

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Family Law
 - Cohabitation Agreements and Litigation
 - Custody Disputes
 - Division of Property
 - Divorce, or Dissolution of Marriage
 - Family Law Mediation
 - Modification of Spousal and Child Support Agreements
 - Paternity
 - Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
 - Spousal and Child Support
 - Visitation and Custody Matters

EDUCATION

Hastings School of Law

- Juris Doctor (1989)
- *Hastings Law Journal* - Technical Editor
- *Association of Students for Children*, Officer & Member
- *Moot Court Competitor*
- *JSA* - President & Member

University of California, Berkeley

- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (1986)
- *Phi Beta Kappa*
- *High Distinction General Scholarship*
- Member, *National Psychology Association*
- Student Campaign Chairperson, *UJA*

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
 - Editorial Committee, *Valley Lawyer Magazine*
 - Family Law Executive Committee
 - Past Co-Chair of Programs Committee, Family Law Section

AWARDS

- **Southern California Super Lawyer**, as published by *Los Angeles Magazine* 2007-2012
- **Top Women Attorneys in Southern California**, *Los Angeles Magazine* 2011



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Michelle S. Robins, a California family law attorney and mediator for over twenty years, is a Shareholder at our Firm experienced in advocating for the rights of individuals in all family law related matters such as divorce issues, child custody issues (including child abduction cases), child and spousal support matters, and issues related to the identification, characterization and division of community property and debts.

Ms. Robins also negotiates and drafts cohabitation, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements; as well as orders modifying previously established custody, spousal and child support agreements.

Since joining Lewitt Hackman's Family Law Practice Group, Ms. Robins has represented clientele throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including high-profile individuals such as:

- Athletes
- Celebrities
- Corporate executives with complex benefits or compensation packages
- Dental & Medical Practitioners
- Divorcing Spouses with Special Needs Children
- Entertainment Industry Executives
- Financial Advisors & Accountants
- Manufacturers & Distributors
- Real Estate Professionals

Ms. Robins treats each client with the respect, compassion and the personalized attention required by each, unique case.

Although the California family law attorney advocates for our clients in Court when required, Ms. Robins also achieves success in helping divorcing couples settle their cases without the need to go to Court.

As a result of Ms. Robins' efforts, hundreds of parties have been able to resolve their conflicts without the necessity of becoming involved in lengthy and expensive family law litigation, primarily through using Alternative Dispute Resolution, or ADR methods, such as mediation.

Ms. Robins also employs her skills as a successful mediator to help her community, and has been recognized by the Courts for her volunteer service in family law mediation in the San Fernando Valley and throughout Los Angeles County.

Also in recognition of her work as a Los Angeles divorce attorney and family law mediator, Ms. Robins has been listed for six consecutive years as a Southern California **Super Lawyer** - a designation determined by a 12 point peer recognition and professional achievement ratings system, and independent research - as well as one of 2011's **Top Women Attorneys in Southern California**, both nominations by *Los Angeles Magazine*.

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Ms. Robins joined Lewitt Hackman after receiving her law degree in 1989 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she was technical editor of the *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*. The California family law attorney and mediator earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She became a Shareholder of our Firm in 2000. Ms. Robins is admitted before the U.S. District Court.

NOTEWORTHY LEGAL ACTIVITIES

- **Program Chair of the Family Law Section**, San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Discussion Group Leader, *California Society of CPAs*, October 2011
- Presenter, *Current Real Estate Issues: Impact on Your Practice*, San Fernando Valley Bar Association Family Law Section, August 2011
- Volunteer Mediator, *Settle-o-Rama Family Mediation Program*, Los Angeles Superior Court, July 2011
- Author, *Child Custody, Education and the Special Needs Child* - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, July 2011
- Co-Presenter, *Family Law and Real Estate Crossover Issues*, San Fernando Valley Bar Association Family Law Section, June 2011
- Co-Presenter, *Family Law: The Impact on Your Business* - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, May 2011
- Author, *LOL - The Lighter Side of Law* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association's *Valley Lawyer Magazine*, January 2010
- Author, *10 Common Misconceptions about Family Law* - *Valley Lawyer Magazine*, May 2009
- Presenter, *New Laws*, San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Family Law Section: 2005, 2008
- Co-Author *Before Second Marriage, Know All This* - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, June 2005
- Co-author, *Is Marvin Still In Business?* - *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*, June 2005
- VAST – **Settlement Officer** - Los Angeles Superior Court
- **Family Law Mediator** – Los Angeles Superior Court
- Speaker, *Is Marvin Still in Business?*, San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Family Law Section: 2005, 2008 - 2009

