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## Practice Areas Family Law

### Profile

Sara M. Donohue joined Stein Sperling to practice at a firm with a commitment to the community. Sara has practiced family law for over three decades representing clients in high conflict cases involving challenging child custody issues and contested divorce matters. She is also frequently appointed by the court as a Best Interest Attorney to represent children in contested custody cases. Although she works faithfully to negotiate and settle her cases, she is also recognized as an accomplished and skillful trial attorney.

Family law matters are often brimming with uncertainty; Sara sees it as her job to eliminate that uncertainty and provide her clients with clear, realistic, and reasonable options to address their family issues. Sara's commitment to her clients is immeasurable and her dedication for bettering difficult family situations is much the same.

She has been recognized as a top family lawyer for many years in the Washingtonian Magazine, and most recently in The Top Lawyers Hall of Fame edition of the Washingtonian, Bethesda Magazine, Super Lawyers, and Best Lawyers.

### Education

University of Massachusetts (B.A., *cum laude*, 1983)  
Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., 1987)

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When not working, Sara enjoys gardening, biking, hiking, golf and spending time with her two golden retrievers.

## Admissions & Certifications

Maryland

District of Columbia

## Memberships & Activities

Maryland State Bar Association

Montgomery County Bar Association

- Vice-chair, Judicial Selections Committee (2013-2014)
- Member, Judicial Selections Committee (1995-1998), (2007-2010), (2020-2022)
- Executive Committee Member (1996-1998), (2001-2003), (2014-2016), (2020-2022)
- Montgomery County Circuit Court Bench Bar Section, Chair and Committee Member (1993-2001)
- Family Law Section Co-Chair (1997-1998)
- Family Law Ad Hoc Committee Member
- Character Committee of Court of Appeals of Maryland for Sixth Judicial Circuit Member (1994-2000)
- Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland Inquiry Committee Member (1994-1997)

Women's Bar Association of Maryland

- Member-at-Large, State Executive Committee (1995-1998)
- Secretary of State Executive Committee (1993-1994)
- Member of State Executive Committee (1992-1993), (1995-1996)
- President of Montgomery County Chapter of WBA (1991-1992)

District of Columbia Bar Association

Inns of Court of Montgomery County

- Barrister (1991-1994), (1997-2000)
- Bencher (2009-Present)

Inns of Court of Prince George's County

- Barrister (1995-1997)

## Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers (2010-2024)

Maryland Super Lawyer (2012-2024)

- Top 50 Women Attorneys in Maryland (2012-2019)
- Top 100 Attorney in Maryland (2013-2018)

Washington D.C. Super Lawyer (2015-2024)

Washingtonian

- Top Lawyers Hall of Fame (2022)
- Best Divorce Lawyers (2000-2023)

ALM Washington DC & Baltimore's Top Rated Lawyers (2013-2024)

Baltimore Magazine's Top 50 Women Attorneys in Maryland