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Providing representation, collaborative divorce and mediation services to adults and children in all facets of family-related disputes in the Connecticut family, civil, criminal and probate courts.

MONICA LAFFERTY HARPER, admitted to bar, 1978, Connecticut, U.S. District Courts, District of Connecticut, U.S. Supreme Court

Martindale's Attorney Directory: Peer Review Rating BV® Distinguished™ 4.4 out of 5

Education: Chestnut Hill College (B.A., 1964); University of Connecticut (J.D., 1976). Recipient: American Jurisprudence Award for Trial Practice, University of Connecticut

Author: "Variations on a Theme: Local Procedures in Domestic Cases", 2 Connecticut Family Lawyer, No. 2 (1987), "Connecticut Guide to Street Law Supplements" (1988)(2003)

Editor: Connecticut Family Lawyer (1990-1994)

Judicial Appointments: Committee on Recommendations for Admission to the Connecticut Bar-Hartford County (1995 —),

Attorney Trial Referee, Superior Court, Hartford Judicial District

Special Master, Regional Family Trial Docket
Special Master, Superior Court, Family Division -Hartford, Tolland, Middlesex Judicial Districts.

Judicial Certification: Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney for Minor Children, Connecticut Commission on Child Protection (2010—)

Member: American, Connecticut, Hartford County Bar Associations
Connecticut Bar Association House of Delegates (1999-2011)
Connecticut Bar Association Family Law Section (1980—), Executive Committee, (1986-1989)
Connecticut Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (1996—)
Connecticut Bar Association Governance Task Force, (2006)
Connecticut Bar Association Nominating Committee, (2006-2007)
Hartford County Bar Association Director (1991-1996)
Hartford County Bar Association Family Law Committee, Co-Chair (1988-1990) (1998-1999)
American Inns of Court/Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court, Bencher, Bencher Emeritus (1997—)
Hartford Association of Women Attorneys, President (1987-1988) (1978-2003)
American Arbitration Association (1994-1995)

Co-Chair, Special Masters Training Program for Hartford Judicial District (January, 2002)
Co-Chair Special Masters Program Committee, Hartford County Bar Association (2002-2003)
Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation and Collaborative Practice (CCDM) www.ct.mediators.org
Connecticut Collaborative Divorce Group (CCDG) www.ctcollaborativedivorce.com
Collaborative Divorce Professionals (CDP) www.collaborativedivorceprofessionals-CT.com
International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) www.collaborativepractice.com
National Mediation Directory www.mediate.com

Lectures/Panelist: UCONN Alumni Association, Annual Survey of Connecticut Law - "Developments in Family Law" (December, 1987)

Hartford County Bar Association - "Pretrial Negotiations in Family Law" (February, 1989)

Connecticut Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section - "Bridging the Gap With Basic Practice and Procedure" (March, 1989)

Connecticut Bar Association - "Special Masters Training Seminar (March, 1989)

Center for Legal Rights - "Divorce Seminar for Women Only" (September, 1989)

WPOP Radio - "Grandparent Visitation Rights" (January, 1990)

Hartford County Bar Association - "Ethics, Malpractice and Grievance" (March, 1990)

Hartford County Bar Association - "Family Law in the 90's: Restructuring Family Finances" (February, 1991)

Hartford County Bar Association - "Child Support Guidelines" (February, 1991)

Hartford County Bar Association - Sexual Development and Behavior in Childhood" (April, 1991)

Tolland County Bar Association - "Special Masters Training Seminar" (May, 1991)

UCONN Alumni Association, "Child Support Guidelines" (September, 1991)

National Business Institute - "Child Custody and Visitation in Connecticut" (October, 1991)

HalfMoon, LLC - "Connecticut Family Law Practice for Paralegals" (February, 2000)

Hartford County Bar Association, Family Law Section - "Case Developments 2000-2001" (November, 2001)

Special Masters' Training, Hartford Judicial District, Co-Chair (January, 2002)

Hartford Judicial District Bench/Bar Symposium, (November, 2002)

ABA Section on Dispute Resolution: Judge - Regional Mediation Competition, Quinnipiac University School of Law (2001-2004)

ADR and Collaborative Law Training:

Connecticut Council of Divorce and Family Mediators, Inc.

Mediation Training (January 20-23, 1983) (40 hours)

Trainers: Lawrence D. Gaughan, Esq., Arlington, VA and Ann L. Milne, ACSW, Madison, WI

Connecticut Council of Divorce and Family Mediators, Inc.

Mediating Conflict (June 25, 1983)

Conducted by: Daniel Dana, Ph.D.

Connecticut Council of Divorce and Family Mediators, Inc.

Custody Mediation: Two Perspectives (May 12, 1984)

Conducted by: Marcia Lebowitz

American Arbitration Association Mediator Training (May 19, 1994)

Mediation Matters, Advanced Family Mediation Training (October 2-4, 1998)

Conducted by: Carl D. Schneider, Ph.D. and Lois H. Stovall, J.D.

John A. Speziale ADR Symposium

Quinnipiac School of Law (October 23, 1998)

Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation, 1999 Statewide Conference

"Mediation Goes Mainstream" (November 4, 1999)

Dispute Settlement Center, Inc., Norwalk, CT

Managing Conflict Productively: Lessons for Life (November 13-14, 2004)

Facilitator: Leo Danny Mallonga, M.A. Ed.M.

Hartford County Bar Association Special Masters Training Program (January 25, 2005)

Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation and Family Dispute Resolution

"Sponsoring the Conversation", 20-hour Advance Family Mediation Training (May 4-6, 2006)

Conducted by: Carl D. Schneider, Ph.D.

Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training

(November 2-3, 2006)

Conducted by: Nancy Cameron, QC; Doreen Gardner Brown, and Dr. Susan Gamache

Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation Advanced Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training

(November 4, 2006)

Conducted by: Nancy Cameron, QC; Doreen Gardner Brown, and Dr. Susan Gamache

University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac University Center on Dispute Resolution

Mediation Certificate Training (October 11-13 & 19-20, 2007)

Conducted by: Patricia Worlock Moore and William Devane Logue

Collaborative Training Solutions, LLC

Collaborative Practice Conference (May 8-9, 2009) Hancock, MA

Conducted by: Mary McNeish Stengel, LCSW-C, Sue Brunsting, Esquire

Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation & Collaborative Practice
Marital Mediation Training (September 16, 2009)
Conducted by: John A. Fiske, Esq., Susan K. Boardman, Ph.D.

Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council
A Step-by-Step Approach to Conflict Resolution (June 10-12, 2010)
Conducted by: Kenneth Cloke, J.D.

Awards: Connecticut Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism
Connecticut Bar Association Distinguished Volunteers 2004