

# Women Leaders *in the* 2015 Law

Legal Leaders proudly presents the second annual edition of *Women Leaders in the Law*.

The elite attorneys featured in this section have been peer-rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, indicating that they exhibit the highest level of professional excellence.

As the number of women in the profession increases, so does the commitment for a diverse culture supportive of females in the legal industry. The attorneys featured here have demonstrated leadership in their fields as well as their communities.

Should you need legal assistance, the attorneys found on these pages may provide the services you seek.

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## Stacy D. Phillips PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY MATTERS

Stacy D. Phillips is a Certified Family Law Specialist, founder and Managing Principal of Phillips Lerner, a full-service family law firm in Los Angeles. Proud of her history of achieving notable results for her clients, Stacy knows that divorce and family matters change life's course.

"Over the 30-plus years of my legal career, I have gained insight into how justifiably powerless, frustrated and out of control many people become when going through the divorce experience," Stacy says. "I am constantly reminded that how we treat others, conduct ourselves, and communicate during difficult times can alter the path of our lives and the lives of others."

Phillips Lerner's clients are predominantly high net worth individuals, many of whom are business owners, corporate executives and entrepreneurs. To successfully guide these clients through such emotionally charged matters, Stacy provides assertive representation and an uncompromising work ethic, fostering relationships based on trust and personalized attention.

"I chose the complex area of family law because it provided me the opportunity to do the work I loved, with each case having a distinct heartbeat. My wish as a family law attorney is to make a positive difference by helping my clients get through an incredibly difficult time and also help them reshape their lives," she reflects.

Stacy is especially mindful of advising clients to settle disputes reasonably, keeping children out of any legal, emotional or psychological wars. She truly believes that "no one is more vulnerable to becoming a casualty than the child who innocently gets pulled into a war."

Stacy and her colleagues at Phillips Lerner have advanced the firm's ethos beyond the courtroom through many charitable endeavors. Each year since 1999, the firm's Adopt-A-Center Program selects a local non-profit organization that benefits women, families and children. The firm plans, underwrites and hosts an event specially tailored to the selected non-profit, in addition to raising funds and volunteering their time with the organization.

"What sets us apart is that we're a firm with heart. We care deeply about our clients, our colleagues, the court system, and the community," Stacy says. "That compassion has truly made all the difference."

Stacy D. Phillips is the author of *"Divorce: It's All About Control. How to Win the Emotional, Psychological and Legal Wars,"* now in its 7th printing.



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Sitting left to right: Caroline Bercier, Rachael McClure, Stephanie Roberts, Jessica Zafonte, Laura Chubb, Sandra Kuzmich, Ph.D., and Erika Selli.  
 Standing left to right: Laura Fanelli, Janice Ye, Elizabeth Murphy, Leann Clymer, Ying-Zi Yang, Ph.D., and Laura Krawczyk.  
 Not pictured: Marilyn Brogan, Kathleen Ehrhard, Ph.D., Vicki Franks, and Erin Lawrence.

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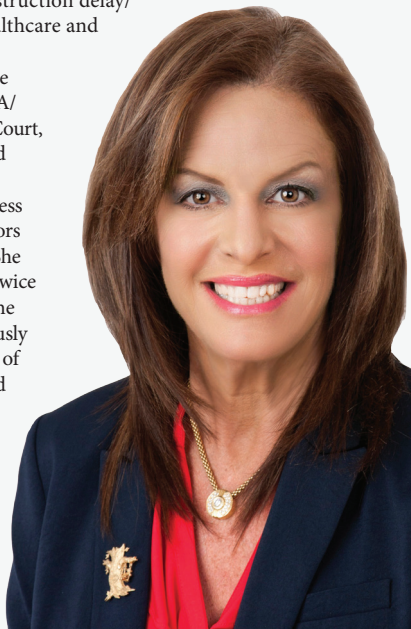
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Cindy is a Florida Certified Circuit Civil & Appellate Mediator, a Panel Mediator and Arbitrator on the AAA/ICDR Rosters, and is a Mediator on the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida's Panel. Cindy has traveled nationally and internationally to resolve disputes.

Cindy was honored to be voted by the Daily Business Review as one of the top three South Florida Mediators since the award's inception in 2012, 2013 and 2014. She is also a member of JAFCO's Board of Trustees, has twice been selected by the Boy's and Girl's Club as one of the 100 outstanding Women of Broward County, previously served as a member of St. Thomas Law School's Inns of Court and on the Executive Council of The Legal Aid Service of Broward, Inc.

