

MEET MICHELLE FITZGERALD,

HORIZONS LAW FIRM

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Whether it's attorney services, legal coaching or general consulting, Horizons Law Group offers expertise in a broad range of legal issues including bankruptcy, family law, wills and trusts, and even foreclosure defense and student loan protection.

Michelle says many people may not realize that an attorney can defend against foreclosure or student loan payments. An attorney can slow down the process or work something out with institutions to aid people struggling with payments due to medical issues or temporary unemployment.



Michelle Fitzgerald, attorney and owner of Horizons Law Group, has never been one to shirk a challenge, whether it's taking on a tough case or finding a unique approach to support her clients.

"I think a lot of attorneys will take the legal issue and just focus on motions they can make, versus looking at the

broader picture and seeing what all the options are available to the client," Michelle says.

Thinking outside the box is key in her approach to cases, in the services she provides and how she's set up her practice.

In divorce, for instance, Horizons Law Group can assist whether someone needs help in just filling out the forms or needs representation in regular litigation. "We also have options in between, such as mediation or collaborative," Michelle says. "So, it's a choice of how they want to proceed, which gives clients lots of control in being part of the decision-making process."

Horizons Law Group also provides coaching services for small claims cases. "We'll help someone get all their exhibits organized, or tell them what the court will listen to or won't listen to if they're choosing to go to court themselves," says Michelle.

Before becoming a lawyer, Michelle was a Milwaukee Public Schools teacher for seven years. "I think I bring an educational approach when I work with clients," she says. "I want them to be able to understand their matter, what they might be facing and also what options they have available."

"Take a Lawyer to Lunch" is part of that educational approach. It's a unique opportunity for people to get information before hiring an attorney. Prospective clients can ask questions, get tips and pointers, and get general information — all for the price of one lunch.

Horizons Law Group also offers once-a-month workshops at their Brookfield office on a variety of topics. Spring workshops will focus on real estate. The summer workshops will cover divorce and family law.

Michelle is married with two grown children. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Marquette University Law School. She started Horizons Law Group in 2000 — right out of law school. Many might consider that a brave and bold move for a newly minted attorney. Michelle says that's just the way she likes to do things.

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