

UP CLOSE

Husband and wife Bickers love to argue ... court cases

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Bob and Diane Bickers know people are sure to laugh when they see the name of their law firm.

"Anytime your last name is a verb you run the risk," Bob said.

When Bob joined Diane's practice in 1999, the sign "Bickers and Bickers" went up at the intersection of Old William Penn Highway and Sardis Road.

While some might expect a bickering married couple, the two prefer to leave the arguing for the court room.

"It's been my pleasure working with Bob," Diane said.

The Murrysville firm is the second Bickers and Bickers that Bob has been part of. He worked for his father's practice in Memphis, where he said no one saw the humor in the firm's title.

"We were the first Bickers and Bickers," Bob said. "And no one brought it up."

After leaving that firm, Bob joined Nationwide Insurance, where he met Diane at a training seminar in



BOB AND Diane Bickers began their law practice, Bickers and Bickers, in 1999. The two are well aware of the aptness of their surname for people who argue for a living.

Columbus, Ohio. He was living in Memphis, she in Pittsburgh. After he transferred to the area, the two began dating.

The two married in 1993 and after living a year in Plum, moved to Murrysville. When Diane was looking for a place to open her own practice she knew she had found the right place.

"I looked at the building and thought it was really cool," she said.

Three years after opening her practice, she had begun to think about expanding. Bob said he wanted to join the practice and the two began working together.

Visitors to the office also have the chance to study Bob's hobby. His artwork is displayed throughout the building. For him, art has always been a passion.

"I remember in elementary school, I would draw cars and rockets and kids would pay me a nickel for such things," he said.

Even though their sign may bring attention to the humor in their last name, she said it does portray just as they both want it.

"It's very prominent," Diane said. "He advertised us as a husband and wife team."