctors, lawyers and accountants getting divorced," says O'Neil.

O'Neil has been board-certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1997. She has co-authored two books, *All About Texas Law and Kids* and *Basics of Texas Divorce Law* (available through Amazon), with a third book on parenting schedules to be published this year. She shares her thoughts on Texas family law issues via her Dallas Divorce Law Blog, [dallastxdivorce.com](http://dallastxdivorce.com).



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