

*"Alumni Profile: Lofty Litigation"*

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As a high profile divorce attorney in Los Angeles, Bob Nachshin '72 could easily find himself married to his work. "Clients are very demanding," he says. "They call all the time – nights, weekends, when I'm at home, even when I'm out riding my bike."

The fact that he is out riding his bike at all (albeit with a cell phone) reveals a kind of balanced life that one might not expect from someone involved in multimillion-dollar divorce cases. His own marriage has lasted close to 25 years, which he attributes to the fact that he and his wife, Monica Lipkin Nachshin, spend quality time together and work at their relationship.

Still, there's no mistaking the fact that Nachshin is driven toward success. If not clients such as Heather Locklear, Alana Sewart (Rod's wife) and the boxer Oscar de LaHoya would take their cases elsewhere.

Nachshin's goal is to have the largest family law firm in California. He and his partner, Scott Weston, support 12 employees, and their business is growing fast.

Nachshin didn't plan to specialize in family law, but after working on one particularly successful case for a large L.A. law firm, he was hooked. "I enjoy the fast-moving pace. You tend to get to trial quickly, and there's a tremendous amount of court time and contact with judges."

One of his more recent cases involved a professional baseball player, whose wife claimed that a prenuptial agreement signed the day before they were married was invalid. After three trials, Nachshin won with a ruling from the California Supreme Court. He says the case, which brought \$1 million in attorneys' fees, is now one of the leading cases on prenuptial agreements.

Nachshin says both Bucknell, where he majored in geography and political science, and Columbia University, where he earned degrees in law and international affairs, prepared him well for his career. "I was just as prepared (for law school) as students from Ivy League schools," he says.

Although the New York native loves California, he still has a strong allegiance to Bucknell. In fact, another one of his goals for the future is to have his children – Elana, 8, and R.J., 5 – follow in his footsteps and earn their degrees in Lewisburg.