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collaborative law and mediation



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Before becoming a family lawyer in 1985, Jennifer Jackson was an illustrator and photographer, raising three children. Blending this background of creativity, caring and flexibility with her legal training enhances her practice of family law and expands the options for her clients. Jennifer believes that a lawyer must be actively involved in her professional community, and that life is about making a difference. Jennifer is one of the founders of Kids' Turn, a program for separating families begun in San Francisco which has expanded exponentially in size and in quality of service to children and families. She is one of the founders of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals and served as co-editor of its journal, *The Collaborative Review*, for eight years. She has had leadership roles in her professional organizations at local, state national and international levels, and is past president of the Northern California chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Jennifer has been given an "AV" rating by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named one of the top 50 female lawyers ("Super Lawyers") in Northern California by Law and Politics Publications. Jennifer practices alternative dispute resolution exclusively; she has trained extensively in mediation and collaboration, and is committed to keeping clients out of court and at the negotiating table.



About the Practice

Collaborative Practice

Collaborative Practice is a way for a divorcing or separating couple to work as a team with trained professionals to resolve disputes respectfully without going to court. Each client has the support, protection and guidance of his or her own lawyer and coach, and both clients can work with a neutral financial professional.

Jennifer has been on the ground floor with this model, participating in extensive training, serving as a founder of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, serving as a founding member of three collaborative practice groups, and acting as counsel in nearly 100 collaborative cases since 1999. Jennifer is also available to mediate impasses and mentor professionals in collaborative cases.

Mediation

Divorce mediation is a process where separating parties come to a divorce or separation agreement with the help of a neutral third party - the mediator. Typically, the mediator will meet with the parties together, facilitate communication where necessary, help the parties articulate their goals and creatively resolve the issues before them.

Jennifer has extensive mediation training and fulfills several roles in mediation: as mediator with clients, as mediator with clients and their attorneys, and as a consultant to one client in the mediation process.

Traditional Negotiation

Jennifer also represents clients in those cases in which clients do not choose Collaborative Practice or mediation but are willing to negotiate a non-adversarial settlement. In these cases, Jennifer devotes her efforts to bringing about resolution without resort to the court system. Jennifer also represents clients who have elected to proceed through private judging, bringing in trial counsel as needed.

Prenuptial Agreements

Using all of the above processes, Jennifer has developed a specialty negotiating prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, particularly with same-sex couples.

About Jennifer Jackson

Education

HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW, SAN FRANCISCO

J.D. awarded May 1985

Admitted to California State Bar, December, 1985

Professor's Assistant: William Lockhart, Constitutional Law, 1984-85;

Research and editing: Constitutional Law (Textbook)

Professor's Assistant: Kelly Weisberg, Children and the Law, 1985;

Research for textbook/course materials on mediation

Professional

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

Executive Committee, Family Law Section, 1991-1994

Editor, Family Law News: 1993 and 1994

Delegate, State Bar Convention: 1993

Standing Committee, Custody North: Chair 1988-1990

SAN FRANCISCO BAR ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee, Family Law Section: Chair, 1992

Barristers Club, Co-Chair, Family Law Committee: 1988-1990

BASF Delegate to the State Bar Convention: 1989, 1990

Volunteer Legal Services Program Volunteer Attorney Expert:

Temporary Restraining Order Clinic

FEMA appeals panel: 1990

MARTINDALE HUBBELL

"A", "V" rating

SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Pro Tem 1990-present

Director, Friend in Court: 1990s

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS

President: 2006

Webmaster: 2002 to the present

President-Elect: 2005

Treasurer: 2004

Secretary: 2003

Symposium chair: 2002

Fellow: 1998-present

KIDS' TURN: Program for Children of Separating Families

Founder: 1988

President of the Board: 1988-1990

Executive Board: 1998-1996; 1999-2005

Webmaster: through 2003

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COLLABORATIVE
PRACTICE

Resolving Disputes Respectfully

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONALS

Co-Founder: 1999

Co-Editor: Collaborative Review: 1999- 2007

Board of Directors: 1999-2006

Advisory Board: 2007 to the present

Webmaster, 2000-2006

SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE LAW GROUP

Founding member, 1999

Chair: 1999-2004

Webmaster, current

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP

Founding member: 1994

Chair: 1997-1999

Webmaster: current

EAST BAY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP

Founding member

Honors

SUPER LAWYERS: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Family Law Super Lawyer: 2005 - 2008

