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Attorney Rene Sandler, a standout among her peers, handles very personal matters of the law including criminal defense, juvenile crime (such as underage drinking), protective orders in domestic cases, drunk driving, and serious traffic offenses. She has been involved in many high profile cases in Montgomery County. Sandler prides herself on being aggressive, extremely prepared, strategic and, above all, creative. "To best defend or represent a client effectively, it's very important to think outside the box," says Sandler, who regularly attends and teaches continuing legal education classes. "Today, with the law evolving, especially in forensics, one must be current with available information."

Besides knowing the law, Sandler strongly believes that to properly represent her client, be it a juvenile or an adult, she needs to know her clients, their families and understand the family dynamics.

Sandler, a mother of three, feels the world is very different for young people today. Between the gangs, safety issues in the schools,

drugs and alcohol, kids are exposed to so much. Sometimes kids find themselves in the system either because they did something or just happened to be with others who did something wrong, be it in a car or at a party. "The kids should be able to go to court on their own facts, not just because they were there," she says. "A simple underage alcohol citation can affect scholarships, financial aid and have a host of ripple effects."

Sandler, a native of Montgomery County, also volunteers in the community. She chairs the prestigious School Education Committee through the Montgomery County Bar Association that partners with Montgomery County Public Schools.

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