

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

In her 39 years of practice, Linda Sorg Ostovitz has served as a leader, educator and advocate. She is a family law attorney and Legal Operations Chair. Mrs. Ostovitz holds a prestigious fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is on the boards of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Respite Retreats, and is the President of the Rotary Club of Columbia Patuxent. She was awarded one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in 2015 and 2019 and is a 2020 Her Mind Community Hero.

Mrs. Ostovitz represents clients in Howard, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Montgomery, and Baltimore Counties. Her practice focuses exclusively on divorce litigation and mediation, child custody and access, child support, alimony, business valuation, as well as property and asset distribution. In addition to providing legal representation in court, Mrs. Ostovitz provides mediation services to help families come to a resolution without the need for litigation.

Mrs. Ostovitz has written and contributed to publications on family law matters and authors HoCo in the Know. She is a strong advocate for her clients and inspires the highest level of confidence, allowing the best and most informed decisions to be made.

She enjoys speaking to groups and guest lecturing for organizations. She also hosts a free Breakfast Bar series to educate her guests about the varied legal options offered by Offit Kurman. Mrs. Ostovitz values mentorship and lends her experience to students by serving as a judge in the Maryland State Bar Association high school mock trial competitions, as well as mentoring younger attorneys.

Her commitment to the community extends to her generous contributions and active participation in Gilchrist Hospice, Columbia Patuxent Rotary, and Respite Retreats.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Principal and Legal Operators Chair
- Principal and Practice Group Director, Offit Kurman, 2019-2020
- Principal and Practice Group Leader of the Family Law Practice Group (South), Offit Kurman, 2018-2019
- Member, Silverstein and Ostovitz, LLC, 1999-2015
- Private Practice, 1988-1999
- Senior Assistant State's Attorney, Howard County, 1987-1988
- Assistant State's Attorney, Howard County, 1981-1986
- Victim Witness Coordinator, Howard County State's Attorneys Office, 1979-1981

CERTIFICATIONS

- Civil Mediation
- Divorce Mediation: Parenting and Child Issues
- Divorce Mediation: Property and Financial Issues
- Collaborative Law Certification
- Family Law Arbitration Certification, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyer
- Graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute
- Chesapeake Basic Economic Development Course

TEACHING

- MICPEL Lecturer
- Maryland State Police and Howard County Police Department Academy Lecturer
- National Family Resiliency Center - Parenting Classes
- Seminars on Divorce Options in Maryland
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 2014 Symposium
- Financial Professionals Association
- Breakfast Bar Series

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONS

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow, 2011 to present
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Vice President, Maryland Chapter

LINDA S. OSTOVITZ

Principal and Legal Operations Chair, Columbia

PRACTICE AREAS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Family Law

RECOGNITIONS

- Inaugural Her Mind Community Heroes Award Winner 2020
- Maryland's Top 100 Women 2019
- 2014 Woman of Distinction, Business Women's Network of Howard County
- Maryland's Top 100 Women 2015
- Smart CEO finalist 2015

- Maryland State Bar Association
- Family Law Section
- Howard County Bar Association, 1981 to present
- Business Women's Network of Howard County
- BWN President, 2014-2016
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce - Executive Committee, Governance Committee
- Rotary Club of Columbia/Patuxent, President
- Gilchrist Hospice, Taste Committee Chair
- Leadership Howard County Graduate, 2015
- MSBA Mentoring

PRIOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Professionalism Commission of the Court of Appeals
- Judicial Nominating Commission, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association ADR Section Council
- Maryland State Bar Association Criminal Law Section Council, 1992
- Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, 1988-1999
- Maryland State's Attorney's Association, 1981-1990
- Howard County Collaborative Professionals
- Leadership Howard County Co-Chair, Business Day
- Leadership Howard County, Steering Committee

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Baltimore, 1981
- B.S., University of Baltimore, 1978

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland Court of Appeals, 1981
- U. S. District Court, 1989
- U. S. Supreme Court, 1990

AWARDS

