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Susan Block is the rare attorney who has seen how family law works on both sides of the bench.

Before joining Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal, Block served as a judge at both the associate and circuit levels in St. Louis County from 1979 to 2004. She spent her final seven years in juvenile court, and rather than give up working for children and families, she joined the law firm's family law practice.

Block, who had delayed her legal education while raising her family, earned her law degree at age 30 at Saint Louis University in 1975, at a time when women were still uncommon in the legal profession.

Her community and professional involvement includes being a founding member of the Washington University Project for Children and Youth and a member of the first board of directors for the National Truancy Prevention Association.

She also served on the juvenile law sub-committee of the Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness.

Block has been an adjunct professor of law at several St. Louis-area schools and has been sent abroad by the U.S. State Department to instruct and advise other countries on domestic-violence laws and procedures. She is a 2018 recipient of Missouri Lawyers Media's ICON Award.