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### We find money

With over 20 years of experience, Forensic Divorce Attorney and AAML Certified Family Law Arbitrator Jeffrey W. Brend knows that hidden assets, money laundering, and tax and bankruptcy fraud are rampant in divorce cases. His unique approach, can handle every legal and financial issue that your divorce case involves. Jeffrey has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer from 2007 to 2013, a LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell AV-rated attorney and one of America's Premier Attorneys featured in *Newsweek*, *Fortune Magazine* and on the Sky Radio Networks. Mr. Brend has mastered his skills as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner, Business Valuator and Child Representative. He currently serves as President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Illinois Chapter.

### An expert in the legal and financial aspects of divorce

"I'm the only person in the country who is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, an Accredited Senior Appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers, and an Accredited Business Valuator of the AICPA."

Brend is often retained by either party or appointed by the court as a financial expert. "Since I have litigated hundreds of family-law cases, I have an advantage as a financial expert. I understand what the court will want to hear, and alternatively, I understand what the divorce attorney will need in order to be prepared."

### Fulfilling all of the client's needs

With a sophisticated financial background, Brend saves clients time and money. "Our practice fulfills all of our clients' needs in

divorce, including tax, business valuations, forensic accounting estate planning, and collaborative law. We can do that work ourselves." Brend understands that clients and their children are undergoing great emotional strain "Have a good therapist help work through the emotional stress," he advises. "This will help and facilitate objective thinking and evidence."

### Effective in or out of court

Levin & Brend can resolve your divorce through settlement or litigation. "We have a simple philosophy in handling divorce: we're reasonable outside the courtroom, and advocates in the courtroom. We believe in fostering settlements without protracted litigation, because you should be respectful and professional with other attorneys at all times.." Brend is a member of the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois, but has an aggressive courtroom style. "When you litigate a case, you should play to win." He is also an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent Law and co-founder of the Daley Center's Court Facilitator Program, which provides experienced matrimonial lawyers that volunteer to help settle legal disputes in Cook County .

### Helping to change lives for the better

A versatile, detail-oriented attorney, Brend appreciates how family law can change clients' lives for the better. "Practicing family law gives me the opportunity to help people at the time of their greatest needs and emotional vulnerability," he says. His well-rounded background helps achieve a favorable result for every client, in or out of court.

Levin & Brend, PC. is located in Chicago, Illinois.



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