

**YATES, MATTHEWS & EATON, P.C.**



**Promoting And Protecting Clients Rights**

HANDLING DIVORCE CASES REQUIRES “extreme diligence, attention to detail and sensitivity to a client’s needs, along with a commitment to serving the client,” says Yates, Matthews & Eaton shareholder Jeffrey Matthews.

**FAMILY LAW FOCUS** Armed with their knowledge of the law and a determination to put their clients’ needs first, the firm’s attorneys have been guiding families through the difficulty of divorce for decades. In addition to its divorce practice, the firm handles modification cases involving custody and parenting plans, as well as spousal and child support. The firm is also expert in enforcing family law judgments or defending clients against allegations of judgment violations. In addition, Yates, Matthews & Eaton has solid expertise in drafting and negotiating premarital agreements.

**SEEKING RESOLUTIONS** Through either direct negotiation with opposing counsel or increasingly through alternative dispute

resolution mechanisms, such as mediation, the firm helps clients resolve issues economically and as reasonably as possible, looking to the courtroom as the place of last resort. “It’s critical to maintain reasonable control over the process and over the results,” says Matthews. “That is best achieved when we can negotiate or mediate resolution.” However, when necessary, the firm’s attorneys are highly skilled advocates in the courtroom.

**STEWARDS OF THE COMMUNITY** In addition to participating in bar-related activities, the firm has championed hunger relief and CourtCare, a program that provides childcare in the Multnomah Courthouse for those who otherwise cannot afford it.

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