



**FAMILY LAW**  
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**LESA CHRISTENSON, CFLS\***  
Partner & Co-founder



### LICENSES HELD

Licensed Attorney - State of California, June 1990 - Present

### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Certified Legal Specialist, Family Law (CLS-F\*), 20YY - Present  
California Board of Legal Specialization

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1985 The State Bar of California
- 1985 San Diego County Bar Association

## HONORS & AWARDS

AV Rated (highest rating), Martindale-Hubbell

San Diego Magazine Top Family Law Attorney, 2014 - 2019

San Diego Super Lawyers®, 2008 - 2012, 2013 (Nominee), 2014 - 2019

San Diego Daily Transcript Top Attorney in Family Law, 2007 - 2012, 2013 (Nominee), 2014, 2015 (2015 last year given)

San Diego Daily Transcript, "Transcript Ten", 2009

## DEGREES, EDUCATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION

1985      Juris Doctor  
University of San Diego, School of Law, San Diego, CA

1982      B.A. Political Science  
Magna Cum Laude  
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2000 - Present      Partner & Co-founder  
ABC Family Law & Mediation, Bankers Hill, CA

High accomplished and award winning Certified Family Law Specialist\* with over 35 years of experience provides mediation (50%) and litigation (50%) family legal services to the San Diego community. Manages a law firm of seven staff supporting clients with legal separation, divorce, child custody, child and spousal support, move-aways, parenting plans, modifications, and other family law legal services.

2000 - 2000      Attorney At Law  
Law Offices of Lesa Christenson, San Diego, CA

\*Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

1987 - 2000      First Female Partner  
Hillyer & Irwin, Greater San Diego Area

Attorney focused on civil litigation experience in handling a broad range of business, construction and real estate disputes. Successful in convincing a diverse group of over 20 men to elect her the firm's first woman partner in its 81-year history.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

San Diego County Bar Association Family Law Section, Member, Executive Committee,  
Certified Family Law Specialists, 2002

Lawyers Club of San Diego, , YYYY – YYYY, Member

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Vice President, 1999 – 2000

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Board, 1997 - 2000

California Women Lawyers, Speaker, YYYY – YYYY

La Jolla Bar Association, title/role, YYYY – YYYY

San Diego County Bar Association, Member, 1985 – Present

State Bar of California, Member, 1985 - Present

## PUBLICATIONS

"How I Got 100 Client Referrals in Six Months," Lawyers Club Newsletter, December 1998 and January 1999

"What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Family Law" (MCLE accredited), free workshop to local San Diego law firms, YYYY - YYYY

## SPEAKING

"What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Family Law" (MCLE accredited), free workshop to local San Diego law firms, YYYY - YYYY