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Practice Groups

- Family Law
- Divorce or Dissolution of Marriage
- Paternity
- Spousal and Child Support
- Cohabitation Agreements and Litigation
- Family Law Mediation
- Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- Visitation and Custody
- Division of Property
- Modifications of Spousal and Child Support
- Same Sex Relationships

Biography

Lynn Soodik is a Shareholder in our Family Law Practice Group. Representing high net worth individuals, Ms. Soodik handles all aspects of divorce, separation and nullity. Respected as a tenacious litigator and negotiator, she is adept in leading clients through complex custody and visitation disputes and handling child support and spousal support issues in initial dissolution and paternity matters as well as in the modification of support orders. She has extensive experience in the division and valuation of property in complex cases and in protecting a client's separate property.

Ms. Soodik represents:

- Accountants, Attorneys and Professional Consultants
- Artists, including Actors, Writers, Directors & Producers
- Business Owners

- Corporate Executives
- Doctors, Dentists & Other Health Care Professionals
- Entertainment Executives
- Manufacturing & Distributing Company Owners
- Professional Athletes
- Real Estate Builders, Developers & Owners

Because of her extensive experience, credentials and activity in the family law community, Ms. Soodik is often called upon to clarify certain legal aspects affecting celebrity divorces and other high-profile family law matters. The Los Angeles family law attorney has been a featured television guest on *Larry King*, *20/20*, *Entertainment Tonight*™, *Extra*™, *E! Channel*, *Court T.V.*, *Trial Watch* and *In Studio*, and has been quoted in *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Daily Journal*, *People Magazine*, *US Magazine* and *Hollywood Life Magazine* on family law issues.

In addition to being well recognized in the media, Ms. Soodik is also noted for her experience and legal knowledge among her peers.

The Family Law Attorney carries an *AV 5.0 Preeminent* rating by Martindale-Hubbell, reflecting the highest level of ability and ethical standards awarded by members of the bar and judiciary. *Los Angeles Magazine* has named her one of the *Top 50 Women Lawyers in Los Angeles* as well as one of the *Top Women Attorneys in Southern California*. She has consistently been rated a *Super Lawyer* since 2005. *Best Lawyers Magazine* designated her one of the *Best Lawyers in America in Family Law*, for 2018.

Ms. Soodik actively participates in the family law community. She is a past chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Family Law Section, and is a past co-chair of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Family Law Section. She lectures and publishes articles on behalf of local bar organizations, continuing legal education organizations, and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

The Los Angeles family law attorney earned her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, and also studied at Durham University, England. Ms. Soodik earned her Juris Doctor degree in 1982 from Hastings College of the Law, University of California.

Publications & Speaking

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- [If Trevor Bauer testifies at hearing, it could create problems for him, lawyers say](#), July 2021
- [BuzzFeed News: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Are Taking Their Contentious Divorce Case Private](#), January 2017
- [Extra TV: Will Brad Pitt Be Prosecuted for Private Jet Incident?](#), September 2016
- [BuzzFeed News: Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie to Divvy Up Vast Estate During Divorce](#), September 2016
- [Dr. Phil Show: My Wife Chose Her Boyfriend Over Her Children](#), March 2015
- [People: Jason Patric Wins Appeal of Custody Ruling Over His Biological Child](#), May 2014
- [CNN Entertainment: Jason Patric: Custody Fight Is for My Son](#), July 2013
- [Good Morning America: Real Housewives Star's Startling Divorce](#), March 2013
- [E! News Weekend](#), re: Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Divorce, July 2012
- [Telegraph U.K.: Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes - Divorce Is Part of the Bigger Picture in Hollywood](#), July 2012
- [The Johnny Depp / Vanessa Paradis Breakup: Their Liberation — His Crash?](#) *Gala Magazine*, Germany, June 2012
- [The Tom Cruise/Katie Holmes Divorce](#), *E! News Weekend*, June 2012
- [Can Camille Grammer Really Put a Stop to Kelsey's February Wedding?](#), *E! Online*, January 2011
- [McCourts' Day in Court](#), *Bloomberg TV*, August 2010
- [Report: Sandra Bullock to File for Divorce](#), *Extra TV*, March 2010
- [Sean Penn and Robin Wright's Divorce is Off - For Now](#), *People*, May 2009
- [Mel Gibson's Divorce Could be Most Expensive in Hollywood History](#), *People*, April 2009
- [The 'Ugly' Cruise Divorce](#), *People*, May 1998
- [Tom Cruise 'Playing Hardball' in Divorce](#), *ABC News*, February 1998

