



LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN GASSNER

# A FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY WHO CAN ASSIST YOUR FAMILY IN TRANSITION

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# FIRM RESUME

Situated in [Upland](#), we represent clients whose cases arise in the Family Law in the Superior Courts of San Bernardino, Victorville, Riverside, and Pomona.

[Beverly](#) and Larry Gassner started Gassner & Gassner, a Family Law firm, in 1979. They mentored sons Stephen and Michael to become family law lawyers. Law was not Mr. Gassner's first career. Back then he worked as an Engineering Consultant in Computer Systems Engineering. (That's how he paid for Law School). Mr. Gassner was sworn in to the California State Bar in 1995, and joined the firm in 1999. For his whole legal career, Mr. Gassner has focused on Family Law and all types of legal matters that can arise between family members. That includes Divorce, Paternity, Child Support, Spousal Support, Property Division (including complex business property division), and International matters.

Law Office of Stephen Gassner emerged as a spin-off from Gassner & Gassner in 2012. Having brought the firm up to contemporary technology standards, and hired staff with extensive experience at preparing cases for hearings and trials, we are among the best Family Law Firms in the area.

Mr. Gassner is a Certified Family Law Specialist, certified by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. He is also a member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists and a member of the California Lawyers Association Family Law Section. A professional student at heart, Mr. Gassner continues to invest in attending advanced seminars and constantly reads and applies the law, often recognizing legal issues before opposing attorneys recognize them.

BA	Psychology. Pitzer College.	1984
MBA	National University	1989
JD	University of La Verne	1994
MIS	Claremont Graduate University	1997

We work with complex cases and simple cases too.

Strategy is everything. When hiring a Family Law Attorney, look for a firm that protects your assets, income, and the REAL best interests of your children.

When selecting an attorney, find one who carefully listens to, and understands your perspective; advises you on the psychology of the divorce process, and also opens your eyes to other important legal and logical perspectives. We can do this!

In case you are worried about the cost of hiring professionals, consider the expense of cleaning up a mistake after hiring amateurs. A specialist may be expensive but the results can be priceless.

# Family Residence Issues

There was one attorney who said his clients *always* got to live in the family residence during the divorce. There was another who said his clients were all housekeepers. They would marry a wealthy spouse, get divorced, divide the community property, and keep the house. (The business would go to the other spouse; it was amazing how the value of one would equal the other -- though, to be clear, that is certainly not the law).

But, realistically, there are problems that must be solved. When two cohabitants lose respect for one another, it can be impossible to continue to live under the same roof. When there is a relatively fixed amount of income which used to pay for *one* residence -- but now it must be used to pay for *two* residence, there might not be enough money to go around. Typically we try to address all that with child support and/or spousal support, but sometimes even that is unworkable.

It does not matter whether you have a beautiful house or a ghetto house. You get the same legal issues no matter where you put the decimal point in your annual income statement.

You will hear attorneys say that the residence cannot be sold until the end of the case. That can be true in many cases, but not always.

Clients come with questions like:

1. May I continue living in my home
2. Can I force her to sell the home?
3. The home is falling into a state of disrepair. What do I do?

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4. I just lost my kids to foster care. Does that mean I do not get child support anymore? If I do not get child support, then does my home fall into foreclosure?
5. My spouse left last week. May I change the locks now?
6. I was only gone for a week. She changed the locks. How do I get my stuff?
7. If I leave the house, will that be considered "abandonment?"
8. I have always paid the mortgage. Isn't it my house?
9. The house is in my name. Does that mean I can kick him out?
10. My parents paid the downpayment, but now they want me to pay them back.

Doesn't he have to pay half?

11. I got a domestic violence restraining order issued against me [before we were hired!]. Does that prevent me from regaining possession of the family residence?
12. It was my house before we got married, but we refinanced and now she is an owner. Now what?
13. Is this prenuptial agreement enforceable?
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