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Darlene Lesser is well known as an experienced and effective Family Law professional. She's committed to solving her client's matrimonial issues with compassion and creative solutions to preserve the integrity of the family.

From the initial consultation, Darlene educates and counsels her clients about the steps of the process, likely results and alternative paths to an optimal resolution. She keeps her clients informed and an integral part of the divorce process every step of the way.

Darlene is experienced at handling complex divorces involving businesses, multiple properties, high conflict custody and support matters as well as premarital agreements, amicable marriage and partnership dissolutions as well as parenting plans. She is skilled at navigating an amicable yet favorable settlement with finesse, saving her clients thousands of dollars on extensive litigation. Sometimes domestic cases cannot be settled and need a prepared, aggressive approach in litigation. Darlene and her team are always prepared and ready to present your best case. Darlene Lesser is the family law professional who can handle both for you with compassion, professionalism and effectiveness.

Darlene represents divorcing clients as well as those who never married in both Circuit and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts throughout Northern Virginia, including Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington, and Alexandria, Prince William, Stafford and Fauquier counties. She also utilizes retired judges for effective mediations to help her clients reach a resolution without ever stepping foot in court. Darlene has also been trained on collaborative law and is a conciliator in the Fairfax Conciliation Program.

Darlene has been an AV rated Family Law professional for years, the highest rating given by Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™ for her legal ability and general ethical standards. She has been included on *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite" five times, and was selected as The State's Outstanding Young

Lawyer by *Richmond Magazine Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star* early in her career *Northern Virginia* magazine recognized her as a Top Attorney in the practice of Family Law.

Practice Areas

- Family Law

Education

- St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida (1998)
- Auburn University at Montgomery (1996)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar , 2002
- Florida Bar, 1999

Professional Honors & Activities

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- *Understanding Marital Assets and your Rights to Them*, The Women's Center, Vienna Virginia. Ongoing bi-monthly seminars.
- *The Smart Split*, The Women's Center, Vienna Virginia. Ongoing quarterly presentations.
- *Discovery in Family Law Cases*, Virginia CLE, 2010