

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

In her 40 years of practice, Linda Sorg Ostovitz has served as a leader, educator and advocate. She is a family law attorney and the Legal Operations Chair at Offit Kurman. She is also on the firm's Board of Directors and is a member of the Management Committee. Mrs. Ostovitz holds a prestigious fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is the Vice President of the Maryland Chapter. She is on the boards of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Respite Retreats, and 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. 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.

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 2015, 2019 and 2021 (Inducted into the Circle of Excellence)
- 2014 Woman of Distinction, Business Women's Network of Howard County
- Smart CEO finalist 2015
- Named to Maryland Super Lawyers list 2017-Present

- 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 - President Elect, Executive Committee & Governance Committee
- Rotary Club of Columbia/Patuxent - Past President, Board Member and Membership Chair
- 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

#### **AWARDS**

- Best Lawyers in America, 2023

#### **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**

