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SCHILLER DuCANTO & FLECK LLP

MEIGHAN A. HARMON



Meighan A. Harmon began trying complex divorce cases early in her career. Today, the partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP focuses on complex family law cases involving the distribution of multi-million dollar estates.

An experienced litigator and trained collaborative lawyer and family law mediator, Harmon has been recognized for her contribution to the practice of family law: She was named one of the Law Bulletin Publishing Company's "40 Attorneys Under 40 In Illinois to Watch," named among the Best Lawyers of America, an Illinois "Super Lawyer," and named a Leading Lawyer by her peers.

At age 31, Harmon gained membership to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – a selective organization with tough requirements and testing. "The longevity of her trial experience beginning at a relatively young age has given her experience, expertise and confidence beyond her years of practice," writes nominator Donald C. Schiller, name partner at the firm.

Today, Harmon serves as president of the Illinois chapter of the organization as well as serving as an active member of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association.

As a senior associate at Schiller, Harmon helped spearhead the firm's pro bono initiative; she continues to help the firm "make a significant and quantified commitment to provide pro bono services in our field of expertise," Schiller writes.

As a partner, Harmon is committed to mentoring young women and counseling them as they develop their careers and maintain a work-family balance, Schiller adds.

Harmon earned her JD in 1996 from the University of Notre Dame, where she contributed to the research and drafting Problems in Family Law, published in 1997 Aspen Legal Publishing. She has published articles in the *Matrimonial Strategist*, the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and the *Family Advocate*, and she co-authored a chapter called "Employee Benefits: Stock Options, ESOP, etc" for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

She has lectured on a variety of subjects, including trial techniques and various family law topics, for the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. She is a past chair of the CBA Young Lawyers Division's Trial Techniques Committee. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, American Bar Association, the Association for Conflict Resolution, and is a fellow in the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois.

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