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Ms. Dowdle served as Assistant District Attorney, Magistrate for the 33rd/424th Judicial District Drug Court, President of the Highland Lakes Bar Association, as well as a speaker/panelist for the Highland Lakes CASA program. In addition to a private family law and mediation practice, Ms. Dowdle continues to take court appointments to represent children in foster care and is a past scholarship recipient of the Texas Supreme Court Children's Commission.

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Mentoring these women is one of the "Remarkable Women Who Made History" in Charlotte, Minette Trosch (as featured by the Levine Museum of the New South). During a time when few women broke the glass ceiling, Minette served five terms on



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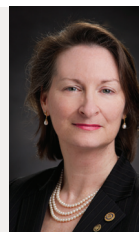
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Receiving her Juris Doctorate from New York Law School (1987), she now practices in Florida (2002), New Jersey (1987), and New York (1988). Leaving a primarily litigation practice in Manhattan in 1993, she started her own practice in 1994. In 2002, she relocated her family and the main office, Barbara M. Pizzolato, P.A., to Southwest Florida, focusing on estate planning and business planning.

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Guiding clients through their legal matters and being their trusted advisor for life is Little's passion. "Client loyalty is driven by providing clients with top notch legal representation - it is important to always be your best and on top of your practice," said Little. She is a NC Board Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law (a distinction held by less than 1% of NC attorneys) and is rated AV Preeminent® (Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating).

As a highly respected Trusts and Estates Lawyer, Danica advises clients regarding estate planning, special needs planning, estate administration, estate disputes, tax planning, trust administration, and business matters. Danica works with business owners, athletes, authors, lawyers, physicians, CPAs, executives, high net worth individuals, and families with special needs. She is licensed to practice law in NC and SC. Danica has published numerous articles on estate planning, estate administration, estate, gift and income tax planning, and asset protection.

Little served as President of the Charlotte Women's Bar and Chair of the Tax Section of the Mecklenburg County Bar. Little earned a Masters of Accountancy degree and a Juris Doctorate, Magna Cum Laude. She is a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), Certified Management Accountant (C.M.A.) and Certified Financial Manager (C.F.M.). Danica was named "40 Under 40" by Charlotte Business Journal, "Women Extraordinaire" by Business Leader Magazine, and "Rising Star" by Thompson Reuters Super Lawyers.

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Before starting Kundra & Associates, Ms. Kundra worked at the Office of Financial Enforcement, U.S. Department of Treasury, where she focused on money laundering issues and violations of the Bank Secrecy Act. Among Ms. Kundra's professional honors are being included in *Washington D.C. and Baltimore's Women Leaders in the Law* for 2012 and 2015, receiving the *Best Lawyers Award* for 2013, 2014 and 2015 as well as 2016 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Tax Law. She has been selected as a Woman of Outstanding Leadership for 2015 by the *International Women's Leadership Association*. From 2013 - 2015, Ms. Kundra was recognized in *Fortune's Women Leaders in the Law* and received recognition from the *National Association of Professional and Executive Women* as "Woman of the Year" in Tax and Law for 2007, 2008 and 2015. In 2014, *U.S. News & World Report* included Kundra & Associates in Best Law Firms. Ms. Kundra was also awarded the *National Association of Entrepreneurship's* 2011 First Generation Entrepreneur of the Year, the Circle of Excellence in 2011 and *Super Lawyers* in 2009. In addition, Ms. Kundra is also involved with organizations such as Green Peace, the National Geographic Society, and the American Civil Liberties Union. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Association and the Montgomery Bar Association.

Ms. Kundra is a former chair and current member of the Employment Tax Section, Civil and Criminal Penalties Section for the American Bar Association. She is also a member of the Inns of the Court for the U.S. Tax Court and Co-Chair of Day One of the Maryland Advanced Tax Institute. Some of her additional professional memberships include the US Tax Court Inns of Court, the Civil and Criminal Penalties division of the American Bar Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Indian American Bar Association, the Tax Section for the Maryland State Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Maryland State Bar Tax Controversy Study Group. Finally, Ms. Kundra also gives time to the Montgomery and Prince George's County Tax Study Groups and is a member of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland.

