

## In The Spotlight with: Mr. Kris Aupperle, Attorney at Law

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Domestic Relations, Divorce, DUI, Mr. Kris Aupperle a Medina local attorney, sits down with Mr. John Celebrezze on the show Law Talk to discuss these topics and understanding them in a court of law.

From a business major to passing the bar exam, Mr. Kris Aupperle hit the ground running on a road of uncertainty but with a drive he never knew he had.

As a young boy Kris Aupperle knew he had a way with numbers. As he got older and college preparations became a part of his life, a major in engineering at The Ohio State University was something he thought would be a perfect fit for him. After his fourth year, it was clear to Kris this was not a path for him so with a desired confidence, Kris decided to transfer into business school.

Along the way, while in school Aupperle worked in a college internship with Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida. It was his six years of experience working as Disney's guest relations manager that Aupperle feels best prepared him for working with his clients as an attorney today. "Learning how to communicate and overall deal with people at Disney was a part of my job on a daily basis. I had a lot of face to face time with parents and situations that arose with their kids. I learned how to communicate well with them in a serious time of need" explains Aupperle.

In 1995, Aupperle graduated from The Ohio State University with a Business Production and Operations Management degree.

Still unknown to Kris this road to his assumed settled future, was about to give him another sharp turn.

In 1989, the first day of school was when Kris first met Mr. David McArtor, an attorney in Medina with his own practice. Unknown to Aupperle it would be McArtor who would encourage him and change his plans for the future once again. "All throughout high school, all throughout college, all throughout my work in business, I never thought about going to law school" explains Aupperle.

In 2000, McArtor opened his own practice in Medina. A short time after his business opened McArtor realized he was so busy he needed more help. Once again as he often did in the past, McArtor contacted Aupperle prodding him to go to law school, and become an attorney and work with him.

In 2001, McArtor got his wish.

After September 11, 2001, business in Disney was drastically slowing down. Aupperle was watching positions in the company disappear. Not having many options to move up in Disney, Aupperle decided to change paths once again and took the LSAT test. By March of 2002, Aupperle was offered a full scholarship to The University of Akron Law School.

In fall 2005, Kris Aupperle past the bar exam and joined McArtor in his firm.

Eighty to eighty five percent of their firm focuses on family law which includes divorce, custody, grand-parental rights, child support, adoptions and juvenile court. Fifteen to twenty percent is a focus on

criminal and traffic offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. They also have experience in personal injury, civil litigation and probate work.

“David and I pride ourselves on coming up with alternative solutions, thinking outside of the box” explains Aupperle. The most difficult part of his job is working with only one resolution and not being able to negotiate. In divorce work, his clients come in with their lives completely uprooted unable to grasp the difficult issues and decisions that need to be made. This can make decision making very difficult. To work through it, Aupperle will occasionally just go to trial and let the pieces fall where they may. “The truth usually finds its way no matter what a client thinks an outcome will be” explains Aupperle.

When dealing with DUI cases, explaining the misunderstandings and complications that go along with them is the most gratifying part of his job. Helping clients understand the specifics of a DUI as well as the DMV in order to minimize the chaos that goes hand in hand with these cases. As Aupperle put it “I bring them to certainty as we move through the case.” It is very important to him to be given the opportunity to help people understand the law and the processes that the courts go through in making their decisions. “It’s rewarding to help others and get them to better understand at the end of the day, decisions that they have made” says Aupperle.

Kris and his wife Shannon are residence of Medina and together they have two young boys. To learn more about the majority of the cases handled by attorneys McArtor and Aupperle watch for an interview with attorney Kris Aupperle and Mr. John Celebrezze on the show Law Talk throughout the month of May on your local cable channel 37.