

YAFFA & ASSOCIATES

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To raise a family, run a successful business, and adore the area where you live and work is truly a blessing.



For Doreen Yaffa, these lifelong dreams have wonderfully all come true.

For 30 years, one of South Florida's most prominent Board Certified Family Law attorneys has called Delray Beach and the surrounding area her home.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Doreen moved to Miami as a child and would graduate from Florida Atlantic University with a B.A. in Corporate Management and a Minor in Marketing.

While clerking for West Palm Beach judges and working part-time for established law firms in the area, Doreen literally "put herself" through school, earning a Law Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1994.

And the rest is history.

The establishment of Yaffa & Associates, one of South Florida's most recognized and successful Family Law firms, has en-

abled Doreen to find the precious balance between office and family.

When Doreen is not focusing on the needs of her growing clientele at her Boca Raton office, the priority becomes caring for her precious children and three dogs at home.

It was Doreen's passion for the "small town" feel of Delray Beach that has been and remains a significant part of her life.

"I loved Delray from the very first time I came here. It reminded me of growing up in New England. I remember riding my bike in downtown Delray and playing Volleyball on the beach." said Yaffa.

"It's always been about the great people here and still is," said Yaffa.

Delray Beach - a "perfect" venue to raise a family.

Yaffa and her husband Jeff Wilson, a prominent area Real Estate professional, have successfully balanced successful careers with the joy of parenting.

Their four kids all grew up in Delray and today remain active participants in recreational activities at both the college and high school level.

Nineteen year old Amanda has excelled in collegiate Volleyball while achieving Dean's List status at North Carolina's Elon University. Meghan, 16, a junior at Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, has also been recognized for her standout Volleyball play.

Spencer is a sixteen year old Spanish River 10th Grader who plays on the JV Football team while 14 year old Samantha, a student at Unity School in Delray Beach, is a champion Equestrian Rider who has competed in major regional

Yaffa has always been a huge supporter of quality education for her children. "All my kids have attended Unity School in Delray with great results."

Two of the Yaffa children are also active participants in Teens of Pink Ribbons in Boca Raton, an organization that educates boys and girls on Breast Cancer issues and fosters an awareness of the disease and the role of Genetics, Prevention and Treatment.

In addition, The Yaffa family supports the St. Jude's Children Hospital and hosts numerous fundraising events that help terminally ill children and their families.

And Doreen's three lovable dogs remain significant family additions. "There's Cabo, our 11 year old yellow lab, and Leo, a thirteen year old King Charles Terrier. Our newest addition is Blu, a five month old Blue French bulldog.

To complement Doreen's family responsibilities and busy schedule at work, there is quality time spent just cruising and fishing on the ocean aboard their 37 Intrepid boat.

For Doreen Yaffa, life couldn't be better. "I feel so fortunate to love what I do and live in such a great area."

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