

Stephanie L. Fink - Biographical Information

Stephanie is a partner at the small law firm of Fierst & Fink, P.C., which handles family law, guardianship, elder law, probate, and estates and trust matters. Stephanie is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law with an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland. Stephanie also earned a Master's degree in education with a concentration in counseling from Xavier University. She has practiced law in Maryland since 1995, and was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1996. Since 2010, she has received a rating of "AV Preeminent" from Martindale Hubble and been identified as a "Super Lawyer" by both the District of Columbia and Maryland Super Lawyers publications.

Stephanie concentrates primarily on family law matters, and over the past thirteen years has frequently been appointed by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to represent children in contested custody matters, initially as a Guardian Ad Litem, and since 2006 as a Best Interest Attorney, Child Advocate Attorney, and/or Child Privilege Attorney. Stephanie also frequently gives presentations to the Montgomery County Family Law Section about representing children in custody cases in the past ten years. She has lectured at MICPEL's Family Law University about the role of the Best Interest Attorney and was a featured speaker on the topic of age appropriate access schedules at the Divorce Roundtable CLE in 2009.

The other focus of Stephanie's practice is guardianships for minors and disabled adults, which stems from her knowledge of the legal issues and federal and state benefits-related issues affecting the elderly and individuals with developmental, physical, and mental disabilities. Stephanie has given presentations in this area to the Maryland State Bar Association and the Bar Association of Montgomery County.

Stephanie belongs to the following professional organizations: the Maryland State Bar Association; the Bar Association of Montgomery County, of which she served as co-chair of the Family Law Section in 2006 - 2007 and Secretary in 2009 - 2010; the Bar Foundation of Montgomery County, of which she served as Secretary in 2010 - 2011; the Women's Bar Association of Maryland; the Montgomery County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association, for which she served as Secretary from 2002 - 2005; the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Inns of Court, of which she is a Master of the Bench and former member of the Executive Committee, as well as having frequently served as program group leader; the Collaborative Divorce Association, Inc, of which she is a founding member and former Co-President; and the Simon Sobeloff Law Society.