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Las Vegas attorney Paola Armeni is a partner at Gentile Cristalli Miller Armeni Savarese, a litigation firm. Formed just over a year ago, Armeni is proud of what the firm has become in such a short time. Armeni practices primarily in criminal and civil rights litigation, which often overlap and are a natural fit, because she “wanted to be the voice of people who often cannot be their own voice. My field has allowed me to ensure that my clients have as fair of a playing field as possible in their legal obstacles,” Armeni said. “Also I am dealing with people and not fighting over money. Criminal law is about helping people. Working in criminal justice, you discover not everyone is a bad person, but sometimes they just make bad mistakes and wrong choices.”

She strives to always do right by her clients and works hard to make certain that decisions made are always in their best interests. “Many times, it is a life-altering decision what path a client is going to take,” Armeni said. “Every time I get a case, I have to evaluate how this case affects the client in all aspects of their life. I have to consistently reevaluate if I am doing the best for the client because there is so much at stake for them.”

She recently gave birth to a son and, along with her husband is raising an 8-year-old daughter as well. She maintains a balance between her career and family. “I know there are going to be times when I will be in a trial or need to fly to San Francisco to appear before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; and I am going to miss my children’s events,” Armeni said. “So, I make it a priority to be there for my children whenever I can.” Since opening her office closer to her daughter’s school, Armeni makes every effort to work in her daughter’s lunchroom once a week.

As for entering the field of law, “I began my undergraduate education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in criminal justice studies and I was always interested in the criminal law portion of the program,” she said. During her first year of college, Armeni took a job as a runner working for attorney Dominic Gentile, who is now one of her partners in the firm. Armeni would obtain her bachelor of science in justice studies from Arizona State University and her juris doctorate from University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law.

“When I first graduated from UNLV with my law degree, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph T. Bonaventure of the Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas. In this position, I gained great insight in legal court proceedings,” she said. As an attorney, she has participated in the only impeachment hearing of a Nevada public official, and assisted in several high-profile criminal cases tried in both the United States District Court and Eighth Judicial District Court. Armeni also has been successful in civil rights actions against the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, receiving a jury award of approximately \$2.1 million.

Armeni has also been rated as an AV/Preeminent Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell and has received inaugural Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the State Bar of Nevada in 2011 and the inaugural William S. Boyd School of Law 2008 College Alumni of the Year. She is also a recipient of the Myrna Williams Children’s Pro Bono Award by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Armeni is one of 15 attorneys who sits on the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Nevada and is also a board member for the Las Vegas Business Academy.

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