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## STUART KNOTTS SKOK

Stuart Skok is owner and principal of Stuart Skok Law, LLC, a matrimonial and family law firm in Maryland and Washington D.C.

She was President of Collaborative Divorce Association, Inc. (CDA), President of the Montgomery County Women's Bar Association (WBA), and she twice served as Co-Chair of the Family Law Section for Montgomery County Bar Association. She recently published her *Handbook on Separation & Divorce, Fourth Edition*, available on Amazon.

She is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell. *SuperLawyers* names her Top Lawyer, including Top 25 Family Law Attorneys in Maryland and Top 50 Family Law Attorneys in D.C. *Bethesda Magazine* named her Top Family Law Attorney. *Baltimore Magazine* named her Top 50 Women Attorneys in Maryland and Top 100 Attorneys in Maryland. *Washington Lawyer* named her Top 50 Women Attorneys in D.C. *Ten Leaders Cooperative* named her Top 10 Leaders in Collaborative Divorce. The *National Advocate Top 100 Lawyers* named her Top 100 Matrimonial Attorneys in Maryland. *Marquis Who's Who* awarded her the Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award. Stuart is a Fellow in *Litigation Counsel of America*. She is a Lifetime Charter Member of the *Best Attorneys of America*, limited to 100 attorneys per state. The American Bar Association (ABA) named her among its *Lawyers of Distinction* in family law. *BestLawyers* has named her Best Family Law Lawyers, Best Lawyers in America and Top 100 Lawyers in Maryland. The 2019 *Best Lawyers-US News Best Law Firms* ranked her firm, Stuart Skok Law LLC, as one of the Best Law Firms.

Her inspiration for the law comes from her late father, L. Manning Muntzing, former international nuclear energy lawyer in D.C. He always encouraged her to do "something that matters" to her and to others in a way that makes a difference, wise words she strives to live by.



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Rachel has extensive, in-depth experience in the regulatory, government affairs, commercial and legislative issues affecting the aviation and aerospace industries, including a broad range of matters before the U.S. Departments of Transportation, State and Commerce, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This includes airport and air carrier licensing and operations matters, air services development and proceedings, international bilateral agreements, FAA audits, and airport facilitation.

Born in Africa and educated in the U.K. and the U.S., with law degrees from Oxford University and the University of Virginia, Rachel's primary focus is on highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy. She believes in a personalized, hands-on approach that involves analyzing client needs and concerns, and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result as speedily and cost effectively as possible. This may involve addressing issues at the Federal agency or congressional level, or the solution may be commercial, operational, transactional, or based on a combination of approaches, including mediation, arbitration and/or litigation. Rachel has extensive experience in all these disciplines, including in the international arena. She brings to the table a deep well of knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries that enables her to bring critical perspective to any problem.



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## STEPHANIE RESNICK

A partner and seasoned trial lawyer at Fox Rothschild LLP, Stephanie Resnick is consistently ranked among top business litigators and lauded by her colleagues and peers for her strategic handling of high-stakes, complex business disputes in both federal and state courts. She has served as lead counsel in numerous high-profile litigation matters.

Stephanie is Managing Partner of the firm's Philadelphia Office and Chair of the Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance Practice Group. She is also a member of Fox Rothschild's Executive Committee. Stephanie chaired the firmwide Litigation Department for seven years, overseeing more than 300 attorneys. In state and federal courts across the United States, she has earned a reputation for sound judgment and innovative problem solving. Corporate executives, Fortune 500 companies and family-owned businesses turn to Stephanie for solutions to their most difficult and sensitive personal and professional issues.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has received numerous accolades, including being named among the "Women Leaders in the Law" by American Lawyer Media; The National Law Journal's list of Trailblazers in Litigation; "The Best Lawyers in America" for Commercial Litigation; a "Litigation Star" in Pennsylvania and listed in the "Top 250 Female Litigators in America" by Benchmark Litigation: Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys; and listed among the "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania" and "Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania" by Philadelphia Magazine and Law & Politics Magazine.



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## MARY ALEXANDER

### Ingebritsen v. City of San Carlos – A \$6,000,000 Dangerous Condition Victory

This was a survival and wrongful death action brought by Sarah Ingebritsen, her daughter, Eden Ricci and son, Charles ("Charlie") Ricci for the loss of their husband and father, Christopher ("Chris") Ricci, age 53, on April 23, 2016, and for personal injuries to Sarah and Charlie. Causes of action were for dangerous condition of public property, negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress. Chris was struck and injured by a vehicle driven by Randall Rubingh while walking westbound along the north side of San Carlos Avenue in San Carlos, California. Rubingh was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time. The City was represented by Gregg A. Thornton of Selman Breitman LLP and Rubingh was represented by Timonty W. Workman of Case & Fedor.

