

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Illinois, 1977

Juris Doctorate, University of Houston, 1980

Post-Graduate Studies Certificate from the Menninger School of Marriage and Family Therapy Program, 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1988 – Present Private Law Practice

- Focus on Family Law
- Successfully completed over 3,000 mediated divorces
- Skilled litigator and expert on family issues
- Experienced Collaborative Law Attorney
- Published author of numerous articles on Divorce, Family Law and Mediation

1988 – Present Private Mediation Practice

- Supreme Court Approved Trainer of Divorce Mediation, Advanced Mediation, Custody Mediation and Family Law. Has trained hundreds of judges, attorneys and mental health professionals, nationwide.
- Mediator for small businesses
- Regular guest speaker on television, radio and national conferences
- Created a set of training DVD's demonstrating the mediation process

1983 – Present Teaching Experience

- St. Louis University Graduate School of Social Work, Adjunct Faculty teaching Divorce Mediation
- Webster University, Adjunct Faculty
- University of Missouri St. Louis, Adjunct Faculty

1980 – 1982 Trial Attorney for United Airlines

- Represented United Airlines in Federal Court matters.

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Completed hundreds of hours of additional training in Mediation, Advanced Mediation, Negotiation, Civil Mediation, Collaborative Law, Early Neutral Evaluation, Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law and the Collaborative Process. Trainings were held all across the US and Canada.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Named as one of Missouri's Top Two Divorce Attorneys in "Missouri's Best Poll" of *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly*, October 2009

Licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri

Member, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Elected to the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers for High Professional Legal Standards and Ethics

Member, St. Louis Psychological Association

Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

Member of the ABA Advisory Panel

Member, Association for Conflict Resolution

Member, Association of Missouri Mediators

Member, Association of Family Conciliatory Courts

Certified as Mediator by U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Certified as Mediator by 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, Missouri; 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, St. Clair County, Illinois; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

##### Authored Articles

- *The Illinois Counselor (ICA Quarterly Newsletter)*, September, 2012  
Title: "The 'ABCs' of Resolving Relational Conflict Between Couples"
- *Family Mediation Quarterly*, Marta J. Papa, October, 2008  
Title: "Rights of Never-Married and Same Sex Couples"
- *Mediate.com*, Marta J. Papa, October, 2008  
Title: "Business Mediation: A Better Way to Resolve Workplace Conflict"
- *St. Louis Lawyer Magazine*, Marta J. Papa, February, 2003  
Title: "Collaborative Law: A New Alternative for Divorcing Couples"
- *St. Louis Lawyer Magazine*, Marta J. Papa, August, 2003  
Title: "Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law"
- *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly*, Marta J. Papa, October, 2002

Title: "Collaborative Law in Dissolution Cases"

Featured Subject of an Article

- *St. Louis Magazine*, September, 2012  
Title: "Q&A: A Conversation with Marta Papa, Divorce Whisperer"
- *St. Louis Business Journal*, October, 2011  
Title: "Downturn Driving up Divorce Mediation Cases"
- *Marie Claire Magazine*, May, 2011  
Title: "Why Does Manimony Feel So Wrong?"
- *The Wall Street Journal*, August 28, 2010  
Title: "Breaking up Without Breaking the Bank"
- *Ladue News*, February, 2009  
Title: "Simplifying Divorce"
- *Ladue News*, January, 2009  
Title: "Changes in Court: New Child Support Guidelines"
- *Time Magazine*, October, 2008  
Title: "Salute to Women in Leadership"
- *St. Louis Business Journal*, September, 2003  
Title: "Collaborative Law Association Formed"
- *St. Louis Parent Magazine*, June, 1998  
Title: "Mediation for the Future"
- *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, March, 1995  
Title: "Way to Smooth Road to Painful Divorce"
- *St. Louis Suburban Journals*, March, 1995  
Title: "County to Promote Divorce Mediation"

## **APPEARANCES**

Featured Speaker

- Illinois Counseling Association 2012 Annual Conference, Springfield, Illinois, November 9, 2012  
Topic: "The 'ABCs' of Resolving Relational Conflict"
- Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Skokie, Illinois, March 3, 2012  
Topic: "Guiding Divorcing Families Through Crisis as a Divorce Mediator"
- National Association of Social Workers-Illinois Chapter, 2011 Statewide Conference, Oak Brook, Illinois, November 10, 2011  
Topic: "Divorce Whispering"

- University of Missouri Extension Program: Divorce on the Horizon, multiple appearances throughout 2010-2011  
Topic: “Divorce Considerations for Women”
- St. Clair County Continuing Legal Education: Survival Guide to Family Law, sponsored by the St. Clair County Bar Association, June 4, 2009  
Topic: “Mediation”
- Clayton Public School Counselors, May 19, 2009  
Topic: “Helping Children Caught in the Middle of Divorce”
- St. Louis Employee Assistance Program Association, May 15, 2009  
Topic: “Using Mediation in the Workplace”
- National Association for Conflict Resolution National Conference, Park City, Utah, July, 2008  
Topic: “Never Married and Same Sex Couples”
- Adoption and Foster Care Coalition Annual State Convention, November 14, 2007  
Topic: “Mediating Adoptions”
- Lewis and Clark Chapter of the Illinois Counseling Association, October 4, 2007  
Topic: “Custody Mediation”
- National Association of Women Business Owners, July 18, 2007  
Topic: “Negotiation Strategies”
- St. Louis Financial Planners Association, April 5, 2007  
Topic: “Role of a Financial Planner in Team Mediation”
- United States Arbitration and Mediation Semi-Annual Training, September, 2001  
Topic: “Advanced Mediation Training”
- Missouri Bar Advanced Guardian Ad Litem Training, March, 1999  
Topic: “Families and Children and Mediation”
- Office of the State Courts Administrator, State of Missouri, June 19, 1998  
Topic: “Advanced Mediation Training and Demonstration”

Guest Speaker

- Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation’s Family Law Seminar, May 15, 2009  
Topic: “Mediation”
- NBI Seminar: Family Strategies- Advanced Mediation Strategies, March 23, 2009  
Topic: “Mediation: Bringing Order to Chaos & Hostility”
- Land of Lincoln Family Law Training at University of Illinois-Springfield, October 12, 2007  
Topic: “Mediation of Parenting Plans and Demonstration”
- Association of Grandparents Acting as Parents Conference, St. Louis, MO, October, 2002  
Topic: “Grandparents Rights During Divorce”
- First Dispute Resolution Day Conference, St. Louis, MO, May, 1998  
Topic: “Divorce Mediation”

## Television and Radio Appearances

- KDSK Channel 5 “Today in St. Louis”, October, 2009  
Topic: “How to Mediate Conflict in Your Life and at Work”
- American Airlines-Sky Radio, July, 2008  
Topic: “Honoring Women in Leadership”
- KMOX Radio, February, 2003  
Topic: “How Mediation Prevents Escalation of Hostilities During Divorce”
- KTVI Channel 2 News, July, 2001  
Topic: “Violence and Divorce”
- KSDK Channel 5 News, May, 2000  
Topic: “The Good Divorce”