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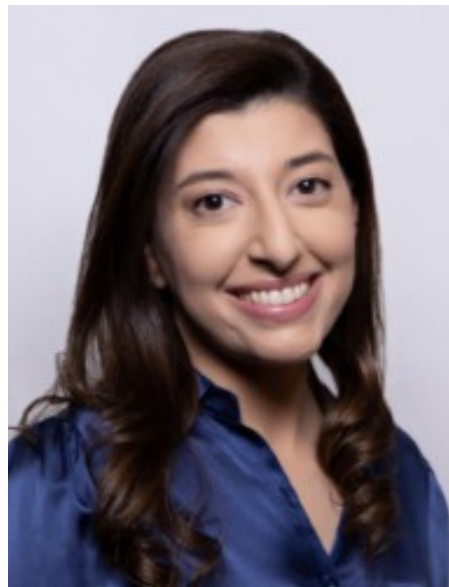
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Audrey J. Beeson, Esq. graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV in 2007 and has been licensed since October 2007 practicing primarily in family law. Audrey is committed to the Las Vegas community. In an effort to help the troubled youth of Las Vegas, Audrey began serving as a Truancy Diversion Program (TDP) Judge in January, 2011 in order to help children focus on their education and engage in the learning process. In the Fall of 2011 Audrey agreed to serve as the first elementary school TDP Judge in North Las Vegas as part of a pilot program. She became a Nevada Board Certified Family Law Specialist in 2015 and began serving as a Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) Mentor that same year. She obtained her LLM in ADR with a focus in mediation from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law in 2018 and began serving as a mediator for the Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program that same year. She has been a member of the Family Law Executive Council since 2019. Audrey served two years as Chair for the ADR Section of the State Bar of Nevada. She is also a Special Education Hearing Officer for the Nevada Department of Education.



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Jake Buchman is a Nevada attorney and a proud member of the Amicable Divorce Network, dedicated to helping clients resolve family law matters with professionalism, compassion, and efficiency.

His journey began at the University of Southern California, where he earned a degree in Political Economy with a minor in Real Estate Development. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the UNLV Boyd School of Law, where he served as a Staff Editor for the UNLV Gaming Law Journal and was actively involved in the Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

Today, his practice focuses on family law and real estate law, representing clients in contested, uncontested, and amicable divorces, as well as high-stakes matters involving child custody disputes and complex estates. Mr. Buchman began his career at Law Practice, Ltd., gaining hands-on experience as a law clerk and summer associate, and now works alongside Ann E. Kolber, Esq., advocating for clients during some of life's most challenging transitions. His goal is to ensure every client feels supported, informed, and well-represented every step of the way.



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Shelly Booth Cooley is the Principal of The Cooley Law Firm, where she practices exclusively in the area of family law, including family building. Shelly is one of the founding attorney members of the Amicable Divorce Network in Nevada. Shelly graduated with high honors from the University of California, Davis in 1995, with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in Human Development. She then spent one (1) year working with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade "at-risk" students for the San Joaquin County Probation Department, through AmeriCorps. At the end of the program, Shelly entered the teaching credential program at University of the Pacific, completing their graduate program and obtaining her multiple subject teaching credential in 1997. Shelly spent two (2) years teaching 1st and 2nd grade in California. Shelly moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1998, where she taught 5th grade for the Clark County School District for three (3) years before becoming an attorney. Shelly attended William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she obtained her Juris Doctorate in 2004, and she was admitted to practice with the State Bar of Nevada in 2004. Shelly is certified by the State Bar of Nevada as a Family Law Specialist, and she is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings. Shelly is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, an Adoption and ART Fellow of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers. Shelly is the former Chair and Vice Chair of the State Bar of Nevada, Family Law Section, Executive Council, where she served for 9 years. Shelly has a reputation for proactive, ethical, and constructive advocacy on behalf of her clients. Shelly's ultimate objective is to help her clients find peace and certainty with their family law situation. And she personally provides all legal assistance and advice to her clients throughout the Amicable Divorce Process.



