

Stephanie L. Fink - Biographical Information

I am a partner in the small law firm of Fierst & Fink, P.C. My firm handles family law, guardianship, elder law, probate, and estates and trust matters. I am a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law. My undergraduate degree is from the University of Maryland. In addition, I have a Master's degree in education with a concentration in counseling from Xavier University. I have practiced law in Maryland since 1995 and was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1996.

I concentrate primarily on family law matters, and over the past ten years have frequently been appointed by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to represent children as a Best Interest Attorney. I have given or participated in several presentations to the Montgomery County Family Law Section about representing children in custody cases in the past ten years. I have also lectured at MICPEL's Family Law University about the role of the Best Interest Attorney, was a featured speaker at the upcoming Divorce Roundtable CLE in 2009.

The other focus of my practice is guardianships for minors and disabled adults. I am knowledgeable about legal and benefits-related issues affecting the elderly and individuals with developmental, physical, and mental disabilities. Several years ago I, along with Judges Harrington and Sundt, other attorneys, and court personnel, developed the current policy regarding the administration of guardianship cases in the Circuit Court.

I am a member of the following professional organizations: the Maryland State Bar Association; the Bar Association of Montgomery County, for which I served as co-chair of the Family Law Section in 2006 - 2007; and Secretary in 2009 - 2010; the Bar Foundation of Montgomery County, of which I also served as Secretary in 2010 - 2011; the Women's Bar Association of Maryland; the Montgomery County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association, for which I served as Secretary from 2002 - 2005; the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Inns of Court, of which I am a Bencher, have served on the Executive Committee, have chaired the Mentor-Mentee Program, and have frequently served as program group leader; the Collaborative Divorce Association, Inc, of which am a founding member and am currently Co-President; and the Simon Sobeloff Law Society.