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ABOUT BETH

With nearly 20 years of high profile experience as a family law attorney, today Beth W. Barbosa focuses her practice on complex cases of high marital assets that draw on her ability to engage authorities with specialized talent and expertise such as financial neutrals, independent business appraisers, real estate authorities and others with specialized knowledge. She does this to both protect and advance her client's interests. Beyond complex property division and spousal maintenance matters, Beth represents clients across a broad range of family law issues such as custody, parenting time, child support, pre-nuptial agreements, and post-decree actions.

"Clients count on me for more than my experience in family law. Divorce is often a period of deep, personal upheaval and I strive to provide clients with the peace of mind that comes from knowing that I'll be there whenever they need me." — Beth

FDUCATION

Beth W. Barbosa earned her J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1998. She completed her undergraduate studies at Gustavus Adolphus College, where she studied Political Science.

MEMBERSHIPS & BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Minnesota Bar Association, 2002

Admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, 2011

Admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association, 1999

Member of the Minnesota Bar Association

Member of Hennepin County Bar Association Fourth District Ethics Committee

Member of the Ramsey County Bar Association

Member of the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Graduate of the Harvard Negotiation Institute, 2012

Certified as a Qualified Neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice

Trained Parenting Time Expeditor

Member, Family Law Form Committee, Minnesota State Bar Association

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Physician – I represented a physician in his divorce and as part of the process, worked with other professionals to estimate the value of his practice as it had the potential to affect his spousal maintenance obligation. I retained a neutral appraiser to value the business side of his practice, and a financial neutral to provide a three-year spending analysis. These showed that the wife's request for spousal maintenance was too high, which resulted in us negotiating a maintenance buyout and property settlement. This allowed the physician to maintain his business without interference from his ex-spouse.

Chief Executive Officer – I represented the CEO of a land development business in his divorce where a major sticking point was the value of his business. I retained an appraiser knowledgeable in land development who found that the business as it existed at the time had little to no value. We also retained a financial neutral. As a result of this collaboration, we negotiated a settlement in which my client paid no maintenance to his former spouse.

Physician – We represented a doctor in a divorce matter where there was a potential claim for spousal maintenance. The wife had supported my client through medical school and his residency period and was requesting spousal maintenance. We negotiated a settlement where my client did not pay ongoing spousal maintenance.

Business Partner – In this case, I represented the wife of the owner of a closely held business. At issue was the need to establish a fair buyout price of the business as well as a determination of ongoing spousal maintenance. We retained a business appraiser to determine the value of the company as well as a financial neutral who performed a cash flow analysis. As a result, we were able to engage in mediation, successfully negotiating a buyout of the business and an award of spousal maintenance.

Corporate Vice President – A retired corporate vice president retained me in a divorce matter where he faced potential exposure to on ongoing spousal maintenance obligation. I negotiated a multimillion dollar property settlement that eliminated the need for my client to pay ongoing spousal maintenance to his ex-wife.

"You are always willing to go above and beyond to do the best for your clients. You tell the truth no matter what to insure your clients don't get their hopes up. If I left a message, you answered or called back ASAP and if I was really upset you were right there to talk me through it. You are a very compassionate soul and loving person. You are driven and work hard to get it done right." — L.P., Client

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