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Law Office of Marla Zide

MARLA ZIDE

Owner and Operator

Location: Glen Burnie, MD

Founded: 2011

Specialty: Family and domestic law

In her practice as a family and domestic lawyer, Marla Zide says assisting business clients, specifically those who own their businesses or are high-level executives, can be one of the most challenging types of cases. "In many instances," she says, "the exact valuation of the business, or the structure of compensation packages and fringe benefits, can prove nearly impossible for most practitioners to navigate."

During this year, Zide tried a case with a high-net-worth client who was facing a very challenging divorce. In the early stages of the case, Zide met with the client and decided on a strategy for the entire case. The purpose of the strategy was to minimize the client's financial exposure and maximize custodial access to a minor child. "Although there was a possibility that the strategy on custody could backfire," Zide says, "at trial our efforts were successful in painting the client as an involved parent who was willing to go to great lengths to spend the most time possible with the minor child." Zide serves on the board of the Women's Law Center of Maryland, where she works with businesses in the Baltimore community to support philanthropic efforts designed to empower and advance women at all levels.

QUICK TIP "Treating someone as you would want to be treated is seemingly simple. But, in the practice of law, those are truly words to live by."



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