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Education/Admitted to Practice:

University of Baltimore School of Law. Graduated *cum laude* 1998

- Received Certificate of Concentration in Family Law
- Volunteered as a Law Clerk for the Montgomery County Circuit Court Family Division Masters - Summer 1997
- Participated in the Family Law Clinic representing disadvantaged clients before Maryland Courts in the areas of divorce, custody, child support, and domestic violence
- Volunteered at House of Ruth (Baltimore) representing clients in domestic violence cases and drafted the initial complaint to be used in the first Maryland case under the VAWA statute (federal Violence Against Women Act)

Admitted to practice:

State of Maryland: December, 1998

Commonwealth of Virginia: June, 1999

Legal Profession:

November 2005 - Present:

Solo practice engaging in all areas of family law: divorce, custody, child support, spousal support, property division, domestic violence, pre- and post-nuptial agreements, guardianship (child and adult), wills, powers of attorney, and health care directives

Greenberg, Felsen & Sargent, LLC, Rockville, Maryland. 2003 to 2005. Associate attorney engaging in the practice of family law, employment law, and contract law

Diana Metcalf, LLC, Rockville, Maryland. 2000 to 2003. Associate attorney engaging in all areas of family law

Jo Benson Fogel, P.A., Rockville, Maryland - 1999. Associate attorney engaging in all areas of family law

Associations; Affiliations:

Montgomery County Bar Association - 1999 to Present.

Family Law Section, 1999 to present. Co-Chair: 2004-2005
Montgomery County Bar Foundation Bar Leaders: 2004 to present
Collaborative Law Section, 2011 to present
Awards/Honors: Awarded Outstanding Chair of the Year, May 2005

Montgomery County Women's Bar Association, 2005 to Present

President: 2013-2014
Secretary: 2011-2012
Co-Chair: Mentor Committee
Liaison to Montgomery County Commission for Women

Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 2005 to Present

Co-Chair: Judicial Selections Committee
Awards/Honors: WBA Pro Bono Award, 2012

Maryland State Bar Association, 1999 to Present

Family Law Section, 1999 to present

Maryland Attorney Grievance Commission

Served as Attorney Monitor

Virginia State Bar Association, 1999 to Present

Family Law Section, 1999 to present.

American Bar Association, 1999 to Present

Family Law Section, 1999 to present

Montgomery County Commission for Women

Lecturer on divorce, custody, support, and property issues
Testified before the Montgomery County Council in 2011 and 2012
on behalf of the Montgomery County Women's Bar Association in support
of the Commission for Women

Professional Training:

Guardian Ad Litem/BIA Training:

- Nov. 2007: *Representing Children in Contested Custody Cases in Maryland: The Guidelines of Practice for Court-Appointed Lawyers Representing Children in Cases Involving Child Custody or Child Access*
Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts, Family Administration
- Nov. 2005: *Guardian Ad Litem: Representing Children in Custody Cases*
Montgomery County Bar Foundation CLE [6.0 Hours]
- March 2001: *Guardian Ad Litem: Representing Children in Custody Cases*
Montgomery County Bar Foundation CLE [6.0 Hours]

Mediation/Alternative Dispute Training:

- April 2008: *40 Hour Civil Mediation Training*, MICPEL
- Feb. 2010: *Divorce Mediation, Part I: Parent and Child Access Issues*
20 Hour Mediation Training, MICPEL
- Feb. 2010: *Divorce Mediation, Part II: Property and Financial Issues*
20 Hour Mediation Training, MICPEL

Collaborative Law Training:

- 2007 - *Collaborative Law: Interdisciplinary Collaborative Team Training*, CDTT
- 2011 - *Collaborative Law: Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law Training*, IACP

Other:

Yearly: Numerous continuing education classes in the areas of custody, child and spousal support, property division, guardianship, ethics, etc.

Miscellaneous:

- Appointed and served as Child Privilege Attorney (formerly GAL/Nagle attorney) for cases in the Montgomery County Circuit Court
- Volunteer at Montgomery County Circuit Court Self Help Center
- Qualified as expert to testify on the issue of attorney's fees