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Mission Statement

As founder of the “mediative” approach to family law, I seek to help individuals and families navigate the transitions of their lives with ease and success. With extensive experience as a litigator, counselor and legal blogger, I help clients and communities see the bigger picture of relationships and make decisions with full information for the long-term impact of their choices. I guide clients toward understanding the fullest perspective of their decisions and help provide legal support as well as personal empowerment as they journey through the phases of their life.

I have the gift of helping people through difficult times in their lives toward a manageable outcome. I am honored to guide courageous people through the steps needed to build a new, independent life. My clients are my inspiration.

Areas of Practice

Attorney and Counselor at Law | Mediator | Collaborative Divorce Attorney | Guardian Ad Litem

Legal Specialties

Family Law | Collaborative Practice | Mediation | Divorce | Child Custody | Child Support | Change of Domicile | Parenting Time | Property Division | Spousal Support | Negotiation and Settlement

Publications

Michigan Court of Appeals Opinion, *Kessler v Kessler*, 295 Mich. App 54, 811 NW2d 39, 2011

Guide to Charitable Giving, Editor, Jan., 1988

Media

Interview on Gray Divorce, "Living the Life," WJBK Fox 2, May 23, 2016

Interview, "Loving Divorce," WJBK Fox 2 News Weekend, February 14, 2016

Interview, "The Effects of Social Media on Divorce," WKBD CW50, December 26, 2015

"This Petite Powerhouse Packs a Legal Punch for her Clients, Friends and Family," *Corp! Magazine*, September 29, 2015

"Low and High Impact Divorce Impacts Children," Khalaf Law Group website, September 14, 2015

"Transitions Legal partners with Vezina Law in downtown Birmingham," The Adcraft Club of Detroit, May 25, 2015

"Transitions Legal partners with Vezina Law in downtown Birmingham," *SE Michigan Startup*, May 8, 2015

"Transitions Legal relocates to Birmingham," *Birmingham Eccentric*, May 3, 2015

"What happens to pets in a New Jersey divorce?" Heymann & Fletcher website, March 26, 2015

"Family law courts don't decide custody for our furry friends," *Oakland Press*, March 25, 2015

"Lawyer says pets in contested divorce cases should go wherever the kids go," Charlotte Divorce Lawyer Blog, March 19, 2015

Guest, "Small Talk with Mark S. Lee," CBS Radio, March 15, 2015

Interview, "A Collaborative Divorce," WJBK Fox 2, February 24, 2015

"Making My Own Seder," *Detroit Jewish News*, April 2014

"October is Mediation Month: Perfect Time to Resolve," *Spinal Column*, October 9, 2013

"Bloomfield Hills divorce attorney launches new firm," *Oakland Press*, July 25, 2013

"Cooperative Divorce," *Detroit Jewish News*, July 18, 2013

"Bloomfield Hills Attorney Launches New Firm," *DBusiness*, July 12, 2013

"Transitions Legal looks to expand with rebranding," *Ann Arbor Spark*, June 27, 2013

Article on new firm, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, June 24, 2013

Divorce Done Right, Metro Parent, May 2013

Guest Blogger: Metromode, April 18, 2013

Interview, "Loving Divorce," WJBK Fox 2 News Weekend, February 14, 2013

Interview, Business Beat, Michigan Entrepreneur Radio, February 26, 2013

"Beware of Social Media," *Detroit Jewish News*, November 5, 2012

Speaking Engagements

Women's Divorce Resource Center workshops - ongoing

"The Key to Successful Relationships," Troy Rotary Club, February 24, 2016

Beaumont Hospital Parenting Group, January 20, 2016 and September 8, 2016

"Communication Tips from a Mediator," Romulus Rotary Club, October 28, 2015

"Compassionate Negotiation," ABWA Leadership Day, June 21, 2014, Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Communication Tips from a Mediator," ABWA Maia Chapter, May 20, 2014, Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Using Mediation Skills in Daily Life," Inforum, January 15, 2014, Novi, Mich.

Inforum Affinity Groups, November 20, 2013 and March 13, 2014

Panelist, Storytelling to Build Your Business, Your People LLC Marketing, Messaging & Media Conference, Walsh College, October 25, 2013

Teaching Experience

Oakland County Bar Association, Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar, 2007

Reducing the Harmful Effects of Divorce through Counseling and Mediation

Oakland County SMILE Program

Courtroom Evidence, West Hills Middle School

Employment Law, Oakland County Bar Association Speakers Bureau

Honors & Awards

Super Lawyers 2016, 2015

Honorable Mention, *Jewish News*, Best of Michigan, 2017, 2015, 2013

Top Family Lawyers, *DBusiness Magazine*, 2017, 2013, 2012, 2011

Pro Bono Service Award, Oakland County Bar Association, June 1996

Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers—Martindale Hubbell

Professional Associations and Memberships

Women's Divorce Resource Center, Board Member, 2015-ongoing

One Earth Writing, Board Member, 2016-ongoing

Oakland County Bar Association, 1986-ongoing

Continuing Legal Education Committee, Chair, 2004-2006, Vice Chair, 2003-2004

Family Court Committee

Michigan Bar Association, 1986-ongoing

Committees on Family Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Women's Bar Association

