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Practice Areas

Family Law, Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Personal Injury/
Wrongful Death, Products Liability, Professional Malpractice

Profile

Dana McKee handles all aspects of family law, which includes divorces, separation agreements, custody and child support disputes, and prenuptial agreements. She is a tough but fair negotiator who has successfully handled numerous mediations, trials, and appeals. Dana serves as a Court Ordered Settlement Conference Facilitator for the Family Division of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and has taught courses on custody issues for the National Association of Social Workers. She is also trained as a collaborative family law attorney and is a member of the Howard County Collaborative Professionals.

Dana has received an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards from her peers. Less than 5% of women lawyers have been recognized with an AV Preeminent rating.

In addition to family law, Dana handles a variety of complex commercial and personal injury litigation matters. In March 2000, she obtained substantial sanctions against a national manufacturer and its attorneys for discovery abuses in a product liability case - a decision that has received statewide and national attention. Prior to joining Brown, Goldstein & Levy, Dana was an attorney with Frank, Bernstein, Conaway & Goldman, where her practice was devoted exclusively to complex commercial litigation.

Dana is a member of the state and federal bars of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and New Jersey. She is an active member of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, the Baltimore County Bar Association Family Law Committee, and the Baltimore City Bar Association Family Law Committee.

Dana lives in Baltimore City with her husband and daughter. She is active in her community, having served as the Vice-President and then President of the Ten Hills Community Association. She was instrumental in obtaining the historical designation for the Ten Hills community. She also has worked closely with city officials and leaders from the surrounding communities in the redevelopment of the abandoned Uplands Apartments in Southwest Baltimore. Dana enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, and renovating her historic home.

Education

Duke University School of Law, J.D. 1985
Johns Hopkins University, B.A. with General Honors, 1981

Representative Cases

- Dana has represented clients in divorce cases involving substantial marital property, including business assets, retirement funds, securities, and real property. In many cases, child support and alimony also were at issue.
- Dana has represented parents, relatives, and children in high-conflict custody disputes.
- *Poole v. Textron, Inc.*, 192 F.R.D. 494 (D. Md. 2000) - substantial settlement for child disfigured in a golf car accident and sanctions against the manufacturer and its attorneys for concealing information pertaining to the golf cart's defective design.
- *Stonegate Limited Partnership v. American Siding & Roofing, Inc.* - successfully represented developer for substantial defects in a townhouse development caused by the negligent workmanship of one of its subcontractors.
- *Bertani v. Macklin* - obtained a substantial settlement on behalf of a homeowner in an architectural malpractice case.
- *Sember v. National Federation of the Blind* - defeated claims brought against the author, publisher, and sources of an article criticizing a government employee's nepotism.
- *Second Chance Body Armor, Inc. v. Safariland, Ltd., Inc.* - successfully defeated claims in a nationally publicized multidistrict litigation for defamation and Lanham Act violations brought by a corporation against competing sales representatives.

Publications

- "The ADA and the Internet: Must Web Sites Be Accessible to the Disabled?," *Maryland Bar Journal*, Fall 2000.
- "Motions Practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit," *Appellate Practice for the Maryland Lawyer: State and Federal* (Sandler & Levy eds., MICPEL 2007).

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