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Katy Mickelson has built a career in the room where families come apart. She has never once needed to raise her voice. For more than twenty years she has practiced at Beermann LLP — one of Illinois’s preeminent divorce and family law firms, and where Chicago’s most prominent families go when a matter requires discretion. It is the only firm she has ever worked for, in a profession where almost no one stays put. She handles the hardest work it takes on: high-asset divorce, closely held business valuations, prenuptial agreements, contested parenting allocation, orders of protection. What clients remember isn’t the preparation, exacting as it is. It’s that she stayed calm when they couldn’t. A certified mediator as well as a litigator, Katy believes the best outcome is rarely the loudest one — and she will try the case when trying it is what wins. Named to Law Bulletin’s 40 Under 40 Illinois Attorneys to Watch and Crain’s Most Notable Chicago Women Attorneys, she teaches other lawyers — lecturing and writing on family law — and leads a team of her own, mentoring young women still deciding how much room they’re allowed to take up. Her answer, personally and professionally: all of it.

“My job isn’t to prove I’m the smartest person in the room. It’s to get my client out of that room with their life intact.”