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## TOP FAMILY LAWYERS IN CALIFORNIA 2026



The annual list highlighting the top performing California attorneys handling divorce and custody matters.



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**S**andy Roxas has practiced family law for more than 21 years, building a reputation as a litigator who understands the weight of the disputes she handles. In addition to her private practice, she volunteers as a daily settlement officer and judge pro tem for family court, donating her time and experience to improve access to justice for pro per litigants.

"I was drawn to family law because it allows me to make a meaningful and im-

mediate impact on families at some of their most difficult moments," Roxas said. "Family law disputes often involve heightened emotions, deep uncertainty and long-term consequences for parents and children."

Her practice spans dissolution proceedings, domestic violence restraining orders, child custody and support disputes.

In one recent matter, Roxas represented a father in a contested domestic violence restraining order proceeding that involved mutual petitions from both parties.

After more than 16 hours of trial, the court found that the mother had committed domestic violence against the minor child through excessive corporal punishment, resulting in a black eye, and against the father as a percipient witness to the aftermath, Roxas said. The court credited the father's testimony regarding the incident and his concerns about the recurring severity of the mother's discipline.

In a separate matter, Roxas represented a husband in the dissolution of an 18-year marriage.

A Gavron warning had been issued to the wife in 2019, advising her of the state's expectation that parties make good-faith efforts to become self-supporting.

At the 2024 trial, Husband was earning \$14,515 in gross monthly income while Wife was earning \$2,955 in gross monthly income. Roxas presented evidence that the wife had made little to no effort toward self-sufficiency despite holding a bachelor's degree. The court denied the wife's request for permanent spousal support, a result Roxas described as favorable to her client given the length of the marriage and the disparity of income between the parties.

Roxas has also spoken about her experience as an Asian American woman in the courtroom. On a few occasions, other attorneys have mistaken her for a foreign language interpreter rather than counsel. "While such misidentifications may appear harmless on their face, they are emotionally and psychologically damaging," she said. She has responded by raising awareness of implicit bias within the profession.

On the evolution of family law, Roxas has observed a shift away from adversarial litigation toward mediation and collaborative approaches. "While litigation remains necessary in certain cases, there is an emphasis on resolving matters through negotiation and alternative dispute resolution whenever possible," she said.