



**SHIRLEY KEISLER**  
Principal, Tysons Corner

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Family Law
- International Practice

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

Shirley Keisler practices in the areas of state, interstate, and international family law and is highly experienced in guiding clients through separation and divorce using mediation and, if necessary, litigation. Ms. Keisler recognizes that litigation can be time consuming, costly, and emotionally draining. Therefore, her primary goal with each client is to achieve a swift and beneficial settlement. While the majority of the cases Ms. Keisler handles result in amicable resolutions, she is a seasoned trial attorney and has successfully litigated high conflict custody and visitation proceedings; international and interstate custody and/or divorce cases; complex marital property divisions (equitable distribution cases); child support and spousal support; and family abuse protective order hearings. She is well versed in the unique issues that arise with military and Foreign Service families, and is experienced with the division of pensions and retirement accounts whether for those in the Military, Foreign Service, government, or private sectors or their spouses.

Additional Practice Areas: International Family Law, Hague international child abduction cases, Divorce, Custody and visitation, Spousal support, Child support, Equitable distribution

**ACTIVITIES**

- Motions Conciliator and Neutral Case Evaluator for the Fairfax County Circuit Court
- Lecturer on interstate and international custody disputes, including Hague Convention Cases
- Fairfax Bar Association (Member, Board of Directors, Family Law Section; Circuit Court Committee, Domestic Relations Sub-Committee, President’s Award Recipient, 2008)
- Virginia State Bar (Member, Family Law Section)
- International Academy of Family Lawyers (Fellow)
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Fellow)

**POINTS OF DISTINCTION**

- Named to Washington D.C. Super Lawyers list, 2018, an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 5% of attorneys in Washington DC receive this distinction
- Virginia Super Lawyer, 2019 - 2022
- Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Certified Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Listed in Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys
- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Listed in Best Lawyers in America for Family Law
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Family Law, 2015-present
- Selected to Super Lawyers in Virginia and Washington, DC in Family Law
- Named as one of the 'Virginia Legal Elite' in Family Law by Virginia Business Magazine.

**EDUCATION**

- J.D., George Mason University School of Law, 1990
- M.A. Drexel University, 1977
- B.A., Temple University, 1975

**ADMISSIONS**

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, 1991
- U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia 1992
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia, 1996
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 2001

**AWARDS**

