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THE LAW OFFICES OF DONALD P. SCHWEITZER ANNOUNCES PARTNER CASEY MARTICORENA'S CERTIFICATION AS A FAMILY LAW SPECIALIST

PASADENA, Calif. (Feb. 9, 2015) -- The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer (LODPS), Pasadena's premier family law firm, today announced that Partner Casey Marticorena has received her certification as a family law specialist. She joins the firm's Partner & Founder Don Schweitzer, and Partner Patrick Baghdaserians as a Certified Family Law Specialist.

"Becoming a Certified Family Law Specialist requires not only passing a rigorous test, similar to the bar exam, but demonstrating to the board the candidate has the ability and experience to handle cases with difficult issues," said Don Schweitzer, founder & partner, of the Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer. "Casey worked hard to become the professional she is today. I have worked with Casey during the past seven years and know she possesses a level of experience, knowledge, and skill that far exceeds the requirements to become a Certified Family Law Specialist. I am happy and proud of Casey's accomplishments and excited about what she has to contribute to our firm's ability to provide quality service to our clients."

Attorneys can apply for specialist certification after they have been in practice for at least five years and demonstrate a high level of experience in their area of law, including a minimum amount of trials, hearings, settlements, stipulations, and mediations. Certified specialists must complete over 45 hours of mandatory continuing legal education over a three-year period covering specific family law areas rather than the 25 hours non-specialist lawyers must complete every three years. Additionally, specialists have taken and passed a written examination akin to a one-day "mini-bar" examination, and positive third party evaluations from other attorneys and judges familiar with their work must take place for final certification.

"The journey to becoming a Certified Family Law Specialist is a professional achievement that I am honored to have accomplished," said Casey Marticorena, partner and certified family law

specialist, of the Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer. "I am grateful to be part of the elite and few California attorneys who have earned this distinction. I'm also thankful for the support of my family, my legal team at the firm and for the continued support and mentorship from Donald and Maria Schweitzer."

Ms. Marticorena began with the firm as Associate Attorney and was promoted to Partner of LODPS in December 2014. She handles various aspects of family law, including child custody disputes, child support, spousal support and division of property and domestic violence; and also helps with management of personnel, development of procedures and policy, and in the development of the firm's business.

Ms. Marticorena serves as a pro bono Family Law Mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Departments and is on the Pasadena Bar Association's 2015 Executive Board. She attended Southwestern University School of Law where she received a CALI Award for excellence in family law. While at Southwestern, she was an extern for the Target Crimes Division of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and the Judicial Extern to the Honorable Judge Amy M. Pellman of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Family Law Division.

Prior to Southwestern University, Ms. Marticorena attended the University of California, Irvine and graduated Cum Laude, receiving her Bachelor of Arts in behavioral psychology. Ms. Marticorena also graduated UC Irvine as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a prestigious national honors society.

About The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer

The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer is Pasadena's premier family law firm and one of the most respected in the Los Angeles area. Their specialized attorneys are experienced in all areas of family law and estate planning, supported by today's most advanced legal resources. Founded by a former police officer turned assistant district attorney, their responsiveness and expert team approach give their clients a favorable edge.

The firm is structured to respond rapidly and proactively. They handle every aspect of each case with the utmost in professionalism, integrity and respect. Principled advocates who will always put their client's best interests first, the Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer offers peace of mind every step of the way.

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