

Problem Solver

This community-driven attorney brings passion to Avalon Park.

By Kevin Fritz

Her laugh is infectious. Her passions, genuine. She is driven by the need to help others along the way. And it was that drive that triggered **Jennifer Englert** to put her own life in perspective in 2009. The 36-year-old mother of two left her job as an associate at an Orlando law firm to open her own practice in **Avalon Park** so she could spend more time in her community and take on more pro bono work. The opening of her storefront business—Englert, Leite & Martin, P.L.—celebrates its second anniversary this month.

Englert, who received her undergraduate degree from Stetson University prior to graduating with honors from the University of Florida Levin

Park. It's where she and her husband, **Nick**, of 13 years laid down roots in 2004. It's where her parents live. It's where her eldest, a 7-year-old daughter, goes to school.

"I can't ask for anything more," she says. "Avalon Park has a wonderful community feeling."

Her new-found level of involvement mirrors Englert's true values and principles. She is president of the Avalon Park Kiwanis Club for which she reads to kids, helps with food drives year-round and toy drives at Christmas. She serves as ambassador and chair of the Education Committee for the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce and volunteers for Give Kids the World. She is on the board of directors at Providence Academy—a learning environment that serves children with special needs—so she can assist families with legal matters to assure they are receiving the proper benefits through their insurance companies. Having a niece with cerebral palsy, this organization is near and dear to her heart.

Her commitment to giving back is shared by her two law partners, **Paula Leite** and **Katherine Martin**. Leite, who has known Englert since working in the same office building in downtown Orlando, serves on the board of directors and the Child Care Committee for the Lake Nona YMCA. Martin, who Englert met at law school, is chair of the Junior League of Greater Orlando's Public Affairs Committee working on issues related to childhood health, hunger and poverty; and a top fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"As lawyers, we are problem solvers and when we see issues in our community that need addressing and people in need, it is our ethical duty—not just as lawyers but as people—to help the best we can," says Martin.

"It's really the philosophy of our firm," adds Englert. "We like helping out the little guy." **L**



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Jennifer Englert and her law partners, Patricia Leite and Katherine Martin, like to help out the little guy.

School of Law in 1999, believes in the obligation of volunteerism, acting on convictions and being part of the solution.

"Children and education are very important to me," asserts Englert, a New Jersey native who moved to Central Florida when she was in middle school. "I had worked at large law firms, but I wanted to open an office in Avalon Park and be active in the community. Now, I'm a room mom; a Girl Scout leader," she beams.

Englert lives, works and breathes Avalon

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