Kids Come First Coalition

Family Mediation Council-Michigan, Board Member

Collaborative Practice, Institute of Michigan

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

Michigan Inter-Professional Association on Marriage, Divorce and Family

Congregation B'nai Moshe, Board of Directors, Executive Committee

Professional Experience

Principal, Transitions Legal, PLLC, Law Office of Alisa Peskin-Shepherd, Birmingham, MI, January 2013-ongoing

Principal, Family Law of Michigan, Law Office of Alisa Peskin-Shepherd, Bloomfield Hills, MI, September 2007-January 2013

Senior Associate, Maroko & Landau, P.C., 1995-2007

Senior Associate, Tucker & Rolf, P.C., 1989-1994

Staff Attorney, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, 1986-1989

Pro Bono Activities

Attorney for various Legal Aid cases, 1995-ongoing

Attorney Consultant, Jewish Family Service - ongoing

Education

Collaborative Divorce Training, 2005

Divorce and Custody Mediation Training, 2004

J.D., Doctor of Jurisprudence, Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1982-1985

- Activities and Societies: Honors, Moot Court, Jessup International Law Team

A.B., Urban Planning and Community Development, University of Michigan, 1979-1982

Bar Admissions

Michigan, 1987

New Jersey, 1985

Pennsylvania, 1985

Published Blogs (<http://www.transitionslegal.com/blog/>)

Do You Know Your Candidates? October 10, 2016

On Order: A Brangelina Split with Whipped Cream and a Cherry on Top! September 26, 2016

Never Too Old to Hurt September 20, 2016

Live and Let Live September 5, 2016

Oops! August 22, 2016

Power vs. Powerlessness, Control vs. Out of Control August 8, 2016

Society's Changing July 25, 2016

Stay Out of My Head July 11, 2016

The Best Interests of the Kids June 27, 2016

Using Divorce to Sell June 13, 2016

I'm Not Always (This) Sweet April 21, 2016

This Moment April 7, 2016

Is What You See, What You Get? March 24, 2016

Setting Boundaries: With Your Children February 13, 2016

A Divorce Attorney's Perspective on Marriage January 31, 2016
Setting Boundaries: With Your Ex January 17, 2016
Before You Move In January 3, 2016
The Importance of a Prenup for Everyday Folks December 21, 2015
Setting Boundaries: With Your Ex's Family December 6, 2015
Be Careful What You Post November 15, 2015
I Am a Super Lawyer! October 30, 2015
Competing With Your Ex October 15, 2015
Finding Love Again: An Interview with Dr. Terri Orbuch September 30, 2015
Fond Memories September 15, 2015
Telling the Truth About Divorce: A conversation with Jennifer Hurvitz Weintraub
August 30, 2015
Honesty Is the Best Policy August 15, 2015
If We Were Still Married July 28, 2015
The Bumpy Road July 21, 2015
In Defense of a Judge July 13, 2015
Speaking Out About the Tsimhoni Case July 9, 2015
Reflecting on Human Nature June 26, 2015
Is There a Better Way? June 12, 2015
It's a Different Relationships After All: Post-divorce parenting April 14, 2015
Tax Tips for Soon-to-Be Divorcees April 1, 2015
Kids Helping Kids Through Divorce March 25, 2015
Find Joy Where You Can March 18, 2015
First Name Basis February 17, 2015
The Right to Marry...and the Right to Divorce February 3, 2015
Michigan's Uniform Collaborative Law Act Takes Effect January 23, 2015
When Do We Become Adults? January 19, 2015
Hurry Up and Wait January 5, 2015
Peanut Butter and Chocolate Cookies December 23, 2014
Frozen December 10, 2014
Every Red Light October 19, 2014
Be Honest with Your Attorney October 5, 2014
Significant Assets in a Divorce September 16, 2014
Never Say Never, Never Say Always September 2, 2014
Choosing Happiness August 20, 2014
Changes in Parenting Once You Divorce July 15, 2014
Protection July 8, 2014
Why I Blog July 1, 2014
19 Kids & Counting – Lessons on Marriage, or Divorce? June 24, 2014
Turning Up the Heat on a Relationship June 13, 2014
Grandparent Rights in Divorce – Here's the latest May 20, 2014
The Cost of Divorce April 28, 2014
Conscious Uncoupling April 11, 2014
Potholes April 3, 2014
The Holistic Divorce March 14, 2014
Changing the World, Changing Focus March 7, 2014
Where is the line between personal and professional? February 28, 2014
Making a Difference February 17, 2014
Is Your Perspective Your Downfall? February 8, 2014

What We Can Learn from Celebrity Breakups January 28, 2014
Divorce as a New Beginning – Not an Ending January 18, 2014
Depositions in Divorce: Helpful or Hurtful? November 14, 2013
You Can't Send a Divorcing Spouse to Counseling November 7, 2013
The Power of the 11th Hour in Last Minute Divorce Negotiation October 31, 2013
Life is a Series of Transitions October 17, 2013
(Mediative) – What Does That Mean? September 23, 2013
Moving Legal Houses – One of Life's Transitions September 16, 2013
Welcome to Transitions Legal! September 9, 2013