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**G**ary J. Gottfried practices family law—and only family law. At the prominent Ohio boutique law firm, the Law Offices of Gary J. Gottfried & Assoc., Gottfried and his stellar team of legal professionals are committed exclusively to the field.

“There isn’t an area of domestic relations we aren’t involved in,” says Gottfried, who is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association. “Our practice is 100 percent focused on family law.”

The attorneys excel in all aspects of domestic relations, including marriage, separation and divorce. “We advise clients before they get married through premarital agreements,” Gottfried explains. “But our role doesn’t end in the case of divorce. When another issue arises, be it related to a pension or inheritance, we continue to advocate tenaciously for our clients.”

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The law firm has been involved in numerous high-profile cases, which involve everything from international divorce and international child abduction to domestic partnership and same-sex relationship issues.

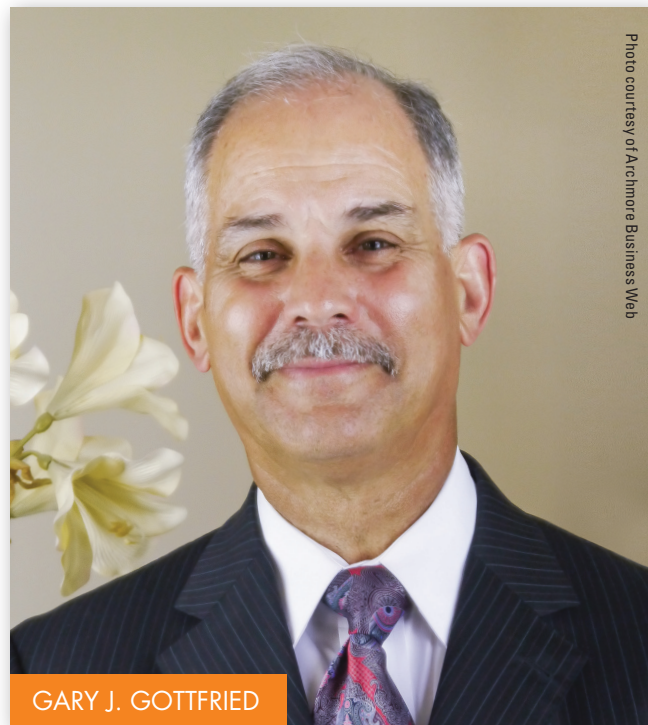
In 1992, Gottfried was lead counsel in one of the world’s leading cases related to the Hague Convention, a treaty signed by 89 nations on international child abduction. The case, *Frederich v. Frederich*, established the definition of habitual residence for a child. “It was the first case that really focused on that issue,” he says.

More recently, in 2011, the law firm tackled a complex case involving child custody and same-sex relationships. The client, while

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in a same-sex relationship with a woman, became pregnant by artificial insemination. The couple separated years after the birth of the child, spurring a battle for temporary custody.

“Ohio has not followed the national trend of recognizing same-sex marriage,” explains Gottfried. “For this reason, there are various legal issues that may arise.” The law firm fought relentlessly on behalf of the client, all the way to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

## DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

The attorneys draw from 40 years of experience, which has equipped them with outstanding problem-solving skills. “Through the years, we’ve developed our own procedures and have learned to look at cases in segments that make up a whole picture. We analyze each component, whether it’s related to child custody, paternity rights, domestic relations appeals or spousal support,” he says.

Gottfried, a frequent lecturer and co-author on matters of international and domestic family law, bases his practice on two principles: Always approach cases aggressively and always tell clients the truth.

“Clients want to hear the likelihood of success,” he says. “Our lawyers are well-prepared, know the law, know your case and are ready to advance the best arguments on your behalf.”

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