

## Legal People

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### Transitions Legal

The International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP), a global organization promoting client-centered conflict resolution, has named Metro Detroit family law attorney Alisa Peskin-Shepherd to its new Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Since 2001, IACP has worked to promote the international growth of collaborative practice, which brings together attorneys, counselors, and health practitioners to resolve conflicts, especially divorce and custody issues, in a results-oriented, client-focused process.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the association's newest body, was the focus of a plenary session at IACP's 2018 educational and networking forum. The committee's members are from all over the world and will meet by videoconference monthly, expanding IACP's mission to lead, integrate, and promote collaborative practice by ensuring it encompasses an ever wider group of individuals.

"I am proud to help foster inclusion and diversity in collaborative family law," Peskin-Shepherd said. "Nothing could fit better with our goal of ensuring everyone gets a seat at the table to resolve situations to total satisfaction."

With more than 30 years of experience as a family law, divorce and custody attorney, mediator, and collaborative divorce practitioner, Peskin-Shepherd brings a "mediative" approach to her practice, a term she coined to refer to a permanent state of doing what is best for all involved – rather than letting anger and emotions lead the way.

She founded her Birmingham-based law firm, Transitions Legal, in 2013 and has been recognized as a Super Lawyers honoree every year since 2015, and DBusiness Magazine Top Lawyer for three years running, for excellence in legal practice and one of the top female lawyers in Michigan.

An approved mediator statewide, Peskin-Shepherd is specially trained in a variety of legal focuses that aid her work with families. The firm also offers guardian-ad-litem services, protecting the interests of children and vulnerable individuals within the legal system, and Peskin-Shepherd has special training in domestic violence through the State Bar of Michigan Open Justice Commission. Recognized for her work in the Detroit Jewish News Best of Michigan awards, Peskin-Shepherd speaks widely and leads workshops on topics related to divorce, counseling and mediation.