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## **Education:**

- George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia  
Juris Doctor - 2004
- Admitted to Virginia State Bar October, 2004
- George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts - 1984

## **Awards:**

- 2 Top Papers in Domestic Relations (2002) and Pretrial Practice (2003)
- Virginia State Bar Domestic Relations Award - May, 2004
- Fairfax Bar Association President's Awards - June, 2004 and June, 2010
- Named "Rising Star" Super Lawyers Magazine – June, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Named Top Attorney "Super Lawyers" – 2014, 2015, 2016
- Selected for "Best Lawyers" – 2015, 2016, 2017
- Northern Virginia Top Lawyer -2017
- 10 Best Female Attorneys, American Institute of Family Law Attorneys - 2016
- Recipient Golden Gavel Award from Fairfax Law Foundation – 2012
- Recipient of Martindale-Hubbell AV ® Preeminent rating -2013

## **Activities and Service to the Bar:**

- Adjunct Professor, George Mason University School of Law - 2004-2006, 2009, 2011-14, 2016
- Secretary - Fairfax Circuit Court Committee - 2005-2006, Vice Chair – 2006-2007
- Chair - Fairfax Circuit Court Committee – 2007-2009
- Member – Fairfax Circuit Court Manual Subcommittee and Domestic Relations Subcommittee
- Neutral Case Evaluator
- Editor for the Circuit Court Manual 2004, 2013
- Appointed as Commissioner of Sale in Fairfax County Circuit Court cases
- Appointment to George Mason School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors (2009-2012)
- Fairfax Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee – Circuit Court – 2009
- Fairfax Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee – Gen'l. District Court – 2010
- Director, Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors – 2011-2014, 2017, General Counsel -2014-2015, Secretary -2015-2016
- Individual Benefactor, Society of Fellows, Fairfax Law Foundation
- Appointed Commissioner in Chancery, Fairfax County - 2016

## **Employment History:**

- 3/06 to present: Partner, The Bowen Law Firm, Fairfax, Virginia  
Practice exclusively Domestic Relations and related appellate work
- 8/04 to 3/06: Associate, Byrd Mische P.C., Fairfax, Virginia  
Practiced exclusively domestic relations
- 10/95 to 5/04: Paralegal/Student Attorney, Byrd Mische P.C., Fairfax, Virginia

## **Publications:**

- 2005 - CLE presentation on Brandenburg Source of Funds Rule to Paralegal Section of Virginia State Bar
- 2004 - 2009 - Articles for the Fairfax Bar Association Journal

**Court of Appeals Opinions:**

*Dega v. Vidas*, Record No. 2512-06-4 (unpublished)

*Ghulam v. Sidiqi*, Record No. 2870-06-4 (unpublished)