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## **SUMMARY**

Experienced matrimonial and family law attorney for over 20 years, devoted to representation of clients in separation, divorce and custody matters, skilled in all resolution methods including collaborative divorce, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation. A bar leader, published writer and frequent lecturer on family law.

## **BAR LICENCES**

Maryland State, 1995  
Maryland Federal District, 1996  
District of Columbia, 1997  
United States Supreme Court. 2004

## **LEGAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Best Interest Attorney, 2007, 2019  
Civil Mediation, 2007  
Family Law Mediation, 2007  
Collaborative Law, 2007  
Circuit Court Mediator/Facilitator, 2008

## **EDUCATION**

**Walt Whitman High School**, Bethesda, Maryland, 1987

**University of Denver**, Bachelor of Arts, 1991 (Major in Political Science with honors, minors in Philosophy & Speech Communications)

**West Virginia University College of Law**, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1995 (1<sup>st</sup> Place, West Virginia Invitational Moot Trial Competition)

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Stuart Skok Law LLC**, Rockville, Maryland: Principal and family law attorney (December 2017 – present)

**Houlon, Berman, Finci, Levenstein, Skok & Sandler, LLC**, Rockville, Maryland: Principal and family law attorney (2009 – 2017)

**Gimmel, Weiman, Ersek, Blomberg & Skok, P.A.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland: Associate family law attorney (1997 – 2005); Principal and family law attorney (2005 – 2009)

**Muntzing & Skok, Chartered**, Gaithersburg, Maryland: Principal and family law attorney (1996 – 1997)

**The Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO)**, Washington, D.C.: In-house counsel to Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer (1995 – 1996)

**United States District Court for the District of Columbia**, Washington, D.C.: Law Clerk for the late Honorable Charles R. Richey, U.S. District Court Judge (1993 – 1994)

## EXPERT TESTIMONY

**Expert**, qualified as an expert on attorney's fees in family law cases, Montgomery County Maryland (2012 – present)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

**Handbook For Separation and Divorce In Maryland, Fourth Edition.** A guide for clients and others going through divorce to provide simplified answers to the most common questions about separation and divorce (1<sup>st</sup> Edition 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2012, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2017, Kindle Edition, Amazon 2018)

### Articles

**Family law articles and website blogs**, Houlon Berman (2009 – 2017)

**Case Note: Auclair v. Auclair**, Section of Family & Juvenile Law Newsletter (January 2009)

**Indefinite Alimony (According to Judge Patrick L. Woodward, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland)**, Section of Family & Juvenile Law Newsletter (May 2008)

**Grandparent Visitation (Koshko v. Haining)**, Section of Family & Juvenile Law Newsletter (May 2007)

**Guardian ad Litem's No More: The New Best Interest Attorney**, Section of Family & Juvenile Law Newsletter (October 2006)

**Handbook on New Domestic Violence Law**, Montgomery County Family Law Section Program, (April 2003; updated April 2008)

**Parent Coordination: The New Trend**, *Bar Bulletin* (September 2002)

**Maryland Extends Child Support**, *The Gazette* (October 2002)

**Supreme Court Ruling Has Limited Effect on Grandparents' Rights in Maryland**, *The Gazette* (September 2000)

## **LECTURES**

**Special Needs Children In Divorce**, Presenter, CLE for Montgomery County Bar Association of Maryland (November 2017)

**Electronic Discovery in Divorce**, Presenter, CLE for Montgomery County Bar Association of Maryland (March 2016)

**Collaborative Divorce Institute**, Chair and Moderator, *The Collaborative End Game: What To Do When The Going Gets Rough* (2010), Chair and Moderator, *Unique Approaches in Collaborative Divorce* (2012)

**Collaborative Divorce Resolution Professionals**, Presenter, *Collaborative Divorce and The Special Needs Child* (2011)

**Hot Topics/Tips for the Family Law Practitioners**, Presenter, MICPEL CLE: *Sealing, Shielding and Inspection of Court Records* (February 2009)

**How and When to Seal, Shield and/or Inspect Confidential Court Records**, Presenter, CLE – Montgomery County Bar Association (September 2008)

**A Symposium Defining The Family: Marriage, Civil Unions, Same-Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnerships And More**, Moderator, Family law Section Law Day (May 2008)

**Trial of a Domestic Violence Case**, Presenter, CLE – Montgomery County Bar Association (April 2008)



**Indefinite Alimony**, Moderato, Court of Special Appeals Judge Patrick L. Woodward, CLE – Montgomery County Bar Association (November 2007)

