

There is nothing more important to Marty than family. Not just his own family, but the families of his clients as well. Through every stage of life - from newly married to taking care of aging parents; start up business to business succession – Marty handles the matter as he would for his own family. And those difficult family members? No problem here - he solves intractable planning problems for clients every day. He can relate to almost every client situation.

Marty grew up and attended college and law school locally. After a brief assignment in New York City, he and his wife, Ann, moved to Niskayuna where they raised their 4 sons (well, they aren't all raised yet!). Ann owns and operates a woman-owned business in the area.

Marty and his partner, John, started Lavelle and Finn more than 25 years ago with a vision of creating a better, more caring and thoughtful client service experience. Marty takes time to listen to his clients and helps them find their own solutions, oftentimes to problems they didn't even know they had.

Marty's staff, many of whom have been with the firm for close to 20 years, are also like family and share similar beliefs when it comes to the clients of the firm. He and John are proud of the values and character of their staff. They consider the Lavelle & Finn team as extended family and now are “Grandparents” to the next generation of their staff's children.

Marty loves to teach, whether it is coaching his kids' sports, teaching at a local college or law school, or presenting to a room full of CPAs and other professionals all across the country. A gifted lecturer, he has often been rewarded when fellow professionals tell him how much they learn from his presentations. His true passion, though, is educating and empowering clients and their families. Marty's clients understand the power of good planning to meet the challenges that life presents, personally, financially and for their families and businesses. Clients can then create estate plans and implement decisions that they, with Marty's guidance, have chosen for themselves to accomplish their own unique goals.

When Marty isn't working, teaching or traveling – you can find him relaxing at his favorite spot, the family lake house. Nothing makes him happier than a houseful of his boys and their friends. Devoted parents, with two sons now living in California, he and Ann are frequent fliers (and FaceTime proficient). Now that some of his boys are grown, he spends a little less time cheering on the sidelines and a little more time on his one irrational and unproductive hobby - cheering for his New York Mets. So when he says “How 'bout them Mets?”, humor him, he really means it.