Top 50 Female Lawyers in Northern California
(all fields of practice): 2006, 2007 and 2008

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

Outstanding ProBono Law Firm, Northern California: 1992

Wiley E. Manuel ProBono Award 1990, 1991

SAN FRANCISCO BAR ASSOCIATION

James P. Prevolos Award:

Outstanding ProBono Family Lawyer of the Year 1990

Outstanding ProBono Law Firm: 1990

Outstanding ProBono Lawyer: 1988-1993

Certificate of Merit: 1986-1993

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE CALIFORNIA

Eureka award 2007

Publications/Speaking Engagements

PLENARY SPEAKER

Empowering the Child in the Divorce Process

International Collaborative Practice Conference, Ireland: 2008

BOOKS

Your First Marathon, published in Honolulu, 1979;

Translations: Philippines, 1981; China 1982; Japan 1983

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Asian Runner Magazine (Hong Kong): reporter 1979-1981

Running Times Magazine, Honolulu Correspondent 1979-1981

ARTICLES

ABOUT JENNIFER JACKSON

Interview - *Making a Difference:*

Jennifer Jackson Helped Shape and Launch IACP,

Pauline Tesler (Collaborative Review, 2007, Vol. 9, Issue 1)

COLLABORATIVE REVIEW ARTICLES

A Tale of Two Cities: Starting Your Own Collaborative Law Group
with Timothy Martin (2000, Vol. 2, Issue 1)

Collaborative Innovator: An Interview With Chip Rose
(1999, Vol. 1, Issue 2)

First Four-Way Meeting Do's and Don't's
(2001, Vol. 3, Issue 1)

A Collaborative Credo: What We Can Learn From Scouting
(2003, Vol. 5, Issue 2)

Pauline Tesler: Dear Collaborator
(2003, Vol. 5, Issue 3)

Three Questions for Your Clients:

Improving the Quality of Collaborative Practice (2007, Vol. 9, Issue 3)

*Collaboratively Negotiating Agreements With Same-Sex Partners:
What Do Professionals Need to Know?* (2009, Vol. 10, Issue 3)

FAMILY LAW NEWS ARTICLES

Where Does the Buck Stop? The High Cost of Divorce
(Vol.16, No.3, p.1)

Why Buy the Milk Cow? Judicial Survey on gender bias in the courts
Judicial Survey (Vol.16, No.4, p.5)

Early Retirement Enhancements: Another View
(Vol.17, No.1, p.23)

Snow White Never Married Hitler
(Vol.17, No.2)

Have Gun Will Travel: Experts in Family Law
Judicial Survey (Vol.16, No.2, p.8)

Mother's Milk of Divorce Litigation: Attorney's Fees
Judicial Survey (Vol.16, No.3, p.10)

How to Succeed in My Courtroom Without Really Trying
Judicial Survey (Vol.17, No.1, p.28)

What it's Like to be a Judge
Judicial Survey (Vol.17, No.2, p.25)

Throw the Bum Out! The Kick-Out Order
Judicial Survey (Vol.15, No.4, p. 3)

The Unified Court; Interview With The Hon. Leonard P. Edwards
(Vol.17, No.3, p.40)

Blueprint for a Moveaway Case Part I: The Moving Parent
(Vol.18, No.2, p.1)

To Move or Not to Move (With the Kids), that is the Question
Judicial Survey (Vol.18, No.2, p.16)

Ay, Every Inch a King - Talking with Donald B. King; Interview
(Vol.19, No.1, p.1)

The Captains and the Kings Depart; Talking About Donald B. King
Judicial Survey (Vol.19, No.1, p. 7)