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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, a board member of The Collaborative Professionals of Baltimore and the Howard County Collaborative Professionals, and a member of the International Academy of 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. Since 2013 Dana has been listed annually in *Maryland Super Lawyers*. She was listed in Top 50 Women *Maryland Super Lawyers* 2014, 2015, and 2018 and in Top 100 *Maryland Super Lawyers* 2014 and 2015, for lawyers who received the highest point totals in the Maryland nomination, research, and blue ribbon review process. Since 2014, Dana has been selected by her peers for inclusion in the *The Best Lawyers in America*. She is listed in the fields of Family Law and Commercial Litigation.

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 Association for Justice, 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.

Memberships

- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Board Member
- Howard County Collaborative Professionals, Board Member
- Maryland Association for Justice, Board Member
- Collaborative Professionals of Baltimore, Board Member

Honors

- Top 50 Women *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2014, 2015, 2018
- *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2013-present
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014-present, Family Law and Commercial Litigation
- Top 100 *Maryland Super Lawyers*, 2014 & 2015

Publications

- Dana was interviewed and quoted in the *Maryland Family Law Update* article, "Prenup, plz," December 2016.
- Dana was quoted in *The Daily Record's Maryland Lawyer* article, "Same-sex marriage: New law, new clients, new questions," November 25, 2012.
- Dana was interviewed and quoted in the article "Love Meets the Law" in the 2012 issue of *Baltimore Bride* magazine.
- "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).

Presentations

- December 7, 2012, Dana was a panel member at the “A Conversation with Lawyer-consumers of Mediation” session during the 2012 Maryland Mediators Convention, Linthicum, MD.

Blog Articles

- Everything AND the Kitchen Sink?!?: The Top 3 Questions to Ask Yourself when Dividing Marital Assets
- Finding The Right Divorce/Family Law Attorney In Times Of Need

For further information, see Brown Goldstein and Levy’s family law site: www.browngoldfamilylaw.com.