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Fran has dedicated her legal career exclusively to family law, practicing since 1985. Her journey in the legal field began as a legal secretary and legal assistant, before being encouraged to pursue a law degree at Golden Gate University, where she graduated in 1983. While preparing for the Bar Exam, Fran served as a law clerk with the United States Attorney's Office for the State of Nevada. After passing the Bar, Fran joined Moran & Associates until 1987, and then William R. Phillips & Associates before opening her own practice in 1991. In 1992, she was elected as a District Court Judge in the newly formed Family Division of the 8th Judicial District Court, serving honorably for nearly six years. Following her tenure on the bench, Fran returned to private practice in 1999, reopening her firm and continuing her commitment to helping families navigate complex legal challenges. In 2019, Fran explored partial retirement but found her passion for the law undiminished. By 2023, she resumed full-time practice as Of Counsel at Kristina Wildeveld & Associates. In addition to her work as an attorney, Fran is an accomplished mediator, regularly enhancing her expertise through ongoing education and conferences. She has also made significant contributions to the legal community, serving on the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section, the Executive Council of the CASA Foundation, and the Nevada State Bar ADR Section, where she held the role of Secretary. Her dedication extends to serving as a Guardian Ad Litem and Child Advocate (CAP), further demonstrating her commitment to protecting the interests of children and families.



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Ann E. Kolber is the founding member of Law Practice, Ltd. She received her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley and law degree at Golden Gate University, School of Law. Ann has more than 30 years of legal and business experience and prides herself on her ability to successfully negotiate the resolution of disputes whenever possible. Ann's family law practice has given her significant experience in high-conflict custody matters, complex divorce litigation, uncontested proceedings and settlements, and pre-and post-marital agreements. Ann finds great meaning in working directly with clients on matters that deeply affect their lives and helps families navigate a wide range of stressful, emotional, and complex legal challenges because she knows how important it is to have a caring, competent, and effective advocate in any family law matter. Ann is licensed to practice law in both Nevada and California and has established a professional reputation for thoroughness, strategic thinking, and keen attention to detail, over the course of her career. She believes in giving back to the community, having proudly sponsored several local high school sports programs, supported the Susan G. Komen Foundation "Race for the Cure," has volunteered as an inter-collegiate moot court judge at the Rebel Trojan Moot Court Competition at UNLV Boyd School of Law, and assisted with the pro-bono "Ask-a-Lawyer" program. When not working hard, she enjoys family time, hiking in Red Rock Canyon with her Labrador retriever, searching for the best sushi, and cheering for our Las Vegas Golden Knights. She loves to travel, and her goal is to find a new and exciting destination every year.



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Dara Marias is a partner with Kainen Law Group, PLLC and is a Certified Amicable Divorce Professional. She is the founding attorney member of the Amicable Divorce Network in Nevada and current state ambassador. With both a Juris Doctor and Master of Social Work, Dara's divorce practice focuses exclusively on non-litigated divorce options including Amicable Divorce and Joint Mediation. Dara also offers holistic education on co-parenting, emotion management, communication skills, and problem-solving strategies. Dara also oversees Kainen Law Group's Fresh Start services, which help clients start life after divorce with confidence. Dara joined the Nevada Bar in 1994 after graduating with a Juris Doctor and Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California. Prior to attending USC, Dara graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. As Nevada's 2020 Mother of the Year, Dara prioritizes families and creating optimal co-parenting environments. Dara is rated as an AV-Preeminent attorney and has an extensive background in family law, mediation, and social-emotional skill development. Dara authored "Mediation and the Role of the Attorney" for the *Nevada Family Law Report* and is also a contributing author to *Divorce Amicably: Your Roadmap to Resolution*, writing four chapters about co-parenting, resolving impasses in divorce negotiations, and developing emotional agility. Her forthcoming article, "A Just Way to Divorce," about non-litigated divorce options will be published in Fall 2025 in the *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*. Whether serving as an attorney, mediator, or educator, Dara strives to empower people so they can emerge from divorce with a solid financial and emotional foundation ready to thrive in their next phase of life.



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Rebecca Hopkins Miller has practiced Family Law in Las Vegas since 1987 and currently serves as Of Counsel at Cooper Coons Ltd., focusing on Domestic Relations, Mediation, and Collaborative Divorce. Born and raised in Las Vegas, Ms. Miller earned her B.A. in Political Science from UNLV and her J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law, where she received top honors in Family Law. She began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for Judge Michael J. Wendel after passing the Nevada Bar in 1986. Ms. Miller has held leadership roles on the Family Law Bench-Bar Committee, the State Bar Disciplinary Panel, and the Executive Council of the State Bar's Family Law Section. She also led the Family Law Department at Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen, Nelson & Sanders, and co-founded the Schofield Miller Law Firm and is a member of both the State Bar of Nevada and the Clark County Bar Association. Ms. Miller is a trained Collaborative Divorce Practitioner and active mediator and arbitrator, with over 20 years of experience in collaborative law, helping families resolve disputes amicably. She has served on the Outsource Mediation Committee, the Outsource Child Custody Evaluation Committee, and was a board member of Collaborative Professionals of Nevada. Her commitment to peaceful resolution is reflected in her extensive work as a mediator and arbitrator in family law matters. Ms. Miller is known for her courtroom advocacy and deep care for the families she represents. Her early experience working in her family's business shaped her strong people skills and business acumen, which she brings to every case with dedication and compassion.