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Vandenack's areas of expertise include tax law, high net worth estate planning, asset protection planning, business succession planning, and tax-exempt entities. A noted legal speaker and writer, Mary is a commentator for the tax publication, *Leimberg Services*.

Mary is recognized nationally as a legal innovator and technologist in addition to her success in her substantive practice areas. Mary was the recipient of the 2015 James I. Keane Memorial Award, recognizing excellence in e-lawyering and was recently nominated for the College of Law Practice Management InnoVaction award, which recognizes extraordinary innovative efforts.

Mary has been active in the national bar, serving the Law Practice Division as an Executive Council Member and as Features Editor for the *Law Practice Magazine*. Mary is currently serving on the American Bar Association Futures Commission as well as the Youth at Risk Advisory Commission and is active in the Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section.

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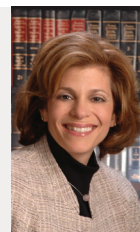
She received her Juris Doctorate and Masters of Business Administration from Loyola University.

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She was born in Utica, New York. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from LeMoyne College, Syracuse, New York and with a Juris Doctor Degree from University of Richmond Law School, Richmond, Virginia. After law school, she continued her education and graduated with a Masters of Law in Taxation (LLM) from University of Baltimore, Maryland, Graduate Tax Program.

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Marisa is a frequent speaker and has presented at the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (NARTC), National Business Institute (NBI), and local organizations, including the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

While a student, she interned at the Texas 8th Court of Appeals and for two United States District Judges in the Western District of Texas. Prior to law school, she enjoyed a career in politics where she worked for political campaigns ranging from the President of the United States to local school board races.

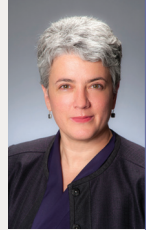
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Attorney Biehl, a former shareholder in a large Florida law firm, established her own firm in March of 2000. She has many years of experience in complex commercial and business litigation, negotiations, mediation, arbitration, and trials in federal and state courts.

In addition to her commitment to providing excellent legal services, Attorney Biehl has given back to her profession and community by having served in numerous leadership roles, including past president of the Martin County Bar Association, past chair for The Florida Bar 19th Circuit Grievance Committee, and past president of the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast.

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Combining 32 years of litigation experience with 24 years experience as a Florida Supreme Court certified Mediator, Attorney Diane McWhirter's mediation training includes skill development in facilitating agreements using complex negotiations.

In 2015, Diane McWhirter received the "Nation's Top One Per Cent" award from the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. AVVO Lawyer Rating Guide assessed her legal abilities as "superb." Martindale-Hubbell Peer review Rating System, classified her as "Distinguished" and "Highly Rated" in both her legal abilities and ethical standards. In 2014, American Society of Legal Advocates named her as a Top 100 Bankruptcy Attorney for Florida. Diane McWhirter's client awards include the "10 Best 2014 Client Satisfaction Award" from the American Institute of Bankruptcy Attorneys.



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Ms. Kelsey is a 2015 BV Peer Review Rated attorney, having received recognition for her very high standards in legal ability and ethics. Ms. Kelsey obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland University College, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1988. Thereafter, she obtained her J.D. at Georgetown University Law Center in 1992 and was later admitted to practice law in Maryland, District of Columbia, Federal and Supreme Courts.

She is a member of the District of Columbia, Maryland State, Prince George's County and J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Associations, where she is currently serving her 4th term as Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair.

For more than 20 years, she has practiced general civil law, including bankruptcy, collections, estate planning and administration, guardianship, workers' compensation and personal injury matters. She is also sole counsel to the Prince George's County Department of Social Services Child Abuse and Neglect Appeals Division.

Ms. Kelsey has presented to local and national attorneys through the DC, Women's & National Bar Associations and is scheduled as a faculty member in an upcoming webinar presented by the American Bar Association on September 22.

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Ms. Kelsey is committed to upholding the standards of the legal profession and has participated as a panel attorney for both the Maryland Judicial Nominating Committee (2007-2015) and as a Peer Review Attorney for the Attorney Grievance Commission (2003-2015). Ms. Kelsey also regularly assists the public by volunteering in court Alternative Dispute Resolution and local church pro bono events.



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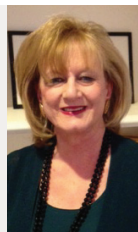
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