**Roundtable with the Family Law Judges**, Moderator, Family Law Section Program (September 2007)

**Guardian Ad Litem's: Training for Attorneys Who Represent Children**, Presenter, CLE – Montgomery County Bar Association (April 2003)

**Legislative Testimony for Bar Association**, House Judiciary Committee, support of legislation to extend child support beyond age 18 (2001 – 2002 legislative session)

**Commission for Women, Divorce Legal Seminar**, Presenter (1999 – 2009)

**Equitable Distribution of Deferred Compensation Plans**, Presenter, Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section Law Day (May 2000)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**Collaborative Project of Maryland (CPM)**, Board Member (2017 – present)

**Collaborative Divorce Association, Inc. (CDA)**, President (2011 – 2012); Founding Member (2007 – 2017); Board Member (2007 – 2012); Chair, CDA Institute Program (2010, 2012, 2015); Chair, Marketing Committee (2009 – 2012).

**Maryland Collaborative Practice Council**, Founding Member (2007 – present)

**Family Law Section**, Bar Association of Montgomery County Maryland, Member since 1996; Program Co-Chair (2003 – 2004; Co-Chair of the Year); Section Co-Chair (2003 – 2004); Legislation and Sponsorship Committee (2008 – 2009); Section Co-Chair (2008 – 2009; Co-Chair of the Year)

**Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland**, Inquiry Panel (1997 – 2000); Peer Review Committee (2000 – present)

**ABA Advisory Panel**, (2008 – present)

**Women's Bar Association of Montgomery County**, President (2005 – 2006); Past-President (2006 – 2007); Executive Committee (1999 – 2004); Co-Chair Auction Committee (2001);, Nominations Committee (2006 – 2010)

**Inn of Court of Montgomery County**, Pupil (1998 – 1999); Executive Committee and Program Co-Chair (2003 – 2004); Barrister (2000 – 2006)

## **LEGAL AWARDS**

**Martindale-Hubbel**, A-V Preeminent Rated; 2017 Gold Client Champion Award

**SuperLawyers**, Top Lawyer in Family Law (2009 – present), Top 25 Women Attorneys in Maryland, Top 50 Women Attorneys in Washington D.C.

**BestLawyers**, Best Family Lawyers, Best Lawyers in America, Top 100 Lawyers in America

**BestLawyers – US News Best Law Firms**, Best Family Law Firms

**BestLawyers in Business**, Top Women in the Law (2018)

**Best Attorneys of America**, Best Attorney, Lifetime Charter Member

**Bethesda Magazine**, D.C. Metropolitan Area, Top 25 Divorce Lawyers (2009, 2013).

**Baltimore Magazine**, Top Family Law Attorney

**Washington Lawyer Magazine**, Top 50 Women Attorneys

**Ten Leaders Cooperative**, Top 10 Collaborative Lawyers (2012)

**National Advocate Top 100 Lawyers**, Top 100 Matrimonial and Family Law Attorneys in Maryland (2017)

**Attorney and Practice Magazine**, Maryland's Top 10 Attorneys in Family Law (2019)

**Acquisition International Global Excellence Awards**, Most Outstanding Matrimonial & Family Law Firm – Maryland (2018)

**ABA Lawyers of Distinction**, Excellence in Family and Divorce Law (2018)

**Marquis Whose Who in America**, Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award and Top Professionals (2017)

**Litigation Counsel of America**, Fellow (2018)

**Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards**, Collaborative Lawyer of the Year – USA (2018)

**AVVO**: 10.0 Superb Rating, Family Law (2009 – present)

**Family Law Section Co-Chair of the Year**, Bar Association of Montgomery County Maryland (2003 – 2004; 2008 – 2009)

**Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center**, Rockville, Maryland, Appreciation Award for Divorce Legal Seminar (1999 – 2009)

**Bar Leader**, Montgomery County Bar Foundation (2008 – present)

### **MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS**

***Attorney at Law Magazine***, “Attorney of the Month – Stuart Knotts Skok – Limitless Possibilities” by Susan Cushing (January 2018)

***Lawyer Monthly Magazine***, Expert Insight “Divorce and High Net Worth Individuals” (2018)

***Maryland SuperLawyers Magazine***, “The Crisis At Hand – Stuart Knotts Skok’s Unique Knowledge of Divorces Involving Children with Special Needs” by Joan Hennessy (January 2017)