



RICHARD A. GRAY
 Senior Counsel, Tysons
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Family Law

ACTIVITIES

- Delegate to the American Bar Association, The Fairfax Bar Association, 2020-2022
- Virginia State Bar Senior Lawyer's Conference, Board of Directors, 2018
- Virginia State Bar Counsel, Representing the 19th Judicial Circuit, 2017 - 2020
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow (2009-Present) – Virginia Chapter
- Fairfax, Virginia Bar Association, Immediate Past President, 2016-2017
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (2009-Present)
- Northern Virginia Collaborative Professionals (2009-Present)
- Virginia Collaborative Professionals (2009-Present)
- Member of the Fairfax, Virginia Bar Association-Family Law Section (2000-Present)
- Virginia Trial Lawyers

PRACTICE FOCUS

Richard A. Gray focuses his practice on Family Law. Drawing on his undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology, Mr. Gray is sensitive to how these feelings can affect important decisions that a client is trying to make. Knowing that divorce cannot change the past he directs his clients to the future and helps families rebuild their lives with dignity and emotional stability. Rather than spending unnecessary resources prolonging conflict, Mr. Gray works with clients to find solutions for moving forward and maintaining civility with each other, especially for the sake of children.

Mr. Gray is an experienced litigator, yet he always looks for ways of reaching an agreement outside the courtroom. By educating his clients on the full continuum of divorce options, including collaborative law, mediation and litigation, he enables them to be in control of their decisions. Clients appreciate his one-on-one involvement with their cases and the direct access he provides. Mr. Gray listens carefully to clients' goals and strives to achieve them. As a voice of reason he will also advise his clients if their goals are unreasonable or will cause great harm to the parties' relationship.

A significant portion of Mr. Gray's practice includes representation of State Department, Foreign Service Officer and World Bank employees in their family law matters.

Mr. Gray is proud to be able to say that he maintains his practice with integrity and honesty throughout this adversarial and sometimes emotional process.

"There has been no better career path that I could have chosen. I have the privilege of representing clients in the hardest times of their lives and in seeing them through it to the start of rebuilding a new life. I understand and appreciate the trust made in me by my clients to represent them to the best of my ability with empathy and sensitivity while all the same guiding their family law matter to a successful conclusion; one hopefully both parties can accept, live with and move on in their lives."

— Richard Gray

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

Mr. Gray has been recognized by his peers for his expertise and authority in the field of family law in the Virginia and D.C. Metro area. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the Virginia Chapter of the AAML. He has repeatedly been recognized by the Washington Post and Northern Virginia magazine as a top attorney in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. Mr. Gray has been listed as a Super Lawyer from 2006 to the present in the Virginia and D.C. Metro Super Lawyers magazine.

Mr. Gray maintains the highest rating of "AV" by Martindale - Hubbell.

Mr. Gray was unanimously selected to serve as the Fairfax Bar Association's Delegate to the American Bar Association from 2020-2022.

In addition, in 2018 Mr. Gray was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Senior Lawyer's Conference to fill an unexpired term and then reelected in 2019 to serve a full three year term.

Mr. Gray served on the Board of Directors, as well as in various officer capacities, of the Fairfax Bar Association from 2008 to 2019. He was President of the Fairfax, Virginia Bar Association from 2016-2017. He is a past Co-Chair of the AAML Collaborative Committee (2011-2012).

Outside of law Mr. Gray's interests are gardening, road biking, yoga and golf.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Divorce and Equitable Distribution*, Fairfax Bar Association, Pro Bono Neighborhood Outreach Program Manual,
 - Overview of divorce and equitable distribution in Virginia, including jurisdiction, domicile, venue, divorce procedure, practice and pleadings, discovery, defenses, fault based grounds of divorce, settlement agreements and equitable distribution of assets and allocation of debts.
- *Grandparents Rights, Senior Virginians Handbook*, Virginia State Bar, Senior Lawyer's Section

- Virginia law allows any person having a legitimate interest in a minor (grandparents and step-grandparents are specifically included in that group) to petition the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the city or county where the child lives, for custody of, or visitation with, the minor child.

HONORS & AWARDS

- VA Top Lawyers 2019
- Virginia Super Lawyer (2019)
- Top Lawyer, Northern Virginia Magazine (2018)
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell (2012-2017)
- Virginia Super Lawyer-Family Law, Virginia Super Lawyers (2006-2018)
- Top Lawyers in Northern Virginia, Northern Virginia Magazine (2014-2017)
- Top Attorneys in Virginia, Richmond Magazine (2012)
- Legal Elite, Virginia Business Magazine (2009)
- Washington D.C. Super Lawyer-Family Law, Washington D.C. Super Lawyers (2007-2017)
- Virginia Super Lawyer-Family Law, Virginia Super Lawyers (2006-2017)

EDUCATION

- New England School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, 1987, J.D.
- George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, Master of Arts in Psychology, 1975, M.A.
- Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, 1973, B.S.

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

AWARDS