

## PRACTICE GROUPS

- Family Law
  - Divorce, or Dissolution of Marriage
  - Child Support
  - Spousal Support
  - Division of Property
  - Child Custody Disputes
  - Paternity Actions
  - Prenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements
  - Cohabitation Agreements
  - Mediation
- Probate Will Contests
- Civil Litigation

## EDUCATION

### Loyola Law School

- Juris Doctor (1967)

### University of California, Berkeley

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics (1964)

## AWARDS

**AV Rated 5.0 Preeminent**, Martindale-Hubbell (Highest rating available for general ethical standards and legal ability)

A **Best Lawyer**, as listed in *Southern California's Best Lawyers 2012 Edition*, Los Angeles Times

**Top 25 Lawyers of the Valley**, San Fernando Valley Business Journal

**Super Lawyers of Southern California**, Los Angeles Magazine 2004 - 2012

**AVVO Rating 10.0 Superb** (Based on legal experience, industry recognition and professional conduct)

## MEMBERSHIPS

### State Bar of California

- Certified Specialist in Family Law

### San Fernando Valley Bar Association

- Family Law Executive Committee
- Bench/Bar Committee
- Mediator Chairman, Van Nuys Superior Court
- Former Member, Board of Trustees

### Valley Community Legal Foundation

- Board of Directors
- Law Day Dinner Chairman



## BARRY T. HARLAN, ESQ.

### Shareholder

**Chair, Family Law Practice Group**

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Barry T. Harlan is a California divorce attorney and a **Certified Specialist in Family Law**, as designated by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization. He represents high net worth individuals in complex divorce matters where the earnings and property of the parties are significant.

Barry has extensive experience in divorce matters where multiple corporations are owned by the couple and must be distributed between the parties, and in other cases where complex compensation packages or parental fiscal responsibilities must be determined and properly distributed. He also handles Family Law matters where custody and visitation rights are at issue.

Whether handling emergency Family Law matters or complicated financial transactions, Barry's goal is to bring calm to the chaotic world of Family Law for Firm clients, some of whom include the following professionals or their spouses:

- Business Owners in a variety of industries
- Celebrities
- Corporate Executives earning complex benefits or compensation packages
- Doctors and other Health Care Professionals
- Entertainment Industry Artists and Executives
- Financial Planners & Accountants
- Manufacturing & Distributing Company Owners
- Professional Athletes
- Real Estate Professionals

As Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at the Firm, Barry leads four attorneys and a paralegal. Under his supervision, the Family Law Group is able to provide excellent service at affordable rates because of the cost-efficient methods and expert advice of the lawyers in his department.

When feasible, this team of California Family Law attorneys recommends alternate methods of resolving disputes through the use of mediation or arbitration, which can result in significant time and cost saving benefits for divorcing clients.

Barry also negotiates and drafts pre-nuptial, post-nuptial and cohabitation agreements for clients which potentially save time and litigation costs in the future. He was involved in the leading published case in California on post-nuptial agreements, entitled *Marriage of Burkle*.

Designated a **Super Lawyer** by *Los Angeles Magazine* from 2004 to 2012, Barry has also been chosen as one of the **Top 25 lawyers in the San Fernando Valley** by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*. He carries a **5.0 AV Preeminent** rating by Martindale Hubbell—reflecting the highest level of legal ability and ethical standards awarded for an attorney in California, and was also listed as a **Best Lawyer** in Family Law in the *Southern California's Best Lawyers 2012 Edition* of the *Los Angeles Times*.

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He has been honored by the Van Nuys Superior Court for his efforts in organizing and scheduling attorneys to preside in family law mediation cases, and is also a recipient of the **Stanley Lintz Award** for outstanding professional and community service, awarded by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

Barry is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and all of the Superior Courts in the State of California. This California divorce attorney currently serves the Los Angeles Superior Court as a Judge Pro Tem and a Family Law Mediator.

## PUBLICATIONS & NOTEWORTHY LEGAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-Presenter, **Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues** - Pasadena Bar Association 2011
- Co-Presenter, **Family Law: The Impact on Your Business** - MCLE credited course, Seminar Series, May 2011
- Co-Presenter, **Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues** - Orange County Bar Association 2011
- Co-Presenter, **Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues** - Beverly Hills Bar Association 2011
- Co-Author, **Family Law Mediation: Achieving Wellness in an Uncertain Economy** - *Valley Lawyer*, January 2010
- Speaker, **Family Law and Probate Crossover Issues** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Probate Section, February 2009
- Co-Author, **Before Second Marriage, Know All This** - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, June 2005
- Speaker, **Family Law and Probate Crossover Issues** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, MCLE Marathon, January 2004
- Speaker, **Is a Will Really Void After Divorce** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Probate Section, October 2002
- Co-Author **Is Marvin Still Valid?** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association *Lawyers World*, September 1996
- Speaker, **Is Marvin Still Valid?** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section, October 1996
- Speaker, **New Family Laws and Cases** - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section, each January
- **Family Law Mediator** - Van Nuys Superior Court
- **Judge Pro Tempore** - Van Nuys and San Fernando Superior Courts

