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Attorney Lori Becker at
the Huntsman Hunt Club

Collaborative divorce attorney Lori Becker has won several shooting trophies at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden, Mich., where she had trained her three English pointers (Ranger, Dallas, and Copper).



Photos by Daniel Lippett

Reminders of Africa accent Russ's downtown Detroit office, which is decorated with paintings of an elephant herd and a pair of giraffes, a bronze leopard head, a tribal mask, ostrich eggs, and a crystal carving of a cape buffalo.

In stark contrast is attorney Lori Becker's Bloomfield Hills office, which in the front room gently welcomes a visitor with tall green plants and impressionistic paintings of Parisian street scenes. As an attorney working in the field of collaborative divorce, Becker wants her office to present a soothing environment.

So the two pintail ducks she shot with her father while bird hunting in Mexico and had mounted are relegated to the very back wall of the conference room.

Like Russ, Becker has been around hunting all her life. She may be the only

lawyer in a family of doctors, but she is not the only hunter. She initially took to the sport as a way to spend time with her father, Dr. Carl Becker, who would take her fly-fishing on the Bow River in Calgary or hunting for pheasant or wild turkey.

"I don't think my dad thought I would fall in love with it as much as I did," says Becker. "I've always had a sense of adventure and my parents were fabulous in letting me believe I could do anything."

In 1998, her father took Becker with him on a trip to South Africa where she shot a gemsbok with a 30.06 at 175 yards.

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She also got a kudu, a warthog, an impala, and a zebra.

She, too, fell in love with the land.

"I almost packed up and moved there," she says with a laugh. "If I won the lottery tomorrow, I would be a game hunter in South Africa with a game ranch."

She has since hunted bear and mountain lion, spear-hunted lobster, and once, while visiting Crooked Island in the Bahamas with her father and brothers, went wild goat hunting with a sawed-off shotgun.

Every adventure, Becker says, transformed her, brought out more of who she is and wants to be.

For Oakley, too, there is a spiritual component to hunting. It makes him feel connected, tethered somehow to the earth.

"I'm sure I've stood places where no human feet have