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Family Law

Alternative Dispute
Resolution**BIOGRAPHY**

Diana Richmond concentrates her practice on family law. A Certified Family Law Specialist for more than 32 years, Ms. Richmond has a breadth of experience in nearly every aspect of this arena, including complex marital property issues, same-sex partnership and parenting issues, spousal and child support, parentage and child custody, premarital and marital agreements and appeals. She works as a mediator, settlement conference facilitator or private adjudicator for family law and related controversies, including domestic partnerships, and handles premarital and marital agreements and appeals for clients. Ms. Richmond finds that mediation enhances participants' autonomy in decision-making and promotes creative solutions to family law disputes.

Ms. Richmond has been recognized for 30 years as one of the Best Lawyers of America, and was named by that publication as the San Francisco Family Law Lawyer of the Year for 2009 and 2014, and the San Francisco Family Law Mediator of the Year for 2012. In 2007, she received the Hall of Fame Award from the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. She was trial and appellate counsel in the California Supreme Court same-sex parentage case of *K.M. v. E.G.*, 37 Cal.4th 130 (2005) and has written amicus briefs in a number of cases to end the ban on same-sex marriages. Ms. Richmond co-authored the amicus brief on behalf of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in the recent landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, *Hollingsworth v. Perry*.

Ms. Richmond joined Sideman & Bancroft LLP after heading her own family law office for 24 years.

She is the author of two published novels, *Some Other Time* (2009) and *Raising Dawn* (2017).

DECISIONS

- In re Marriage Cases, 43 Cal.4th 757 (2008) (as amicus)
- *K.M. v. E.G.*, 37 Cal.4th 130 (2005)
- In re Marriage of Ousterman, 46 Cal.App.4th 1090 (1996)
- In re Marriage of Reuling, 23 Cal.App.4th 1428 (1994)
- In re Marriage of Smith, 225 Cal.App.3d 469 (1990)
- In re Marriage of Joseph, 217 Cal.App.3d 1277 (1990)
- In re Marriage of Joseph, 215 Cal.App.3d 416 (1989)
- In re Marriage of Richmond, 105 Cal.App.3d 352 (1980)
- *Perry v. Brown*, 671 F.3d 1052 (9th Cir. 2012)
- In re Marriage of Wellman, 104 Cal.App.3d 992 (1980)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Richmond writes and speaks frequently on family law issues. She serves as editorial consultant to the Matthew Bender *California Family Law Practice and Procedure, 2d* and to *California Family Law Monthly*, for which she writes bimonthly commentaries. She was consulting editor for California Continuing Education of the Bar, *Marital Termination Settlements* (1988).

In 1985, Ms. Richmond was named the first Judith McKelvey Award recipient for Outstanding Alumna from the Golden Gate University Law School. In 1990, she received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University.

Certified Specialist Family Law since 1980, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

Recognized in *Chambers High Net Worth 2017-2019* guides in Family/Matrimonial: California

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®: 1983-2020

Named Best Lawyers® 2014 San Francisco Family Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Listed in Top 100 Northern California Super Lawyers® 2004-2019; Listed in Top 10 Northern California Super Lawyers® 2005, 2007

Listed in Top 50 Women Northern California Super Lawyers® 2004-2018

Member, National Association of Distinguished Counsel

Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyer in Family Law, 2015

AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5¹

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Hollingsworth v. Perry and U.S. v. Windsor: After Jubilation, What?" LexisNexis® Emerging Issues Analysis. 2013
- Commentary, "Silicon Valley's Hottest Deal: The Pre-Nup," Vanity Fair, 2016

Speaking Engagements

- Diana Richmond presents “Electronic Evidence and the Bounds of Privacy” for the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists
- Diana Richmond joins panel on “Spousal Support: Managing Risk” for the 41st Annual Symposium of the Northern California chapter of the AAML
- Diana Richmond discusses private judging for the Northern California Chapter of the AAML

- Diana Richmond on panel at the Comprehensive Family Law Practice Seminar: A Skills Course for Family Law
- Diana Richmond and Anne Freeman speak on “Premarital Agreements: What to Cover, Uncover, Protect & Provide” for the Contra Costa Bar Association
- Diana Richmond discusses the California Supreme Court’s decision *In re Marriage of Valli* at the Annual Family Law Updates and Strategies presentation at the Bar Association of San Francisco
- Diana Richmond discusses “Best Practices in Evidence– a View from the Bench and Appellate Counsel” for the 38th Annual Symposium of the AAML’s Northern California Chapter.
- Diana Richmond on “What Family Law Attorneys Need To Know About the U.S. Supreme Court Marriage Equality Decisions” for the AAML
- Diana Richmond and Monica Mazzei speak about “Emerging Hot Topics and Trends Affecting Pre and Post Marital Agreements” at the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists’ meeting
- Diana Richmond speaks at the “Annual Family Law Updates and Strategies” session at the San Francisco Bar Association
- Ellen Kahn, Diana Richmond and Raquel Sefton present “Til Death or Divorce: Cross-Over Issues for Estate Planners and Family Law Counsel”
- Diana Richmond speaks at the “Annual Family Law Updates and Strategies” session at the San Francisco Bar Association
- The Sideman & Bancroft Breakfast Briefing Series: “Premarital Agreements: Why Do Them?”

Education

University of Chicago
B.A. 1967

Golden Gate University Law School
J.D., with highest honors, 1973