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**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

The Maryland Bar, admitted June 1992  
District of Columbia Bar, admitted May 1990  
The Florida Bar, admitted January 1989  
The American Bar Association, Family Law Section (Vice-Chair, Child Support Committee, 2008-2009, Member, CLE Committee, 2002-2004), Law Firm Management, and Solo Firm Sections  
The Maryland State Bar Association, Family Law, Law Firm Management and Solo Firm Sections  
The Bar Association of Montgomery County, Bar Leader  
The Bar Association of Montgomery County, Family Law Section; Chair, 2004-2005, Recipient of the Chair of the Year Award; Chair, CLE Committee, 1998-1999  
The Bar Association of Montgomery County, Law Practice Management Section  
The Bar Association of Montgomery County, Solo and Small Firm Section; Chair, 2000-2003  
The Bar Association of Montgomery County, Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, 2007-date (Co-Chair, 2008-date)  
The Bar Association of Frederick County  
The Montgomery County Inns of Court, 2000  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Academy of Family Mediators, 1996-2001  
Counsel of Parent Advocates and Attorneys  
International Association of Collaborative Professionals  
Collaborative Dispute Resolution Professionals; President, 2006-2007  
Association of Collaborative Professionals  
Maryland Collaborative Practice Council; Executive Board, 2005-2012; Co-Chair, 2008 to 2011

**FORMAL EDUCATION:**

**University of Miami School of Law, J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 1988**  
Class Rank: 6 of 348

Honors: Dean's List, all semesters; Associate Note Editor, Law Review; Student Advisor, Law Review Casenote Writing Program; Member, Law Review; Member, Order of the Coif; American Jurisprudence Book Award, Torts; Best Brief Award, First Year Moot Court; Who's Who Among American Law Students

**University of Miami School of Law**

1980 - Spring 1982 (withdrew because of illness)

Honors: Finalist, First Year Optional Moot Court, Spring 1981

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**University of Richmond, B.A., Magna Cum Laude, 1980, History and Spanish**

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's List, all semesters; President, National Honor Society for Modern Foreign Languages; Outstanding Senior in Modern Foreign Languages; National Honor Society for History; Who's Who Among Student in American Colleges & Universities

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

**American Bar Association, Family Law Advocacy Institute, May 2000**

**Best Interest Attorney/Child Privilege Attorney, 1996**

**Mediation Training, 20 hours, June 2001; 8 hours advanced skills, June 2008, ongoing annual training for recertification 2009-date**

**Family Law Mediation Training, 40 hours, June 1996**

**Collaborative Law Training, Spring 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2005 (advanced training), Spring 2007 (team training), annual advanced trainings**

**Educating Adults in Collaborative Practice, Spring 2008**

**Parent Coordination Training, December 2008, June 2009, (advanced issues, complex family violence, alienation, child sexual abuse and attachment, October 2013, November 2015, November 2016, March 2017**

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Karen Robbins, Attorney at Law, August 1998 to date**

Position: Owner

Duties: All phases of domestic relations litigation in Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick Counties.

Collaborative resolution of all types of domestic relations matters. Mediation of domestic relations disputes, both privately and through the Montgomery and Frederick County Circuit Courts. Parent Coordination

**University of Maryland, Francis Carey Scott School of Law, January 2013 to date**

Position: Adjunct Professor

Duties: Develop curriculum and teach Collaborative Divorce to law students

**Collaborative Practice Training Institute, 2008 to date**

Position: Founding Faculty Member

Duties: Develop curriculum to teach collaborative practice to adults; instruct professionals in collaborative practice

**The Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, May 2002 to date**

Position: Domestic Relations Facilitator

Duties: Mediate family law disputes, both *pendente lite* and

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permanent

**Collaborative Practice Training Institute**, June 2008 to  
date

Position: Founding Member and Instructor

Duties: Develop trainings and materials in the area of  
collaborative practice, conduct trainings

**The Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland**, April  
2003 - August 2005, April 2010 - date

Position: Domestic Relations Mediator

Duties: Mediate child custody disputes, both *pendente lite*  
and permanent

**The Law Office of Lewis & Lewis**, May 1995 - August 1998

Position: Partner

Duties: All phases of domestic relations litigation in  
Montgomery and Prince Georges' Counties. In addition,  
I have given lectures on working successfully with  
divorce attorneys, and on parenting and divorce.

**Montgomery County CASA Program**, June 1997 to April 1999

Position: Court Appointed Special Advocate

Duties: To report to the Juvenile Court on placement and  
services which are in the best interests of the child  
represented. This includes meeting regularly with the  
child represented, working with all the attorneys and  
social workers in the case, talking to collateral  
sources, and advocating necessary services.

**The Honorable Natalie Baskin**, Florida Third District Court  
of Appeal, August 1988 - July 1990

Position: Judicial Clerk

Duties: Research and writing

**Lapidus & Frankel, P.A.**, June 1987

Position: Law Clerk

Duties: Drafted pleadings, prepared legal memoranda,  
research

**Professor Irwin Stotzky**, University of Miami School of Law,  
September 1986 -May 1987

Position: Research Assistant

Duties: Cataloguing materials for book chronicling  
litigation to obtain permanent resident status for  
Haitian immigrants.

**Saunders, Curtis, Ginestra and Gore, P.A.**, Summer 1986

Position: Law Clerk

Duties: Prepared discovery materials; research; legal  
memoranda; day to day client contact; observed  
court proceedings.

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**Lapidus & Stettin, P.A.**, 1981 - 1982

Position: Law Clerk

Duties: Prepared discovery materials; research; legal memoranda; day to day client contact; observed court proceedings.

**SPEAKING, WRITING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Child Custody Issues and the Military: ABA Family Law Section Webinar, July 2017

Locating and Serving Process on Military Servicemembers: ABA Family Law Section CLE Conference, Savannah, May 2017

Custody Issues in Military Divorce: ABA Family Law Section CLE Conference, Anchorage, May 2013; Carlsbad, May 2015; Frederick County Military Symposium, October 2015

Evidentiary Objections, Advanced Litigation Strategies CLE: Bar Association of Montgomery County, September 2015

3 Day Collaborative Practice Training (privately contracted): April 2007, May 2015

3 Day Collaborative Practice Training (Administrative Office of Courts for Maryland: June 2010, February and July 2012, September 2013, May 2014

Direct and Cross-Examination in a Family Law Case, Frederick County Bar Mock Trial Series, September 2014

"The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act," Family Lawyer Magazine, July 2013

Informed Consent in the Collaborative Process: IACP National Conference October 2011

Military Issues in Family Law: Annapolis, Spring 2010

Jumpstarting Your Collaborative Practice: Virginia Association of Collaborative Professionals, November 2009

3 Day Collaborative Practice Training (MSBA): May 2009