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PRACTICE AREAS

- Divorce / Family Law and Domestic Violence
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Guardianships / Elder Law
- Estate Planning, Probate and Litigation/Elder Law
- Commercial & Business Law
- Real Estate



PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Court appointed counsel and Guardian *ad litem* to minors and alleged incapacitated individuals in Guardianship and Family Court Matters in the Superior Courts of Bergen, Essex, and Hudson Counties (1992 to date)
- Court Approved Family Law Mediator (R.1:40) (2002 to date)
- Parenting Coordinator (2014 to date)
- Pro bono* Counsel to Client's of Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) and Shelter our Sisters (SOS) k/n/a Center for Hope and Safety (1997 to date)
- Bergen County Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel, Chair and Panelist (1997 to date)
- Collaborative Divorce Law Training and Certification (2019)
- Bergen County Bar Association, Trustee (2015 to date)
- District II-B Ethics Committee, Member (2009-2012)
- District II-B Fee Arbitration Committee, Chair and Panelist (2004 to 2017)
- Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Advisory Board (2000 to 2015)
- Barry Croland, Family Law Inn of Court, Member..... (2013-2015)
- Public Defender, River Vale, New Jersey (1999-2002)
- Planning Board Member, River Vale, New Jersey..... (1997-1999)



AWARDS & HONORS

- New Jersey Judiciary: New Jersey Lawyers Serving the Public (2021)
- Chail Member of Fee Arbitration Committee (2006 and 2012)
- Supreme Court of New Jersey: Certificate of Appreciation for Service on Supreme Court District Ethics Committee (2012)
- New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women: Certificate of Appreciation .. (2011)
- Certified Domestic Violence Counselor (2010)
- State of New Jersey Senate: Citation for Work with Victims of Domestic Violence (2001)
- County of Bergen: Certificate of Commendation for Services to Victims of Domestic Violence (2001 to date)
- The Carol Dervitz Service to the Community Award: Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) (2001)
- New Jersey General Assembly Resolution: Recognition of Service to Victims of Domestic Violence (2000)

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PRESENTATIONS

- An Introduction to *Collaborative Law*, *Collaborative Divorce Association of North Jersey*..... (2023)
- The Road Less Traveled: Exploring When To Collaborate or Litigate a Divorce*, *Bergen County Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and Collaborative Divorce Association of North Jersey* (2022)
- Insights and Pitfalls of Parenting Coordination*, *Bergen County Bar Association and collaborative Divorce Association of North Jersey* (2022)
- Understanding and Managing Traumatized Clients*, *Bergen County Bar Association and New Jersey Woman Lawyers Association* (2019)
- The Do's and Dont's of Custody Proceedings, (Guardian Ad Litem)*, *Bergen County Bar Association, Family Law Committee* (2014)
- Annual Speaker at Shelter our Sisters (SOS) n/k/a Center for Hope and Safety (2010-2012)
- Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Program: Preparation of Legal Training Materials for Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) (2009)
- Child Support and Enforcement in New Jersey*, *National Business Institute* (2007)
- Family Law Litigation in New Jersey*, *National Business Institute* (2006)
- Purchasing Properties from REO Administrators*, *American Foreclosures Realty*..... (2004)



BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1988, New Jersey and Florida.
- 1988, U.S. District Court New Jersey.
- 1995, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals.



EDUCATION

- 1988 –1989
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**
LL.M. (Master of Laws)
- 1985 – 1988
- NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY,
SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW**
J.D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence)
- 1981 – 1985
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**
B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)