Chris subsequently died as a result of his injuries. Sarah was walking with Chris at the time and suffered significant emotional distress. Charlie had just seen his parents walking behind him, and heard the accident from inside their home just yards away. Sarah and Chris had been at a neighbor's house, just a block and a half away from their home. Charlie had been playing basketball with his friends at a neighborhood school.



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**SARAH LEE**

Sarah Lee Gossett Parrish is a third generation attorney. She has achieved Martindale-Hubbel's highest AV Preeminent™ rating for peer and judicial review, and has been selected to the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™. Ms. Parrish maintains a business litigation practice with a concentration in Oklahoma's cannabis industry, and is also admitted to practice in Texas. Her clients include cannabis dispensaries, cultivators, processors, and ancillary businesses. She also maintains an Oil & Gas Practice and handles all facets of Civil Litigation. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, National Cannabis Bar Association, National Cannabis Industry Association, NORML, the Oklahoma Cannabis Industry Association, and the Oklahoma Cannabis Business Alliance.

Ms. Parrish received her B.A. in Letters from the University of Oklahoma, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, where she was a Rhodes Scholarship Nominee Gulf Region Finalist and was awarded the Silver Letzeiser Medal for Outstanding Senior. She served as Chairman of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and was instrumental in creating the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Parrish served as a law clerk for the Hon. Lee R. West, U.S. District Court for the W.D. of Oklahoma; the Hon. William J. Holloway, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; and staff lawyer for Justice James R. Winchester, Oklahoma Supreme Court. Active in her community, she was elected President of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and President of the Oklahoma City Pi Beta Phi Alumna Club. She is also a Sustaining Member of the Oklahoma City Junior League. Her legal thriller, *Guilt of Innocence*, placed second in the New York Law Journal's 2006 national fiction contest, and she has exhibited her fine art photography ([www.slgparrish.com](http://www.slgparrish.com)) at Art San Diego and SPECTRUM Miami.

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Ms. Dube has consistently been rated AV Preeminent – Peer Review by Martindale-Hubbell for ethical standards legal ability since 1986. She has been a member of the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers for over 15 years. Ms. Dube received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, a Master of Arts Degree from Sam Houston University in 1973, and earned her J. D. from South Texas College of Law in 1979, where she was assistant editor of Law Review.

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Ms. Perry has been a long-time advocate against sexual harassment even before the groundswell of support for the #MeToo Movement began in 2017. She has achieved landmark decisions, namely Thoreson, where the court ruled that sexual harassment can be proven by the victim's testimony alone and Bracker, where the appellate court held that the NYC Human Rights Law was constitutional. This paved the way for victims of discrimination working in NYC to avail themselves of one of the most protective and comprehensive human rights laws in the country.

A ten-time New York SuperLawyers recipient, Ms. Perry's opinions have appeared in national and local publications including Time Magazine, Newsweek, Law 360, Thomson Reuters, CNBC, The Washington Times, New York Daily News, New York Post and The Legislative Gazette.

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Ms. Jackson has been a keynote speaker for the Oklahoma Bar Association, Strafford, and National Business Institute (NBI). She was honored as one of the 2011-2015 Five Star Wealth Managers in Estate Planning in the *Oklahoma Magazine*. In 2013, she received the Earl Sneed Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association for her contribution to continuing legal education.

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Included on this year's list of Super Lawyers, Renée understands that open and honest communication is key to a successful attorney-client relationship. "We ensure that we are compassionate about the overwhelming stress that clients may experience during a divorce," she says.

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Julie is passionate about the associations she counsels and the communities she serves. Julie has made significant contributions to her legal profession and the community association industry through director and manager education, legislative advocacy and leadership at the highest levels. She has earned Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent rating and been recognized as a Georgia Super Lawyer.


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Ms. Reisman draws on her experience over 20 years as a partner at an AmLaw 100 firm and as Associate General Counsel of a major pharmaceutical firm. In those capacities, she negotiated and implemented class action and inventory settlements for some of the largest drug and medical device mass tort matters in history.


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