

LAUREN S. PETKIN

FAMILY LAW & MEDIATION

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

College: University of California,
Berkeley, California
BS, Business Administration, 1980

Post-Graduate: University of Southern California
Gould School of Law
JD, May 1985

BAR ADMISSIONS:

June 1987 - Admission to California State Bar

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Family Law

- September 2020 - Present: Lauren S. Petkin Family Law and Mediation, Inc.
- September 2013 - August 2020: Kolodny Law Group (Partner)
- March 1995 - September 2013: Kolodny & Anteau (Partner since 1999)
- 1988 - March 1995: Simke, Chodos, Silberfeld & Anteau, Inc. (Associate)

Corporate

- 1983 – 1988: Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine (Los Angeles) (Associate)

REPORTED CASES:

In re Marriage of McTiernan and Dubrow (2005)
133 Cal.App.4th 1090

SPECIALIZATION

Certified Mediator by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member, The State Bar of California, Family Law Section
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Member, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Member, Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association
- Member, Los Angeles Westside Collaborative Divorce Professionals

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ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER:

- The Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law; Prior Volunteer; Pro Bono Counsel and present Deposition Officer
- Member of LACBA (Family Law) Daily Settlement Officer Program
- Volunteer for the LACBA Domestic Violence Project
- Volunteer presenter at Second Saturday L.A., a monthly divorce workshop for people who want to know more about the legal, financial, and emotional aspects of divorce before they commence the process

HONORS:

- Southern California Super Lawyer's Directory, 2006-2024
- Forbes Advisor "Best Divorce Lawyers Los Angeles, CA of 2024"
- Motion Picture & Television Directory "LA's Top 10 Attorneys" Vol 14, Jan 2023

PUBLICATIONS:

"The Dilemma of Practicing Safe Waivers of Qualified Retirement Benefits in a Prenuptial Agreement," Journal of Asset Protection, 1996

APPEARANCES:

- Panelist at Beverly Hills Bar Association program, "Recent Trends in Marital Agreements" (February 2022)
- Featured Guest on Podcast "Done Being Single," "Saying I Do at Midlife" (6/20/19)
- Moderator/Panelist at LACB Custody Colloquium on "Solving Your Complex Custody Case" (October 7, 2017)
- Moderator/Panelist at the LACBA 49th Family Law Symposium, for panel on "Effective Settlement Techniques for Family Lawyers" (May 2017)
- Panelist at the LACBA programs "100 Days Before Trial" (March 2015) and "Evidence with the Masters: Family Code Section 217 Tamed" (March 2011)
- Participant in webinars including "Getting Maximum Value in a Sale of a Family Owned Business, Potential Issues and Considerations" (April 2012), "Family Owned Business Issues in Divorce Proceedings" (October 2012) and "Sports and Media M&A and Investment" (June 2014)
- Featured Guest, discussing various family law issues, "Men's Dugout," AM 830 KLAA Radio (six appearances, 2010)