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When David Buckfire began practicing law in 1969, he had no idea that his wife, Vicky, and two sons would someday become his law partners. Working full-time and attending night school for five years with three small children was no easy task for David, but he has never regretted his difficult road to become an attorney. "It has been a very gratifying career for me. I am proud to have helped so many clients seek and obtain their own personal justice."

Vicky taught English and social studies in the Oak Park Public Schools and economics at Oakland County Community College before starting a family. She later enrolled in law school and began practicing law in 1979. She became law partners with David in 1983. Their practice included all types of personal injury cases and worker's compensation cases and Vicky also handled domestic relations matters.

David and Vicky have three children, Lisa, Larry, and Daniel. Lisa is a physician specializing in internal medicine. Sons Larry and Daniel graduated from law school and later joined the practice in 1992. They have enjoyed working with and learning from their parents on daily basis. Daniel focuses his practice primarily on first and third party auto negligence cases and Larry specializes in toxic tort cases. Daniel says "Working with our parents has been tremendous. They taught us not only how to practice law, but how to do so in a professional and dignified manner. We constantly hear complimentary things about our parents from other attorneys and judges and it is a great source of pride."

Other than his parents, Larry cites attorney Joel Morse, his father's former law partner, as a great influence early in his career. "He was an outstanding



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lawyer and always gave me great advice." Larry reminisces about having his mother as a law partner early in his career. "I woke up one morning with a terrible case of the flu. I called my mother at 7:30 a.m. and she went to court and covered a preliminary exam for me. When she was done, she came to my apartment and made me a warm

pot of her famous chicken noodle soup. Not bad coverage."

All four of them are monthly JPAC contributors at the urging of David. "I have always recognized the importance of the MTLA and feel that being a JPAC contributor was vital to the organization and its efforts." The firm believes that their monthly contributions are necessary to help prevent injustice and protect the rights of their fellow citizens. They are also frequent contributors to the MTLA listserv, which they consider to be a great benefit to their practice.

David and Vicky spend their winters in Florida, playing golf and going to Costco. They return several times during the winter to visit their grandchildren. Larry and his wife, Kelly, a physician, enjoy spending time with their three young children, Kylie, Jack, and Toby. Daniel and his wife, Lori, are expecting their first child in March.