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At the end of a case, I have never had a client doubt the value of having the appellate attorney like Shannon at our side.

The most difficult part about practicing family law is keeping clients' expectations in line with what the outcomes will be. So I found that litigation support with an appellate attorney is just so important and vital to the outcomes of this case. Shannon and I worked together for the first time on a case where we had an opposing counsel who was trying to make some very strategic decisions about the venue and venue in this particular case was very important. We brought her in and we were able to control the gamesmanship and in fact turn the whole ship around and bring the venue back to where it should be.

But in working with Shannon, what I've learned is that if you bring in the litigation support from the beginning, the appeal could move a lot faster and you can identify those issues. I have this feeling that there's a second mind, in fact a brilliant mind that's going to help me navigate the waters as we go. It also makes the client feel very comfortable because the client knows that she or he has two levels of attorney. She's got the top trial attorney there and then she's got the appellate attorney making sure that every word spoken, every action taken is a positive one for the outcome of the case.

Some appellate attorneys, they're writers, and they're very much introverted and into their thoughts but Shannon is able to articulate to the client what's happening, what will happen, what could possibly happen, and create those expectations unlike any other appellate attorney I've ever worked with.