

# Donna K. Rismiller, Esq.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Professional Experience

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2005 - Present Rismiller Law Group, LLC Rockville, MD

#### **Partner/Managing Member**

- Founder of Firm and Chair of the Firm's Family Law and Domestic Violence Departments
- Litigating and collaboratively resolving high conflict and complex divorce and custody cases
- Supervising team of attorneys and support staff
- Practice concentrating in the Montgomery County, Maryland area

2002 - 2005 Stein, Sperling, Bennett, DeJong, Driscoll & Greenfeig, P.C. Rockville, MD

#### **Senior Litigation Associate**

- Senior member of the Firm's Civil Litigation and Commercial Law Department
- Litigated family law and civil matters at all levels, including state district, circuit and appellate levels as well as federal district court claims

2001 - 2002 Women's Law Center of MD, Inc. Rockville, MD

#### **Supervising Attorney**

- Responsible for oversight and daily management of Domestic Violence Assistance Project, located within the Montgomery County Circuit Court
- Litigated protective order and peace order matters at district and circuit court levels
- Participated in appellate level cases and legislative efforts to bring reform
- Developed policies for efficient handling of case transfers between district and circuit courts and authored policies for implementation by court personnel

2000 - 2001 House of Ruth Maryland, Inc. Rockville, MD

#### **Staff Attorney**

- Domestic violence legal assistance and representation
- Advocated for additional resources for provision of assistance domestic violence survivors
- Coordinated with judicial and executive agencies to develop efficient sharing of information and service provision

### Education

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June, 2000 Georgetown University Law Center Washington, D.C.

#### **Juris Doctorate Degree**

June, 1996 University of Maryland, University College College Park, MD

#### **Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude**

- Major in Economics with Minor in Business Management

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**Professional Speaking Engagements**

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Annual 2008-2011 “Family Law: Divorce, Custody, Child Support and Restraining Orders”

Presented during Catholic Charities Annual African Women’s Empowerment Seminar

November 2007 “Lawyers for Children”

Guest speaker for Law School for the Public, television show (Show No. 168)

Spring 2006 "Know Your Legal Rights"

Presented during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County ICAP Conference for Teens

Fall 2004 "Basics of Divorce Litigation"

Presented to the Bar Association of Montgomery County

Fall 2003 "Domestic Violence and Its Impact on Divorce and Custody Proceedings"

Organized and Co-Presented to the Bar Association of Montgomery County

Fall 2003 "Domestic Violence: A Case Perspective"

Co-Presented to the American Inns of Court for Montgomery County

Spring 2002 "Protective Orders, Divorce and Custody Basics"

Presented during the Annual Maryland Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic Violence Seminar

**Professional Memberships**

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Bar Association of Maryland, 2000 - present

Bar Association of Montgomery County, 2000 - present

Women's Law Center of Maryland, 2002 - present

Maryland Collaborative Divorce Resolution Professionals, 2007 – present

Domestic Violence Attorneys of Maryland, 2002 - 2005

American Inns of Court, Montgomery County, 2003 - 2004

Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, 2000 - 2005

American Trial Lawyers Association, 2000 – 2005

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**Community Organizations**

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Family Justice Center Foundation, Vice President, Secretary, 2008 – Present

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Attorney Member (appointed by County Executive),

2007 – Present

Citizens Advisory Council for Life and Human Development, Community Member (appointed by MCPS

Superintendent), 2011 – Present

**Professional Awards**

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Maryland Daily Record, VIP (Very Important Professional) List, 2011

Super Lawyers, Maryland, 2011-2012

Super Lawyers, Washington D.C., 2011-2012

Rising Stars, Baltimore Magazine, 2010

**Admissions**

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Maryland, 2000

United States District Court, District of Maryland, 2001