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, ***Common Agreement: Prenuptial Contracts Are Not Just for the Rich and Famous***, *The Los Angeles Daily Journal*, March 1999
- Author, ***Family Law Discovery, Family Law Symposium Reference Book***, Los Angeles

County Bar Association Family Law Section

- Consultant, ***Approaching a Marital Dissolution, Mentor Access Pak***, Continuing Education of the Bar, California, 1991
- Author, ***Specialized Litigation and Transaction Deadlines***, Continuing Education of the Bar Action Guide, California, 1992
- Author, ***Communication Behind Bars: Are We Finally Applying the Reasonable Expectation of Privacy Test to Custodial Conversations?***, COMM/ENT Law Journal 327, 1982
- Editor, Associate Articles, ***COMM/ENT, A Journal of Communications and Entertainment Law***, 1980-1982

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, ***Minor's Counsel in 2010: Our Role and Responsibilities***, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Symposium, 2010
- Presenter, ***Attorney's Fees: What You Need to Know to Get Them or to Defend Against Them***, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Symposium, 2010
- Presenter, ***Handling the High Profile Client***, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Symposium, 2009
- Presenter, ***Trial Preparation***, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Symposium, 2008
- Presenter, ***Business Management from the Eyes of a Family Law Attorney***, Entertainment Industry Conference, California CPA Education Foundation, 2001
- Presenter, ***Everything You Wanted to Know About Family Law But Were Afraid to Ask***, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, March 2001
- Presenter, ***Imputed Income and Under-Earning and Non-Cash Flow Producing Assets***, California CPA Education Foundation Family Law Conference, 2001
- Presenter, ***Available Income Beyond Salaries***, Family Law Conference, California CPA Education Foundation, 1999
- Presenter, ***The Ethics of Settlement***, Los Angeles County Bar Association, October 1998
- Presenter, ***Apportionment and Other Accounting Issues***, 26th Annual Family Law Symposium, Los Angeles County Bar Association, May 1994
- Presenter, ***Tax Fraud in Marital Dissolution - Avoiding Malpractice Lawsuits***, Family Law Workshop, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section, June 1994

- Presenter, ***The Ethical Limits of Advocacy: Drugs, Attorneys and Children***, *The University of Southern California Law Center Family Law Institute*, June 1993
- Presenter, ***Negotiating and Drafting Marital Settlement, Prenuptial and Cohabitation Agreements***, *Continuing Education of the Bar, California*, April 1993

Memberships

- State Bar of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 - Executive Committee (1986-99)
 - Chair (1998 - 1999)
 - Chair-Elect (1997 -1998)
 - Symposium Chair (1997)
 - Vice-Chair (1996 - 1997)
 - Secretary (1995 - 1996)
- California CPA Education Foundation Family Law Conference
 - Planning Committee (1999 - 2000)
- The Gabriella Foundation, Board of Directors (2001 - present)
- Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law, Instructor & Mentor (1991 - 1993)

Awards

- ***AV 5.0 Preeminent***, Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethics
- ***Southern California Super Lawyers***, *Los Angeles Magazine's Super Lawyers Edition*, 2005 - current
- **Top 50 Women Lawyers in Los Angeles**, *Los Angeles Magazine*
- **Top Women Attorneys in Southern California**, *Los Angeles Magazine*
- **Top Female Attorneys in Southern California**, *Los Angeles Magazine*
- ***Best Lawyers in America (Family Law)***, *Best Lawyers Magazine*

Education

- University of California Hastings College of the Law, Juris Doctor (1982)
- Pennsylvania State University, Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts (1978)
 - Graduated with Distinction



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