

RENE SANDLER | Attorney

Hard work, creativity, and passion define Maryland criminal defense attorney Rene Sandler, who touts a winning reputation built on some of the area's biggest cases.

Sandler's hard work is evident with the success of her own law practice in Montgomery County. An attorney for over 15 years, Sandler was recently named by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the area's "top trial lawyers" handling criminal defense, protective orders, CPS investigations, juvenile crime and personal injury cases.

Growing up in Montgomery County, Sandler says she learned the value of hard work from her father, a successful local businessman. "I grew up in a family which stressed hard work, commitment and dedication in whatever I was doing. No matter if it was sports, school or work, I was expected to do and always did my best," she said.

Sandler's intense devotion and commitment produced top results in school, work, and sports. After college, she and a friend launched a homegrown T-shirt business that grew into a profitable shirt and sign company. The two young women then sold their company to a competitor still in business today so that they could go to law school.

"It started out as a fun thing for some extra money and grew into this enormous venture," said Sandler. Sandler continues to take part in different business ventures and enjoys the thrill of developing new projects.

When she's not in the courtroom, Sandler can often be found volunteering in local classrooms for a law program she founded for the Bar Foundation.

A mother of three, she cherishes the time she spends with her family and says she's mastered the family/career balancing act. Despite the demands of a successful practice, Sandler says "My children always come first."

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