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LAW FIRM PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Dodd Legal LLC, Principal Attorney, Family Law, Bethesda MD and Washington DC **2014-Present**

- **Child Counsel Certification, 2016**
- **Guardian Ad Litem.** Served as court-appointed child counsel advocate and investigator, reporting custody and visitation recommendations to Superior Court for District of Columbia, 2014 – 2017.
- **Family Practice.** Advise, negotiate, coach and advocate on behalf of clients in both negotiated custody, alimony and marital property settlements, and intensively litigated divorce, child custody, alimony and child support litigation, trials and collaborative proceedings. Draft and negotiate marital settlement and co-parenting agreements.
- **Child Custody Training.** Extensive continuing legal education in child custody, visitation, parenting plans, alienation, parental and child mental health evaluation (see below).

General Civil Litigator, Boston **1986-1995**

- Foley, Hoag & Eliot, *Litigation Associate* 1986-1989
- Heidlage & Reece, P.C., *Associate Attorney* 1989-1992
- Richard S. Dodd II, *Sole Practitioner* 1992-1995

CORPORATE COUNSEL EXPERIENCE

In-house regulatory & contracting/procurement counsel to telecommunications companies. 1997-2013

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, Juris Doctor, cum laude, Boston MA 1983-1986

Yale University, Bachelor of Arts, English Language & Literature, New Haven CT 1977-1981

LICENSURE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions District of Columbia (1998); Maryland (2014); Massachusetts (1986-2006 retired)

Bar Association of Montgomery County Family Law and Litigation Sections; Ethics Committee (2015-16); CLE Committee (2015-17)

District of Columbia Bar Association, Family Law Section; Attorney-Client Fee Arbitration Board (2014-2020)

Maryland State Bar Association Member, Family & Juvenile Law Section Legislative Section (2015-2019)

Montgomery County Inns of Court Associate (2014-2015)

Collaborative International Association of Collaborative Professionals; Collaborative Dispute Resolution Professionals (Montgomery County)

Mediation: D.C. Multi-Door Courthouse Family Mediation Program (2018); Mediation Matters Certifications (40-hour Divorce, 20-hour Custody)

RELEVANT CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (FAMILY LAW)

Role of Child Counsel Attorneys	Lindsay Parvis/Joseph Greenwald Laake	Jul 2020
Trauma-Informed Interventions in Parent-Child Contact Cases	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	Jun 2020
Allegations of Child Abuse During Child Custody Disputes	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	Jun 2020
Parental Alienation: In Search of Common Ground for a More Differentiated Theory	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	May 2020
Dynamics, Not Diagnoses: Assessing and Responding to the Best Interests of the Polarized Child	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	May 2020
Children Resisting Contact with a Parent: Can a Proactive Role for Lawyers Contribute to Better Outcomes?	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	May 2020
Acting Before it's Too Late: Prudent Early Intervention in Resist-Refuse Cases	AFCC Parent-Child Contact Series	May 2020
Mediation Refresher Training Seminar	Frederick County Bar	Apr 2020
New Maryland Parenting Plan Tool	Anne Arundel Cty Bar	Apr 2020
Creating Child-Focused Parenting Plans	Collaborative Practice Training Institute	Jan 2019
Childrens' Experience of Coercive Control	AFCC Maryland Chapter	Sep 2018
Parenting Plans Are Coming!	AFCC Maryland Chapter	Sep 2017
Role of Mental Health Professional in Child Custody Cases	Montgomery County Bar Association	May 2017
Custody Symposium: All About the Children	Maryland State Bar Association	Mar 2017
UCCJEA: Interstate & International Child Custody	Montgomery County Bar Association	Mar 2017
Creating Child-Focused Parenting Plans	Collaborative Dispute Resolution Profs.	Mar 2017
Managing Intractable Issues in Child Custody Disputes	Assn. of Family & Conciliation Courts	Dec 2016
Child Custody Evaluative Processes in the ADR and Settlement Contexts	Assn. of Family & Conciliation Courts	Oct 2016
MD Child Counsel Certification Training	Maryland Administrative Office of Courts	Apr 2016
Resistant Child: Custody and Visitation Issues	Maryland State Bar Association	Dec 2015
Child Custody at the Crossroads	Assn. of Family & Conciliation Courts	Sep 2015
Taking the Drama Out of [Child Custody/Access] Mediation Workshop	Collaborative Mediation Services	May 2014
Child Access Mediation Workshop (20 hours)	Mediation Matters	May 2014
Presenting & Defending Alienation Cases	Montgomery County Bar Association	Feb 2014