



PRACTICE FOCUS

Catherine H. “Kate” McQueen is a Principal attorney in the Family Law Practice Group. She is licensed to practice law in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Ms. McQueen focuses her practice on the many legal issues that impact families, including prenuptial and postnuptial agreements and all the issues arising out of a divorce or separation, such as custody, child support, and other financial and property issues. She also has extensive experience in guardianship and conservatorship matters for child and adults and disputes among family members regarding capacity and fiduciary issues arising out of powers of attorney, trusts, and estates. Ms. McQueen assists clients in evaluating whether guardianship is appropriate and petitioning for guardianship or conservatorship, serving as court-appointed counsel for alleged disabled persons, and serving as court-appointed guardian for individuals when their family members or friends are unwilling or unable to do so.

Families with whom Ms. McQueen has worked describe her as a compassionate and responsive problem solver who calmly guides clients through the often difficult and emotionally fraught path of family disputes. Ms. McQueen has a family of her own and understands the value of a reasoned, practical, “big-picture” approach that achieves results without generating additional tensions or costs. Sometimes litigation is unavoidable, and when necessary, she draws on her extensive litigation experience to advocate for clients in court. Most times, though, a creative resolution can be found that allows clients to control the outcome for their family and preserve family resources for the future, rather than expending family resources on litigation.

Over the course of her almost twenty (20) years in practice, Ms. McQueen has built a strong track record of steering clients away from the toxic hostilities that can arise from family law disputes and focusing on the future for their family, helping clients foster positive family relationships moving forward. She also offers her services at competitive rates compared to other attorneys who possess her same level of experience.

“No family legal issue is too difficult to solve. My goal is to help my clients feel calm and confident in the face of any dispute—and to develop practical solutions for families’ long-term futures. My work is only done when all the pieces have fallen into place.”

— *Kate McQueen*

CATHERINE H. MCQUEEN

Principal, Bethesda

PRACTICE AREAS

- Family Law
- Guardianships

ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer-Elect of the Montgomery County Bar Association
- Co-Chair, Legislative Affairs, Montgomery County Bar Association
- Member of Board of Directors and Co-Secretary, Conflict Resolution Center for Montgomery County
- Montgomery County Bar Association

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- Named to the Washingtonian Magazine Top Divorce Lawyers List in 2019
- Named to the *Best Lawyers in America* listing in the Family Law category in 2018 - 2023
- From 2015 to present Ms. McQueen has been named to Maryland Super Lawyers and Washington DC Super Lawyers, two lists of attorneys who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement
- Ms. McQueen has also been named to Maryland Super Lawyers Top 50 Women list in 2018-2021 and to Maryland Super Lawyers Top 100 list in 2019-2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- ARC of Northern Virginia, *Divorce and Children with Disabilities*. March 2021
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase PTSA, *Yikes! Your Child is Turning 18 and There's a Lot You and They Need to Know*, March 2021
- Kiplinger's Retirement Report, *Drawing Down in a Pandemic*, Quoted, August 2020
- Contributor, Corporate LiveWire *Family & Divorce Law 2020 Virtual Round Table*, May 2020
- "Guardianships" at Senior Services Alliance Breakfast in Rockville, MD, June 2019
- "Guardianships" at meeting of chapter of American Association of Daily Money Managers, Olney, MD,

April 2019

- “What to do when your child turns 18” at meeting of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School PTSA, February 2019
- “Navigating the Pitfalls of Guardianship Litigation” at meeting of Montgomery County Inns of Court, October 2018

PREVIOUS WORK

Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Kate was an associate at a respected Bethesda firm where she practiced Civil Litigation, Family Law, and Construction Litigation.

EDUCATION

- J.D., George Washington University, 2001
- B.A. (cum laude), Clemson University, 1997

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- Virginia
- District of Columbia

AWARDS

