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**S**teve Mindel is Managing Partner of the nine attorney law firm Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt & Kline, LLP, a Southern California law firm with a reputation for high caliber legal representation. Like fellow partners Maritoni Acosta and Robert Brandt, he is a Certified Family Law Specialist.\*

**CONCENTRATION:** Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt & Kline, LLP concentrates its efforts on family law. It also handles business transactions and complex civil litigation with a particular emphasis in unfair competition, trade secret litigation, and real property and commercial litigation.

**GETTING STARTED:** Mindel got his start in business transactional law at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. In 1991, he answered an ad in *California Lawyer* seeking lawyers to volunteer at the Los Angeles Free Clinic, which provides medical and social services to anyone who needs its support. The LAFC counsels people who need advice on divorce, bankruptcy, immigration, and consumer debt. “I never thought I was going to find a career at the LAFC,” Mindel says. But in his work there, he learned family law and saw how a practice in this area could help change people’s lives. He also found a calling. Mindel has received many awards for his work with the LAFC including “Volunteer of the Year” in 1994.

**TRANSACTION VERSUS LITIGATION:** Mindel’s business background proves to be an asset in family law. “Divorce attorneys come in two flavors,” he explains. “The vast majority come from a litigation

background.” But Mindel prefers a different approach. “I look at a divorce like a business deal,” he says. “You’re taking apart a partnership. I look at the lawyers as being a cost. You want to minimize that cost.”

**LIFE AT TOP SPEED:** In addition to his work with the Los Angeles Free Clinic, Mindel serves as the resident family law adviser on Couple’s Company ([www.couplescompany.com](http://www.couplescompany.com)), a website about relationships, and contributes to *Divorce Magazine* ([www.divorcemagazine.com](http://www.divorcemagazine.com)). He serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court, Family Law Division, is a trustee at University Synagogue, and teaches children’s martial arts classes. He is married, and he and his wife, Nancy, have two children. Mindel acknowledges that his life is full, but says that it is also fulfilling and balanced. “It’s important to integrate your family with your business life,” he says. “That’s what allows you to accomplish more.”

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