

Irmo-Chapin LEADER

by Jackie Perrone

Lisa Hostetler

“Lawyer Lisa” admits it: Moving to South Carolina changed her life. “After growing up in Ohio and graduating from college in West Virginia, I was told by my adviser, ‘Moving to a warm climate will change your life.’ He was right,” Lisa says.

Always methodical and organized, she researched communities and law schools and came up with the University of South Carolina School of Law as the ideal destination. “It was rated among the top law schools in the country and was right in the middle of a warm southern state. I sent in an application and crossed my fingers to earn acceptance. I’ve been here ever since.”

That was in 2004. Three years later, Lisa Hostetler began her law practice here and now maintains offices in Columbia, Irmo, and Lexington. Her team consists of six attorneys and staff, all operating under the banner “Lawyer Lisa.” She concentrates on elder law and estate planning, along with real estate.

Lisa thinks she has found just the right spot. “This area is growing so fast and real estate appreciates every year,” she says. “It’s very satisfying to help someone get settled into the right home and to assist in estate planning and help protect it for the heirs. A warm climate is a much easier way of life, too.”

Her appreciation for this community shows in the many activities she takes part in. She holds many memberships in the legal, financial and title associations of her practice, serving as president and sometimes a board member within these organizations. She is a Certified Elder Law Attorney, and has received many honors, including: 2016 Columbia Business Monthly’s Best and Brightest 35 And Under, Habitat for Humanity Halo Award, and Rising Star Super Lawyers for five years consecutively. She is a member of the Irmo and Lexington Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Club of 5 Points, and is the former board of director at The Cooperative Ministry. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Lexington County and Leadership Columbia programs. Making guest appearances as a speaker and leader has brought her before many organizations of not only lawyers, but other professional associations in the Midlands.

One by one, members of Lisa’s family are following her example and moving to South Carolina: two sisters have moved here and now both live in Greenville. Her father is contemplating the move as well. Lisa’s 2004 decision was a win for us all. ■

