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As a family law attorney for nearly 20 years, April Urban has been praised as the lawyer that you “should never step foot in a courtroom without.” April is experienced in negotiating and litigating high conflict and high asset cases, certified as a Best Interest Attorney, Civil Mediator and Family Law Mediator.

April understands that family law affects most aspects of her clients' lives, from their finances to their children to their emotional welfare. She strives to offer impartial advice so the client knows what to expect, particularly in the long term. April believes that being honest about the possible outcome leads to the best strategy. She also helps clients navigate the complex legal system with sound advice, planning and preparation to relieve as much litigation stress as possible. Whether she is helping clients navigate divorce, custody, division of assets, support or a modification of a prior order, April is there every step of the way to guide them through the process and be their best advocate. She strives to be accessible and responsive to each client.

As a trained negotiator, April finds it rewarding when she can use her creativity and experience to help clients reach a fully tailored agreement that meets the child's needs better than a standard court order could provide; however, she is a passionate and fierce litigator if an agreement cannot be reached. She is willing to negotiate or litigate, but in the end, her role is to help clients make the right decision for their unique situation.

April meets clients in Greenbelt, Rockville and Laurel or by phone and video conference. She represents clients in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Howard County, Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

Admissions

- Maryland
- Supreme Court of Maryland
- US District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2006
- University of Maryland, BS, *summa cum laude*, Government and Politics, 2000
- *Maryland Bar Association Leadership Academy Fellow* for the 2008-2009 year

Experience

Experience representing either party in a divorce or custody matter involving police employees, with familiarity of the agency retirement plans, fringe benefits and shift schedules as well as drafting Qualified Domestic Relations Orders in many agencies

through Maryland including, but not limited to:

- Prince Georges' County Police Department
- Montgomery County Police Department
- Maryland State Police

Experience representing minor children before various Circuit Courts to obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status predicate orders.

Honors

- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2015-2018)
- Super Lawyers (2024-2026)
- The National Trial Lawyers – Matrimonial and Family Law Top 30 (2024)

Affiliations

- Maryland State Bar Association, Member of the Maryland State Bar Association's Committee on Resolution on Fee Disputes (2009 to present)
- Prince Georges' County Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association

Publications

- Molé v. Jutton: A Patient Suing a Doctor for Medical Negligence Due to Lack of Informed Consent is Not Entitled to a Jury Instruction on Battery When the Doctor Exceeds the Scope of Consent Given, 35 U. BALT. L.F. 79 (2004).
- Gladis v. Gladisova: The Lower Cost of Raising a Child in a Different Country or State Does Not Justify a Downward Deviation From the Child Support Guidelines, as Set Forth in Maryland Code, Sections 12-201 through 12-204 of the Family Law Article, 35 U. BALT. L.F. 71 (2004).

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