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Corinne Price has practiced exclusively in the area of family law since 2006. Prior to practicing law, she taught third and fourth grade here in Clark County, Nevada, at Kit Carson and Mendoza elementary schools, following the completion of an intensive double degree program focused on children and families considered "at risk" and in need of specialized support and assistance. After teaching for several years, Corinne received a Children's Law Fellowship and attended the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Center on Children & Families with a focus on family law issues, alternative dispute resolution methods, and multi-disciplinary approaches to domestic relations matters. In addition to practicing traditional family law as an attorney, also serves as a Parenting Coordinator, Guardian Ad Litem, Child Advocate (CAP) and Settlement Master, and conducts mediations, settlement conferences and child interviews.



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With over 20 years of dedicated practice in family law, Katherine Provost has built a reputation as a compassionate advocate and skilled litigator. In September 2024, she joined her friends Jason Naimi and Neil Mullins as a Partner at the Naimi Mullins Law Group, where she continues her commitment to fostering healthy family relationships. Katherine specializes in a diverse range of family law matters, including high-net-worth cases, military divorce, child custody, alimony, and child support disputes. Katherine's collaborative approach often leads to opportunities to explore amicable solutions, ensuring her clients feel empowered every step of the way. Her extensive knowledge in assisted reproductive technologies (ART) allows her to support families through the drafting of surrogacy and donor agreements. Katherine helps hundreds of Intended Parents, Donors, and Surrogates navigate their family building journey each year. A Board-Certified Specialist in Family Law, Katherine is an esteemed Fellow of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA), the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Known for her creative problem-solving skills and tireless advocacy, she has earned the trust of her clients and peers alike as a steadfast and knowledgeable resource in family law.



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Yasnai Rodriguez-Zaman was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, as one of ten siblings. Growing up in a large family instilled in her a deep appreciation for communication, collaboration, and conflict resolution—skills that naturally led her to pursue a career in law with a strong focus on supporting families. She began her undergraduate studies at Florida International University in Miami before completing her degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2014. Committed to furthering her impact in family law, Yasnai relocated to Las Vegas to attend the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. During law school, she gained valuable insight into the judicial process through externships with several judges in the Eighth Judicial District Court's Family Division, solidifying her dedication to the field. Following her graduation in 2017, Yasnai served as a law clerk to a Family Court Judge in Las Vegas, where she developed a strong foundation in the procedural and substantive aspects of family law. Since completing her clerkship, she has focused her practice on family law, representing clients in matters such as custody, divorce, and guardianship. In addition, she has experience in special education law, advocating for children with disabilities and their families to ensure access to appropriate educational services. Yasnai approaches each case with empathy, integrity, and a commitment to finding thoughtful, effective solutions. She understands that family-related legal matters are often deeply personal and emotionally charged. Her goal is to guide her clients through challenging times with clarity, compassion, and a resolution-oriented mindset—values that align seamlessly with the principles of alternate dispute resolution.



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Stacy Weil graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1983 with a degree in Political Science. After earning her law degree from Santa Clara University in 1987, she practiced family law in Saratoga, California. Stacy is recognized as a Family Law Specialist in California, has represented minor children in high-conflict custody cases, and served as a Settlement Conference Judge and Pro Tem Judge in California. Stacy relocated to Las Vegas in 2003, shifting her focus to family and caregiving. She honed her Nevada family law expertise under esteemed mentors before becoming a partner at Hagen & Weil, PLLC, and later establishing her own practice in 2014. A dedicated community advocate, she participated in the Truancy Diversion Program for six years and is a founding member of the Nevada Chapter of the Amicable Divorce Network. As a Certified Amicable Divorce Professional and Certified Gray Divorce Professional, Stacy brings compassion, understanding, and flexibility to her practice while remaining a strong advocate for her clients. She firmly believes in empowering families to navigate divorce outside the courtroom, fostering an atmosphere of control and reduced stress.



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