



Lisa Seltzer Becker

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Lisa Seltzer Becker has been practicing law since 1996, with a career focus on family law and education law.

Lisa's experience in both family and education law gives her a unique ability to support clients by navigating complex legal matters involving children, families, and schools. Whether handling a high-conflict custody dispute or advocating for a student facing suspension or a Title IX hearing, Lisa brings a thoughtful and strategic approach tailored to each client's specific needs. Her deep understanding of how family dynamics and educational systems intersect allows her to serve as a trusted advisor to parents, students, administrators, and faculty seeking guidance through emotionally charged and high-stakes situations.

In her education law practice, Lisa represents students, families, faculty, and administrators at colleges universities, as well as in public and private K-12 schools. She has successfully prevented student expulsions, secured settlements to remove disciplinary actions from academic records, and defended students in Title IX and academic misconduct hearings. Lisa works closely with families navigating special education disputes, disciplinary matters, and school-related bullying or harassment claims, offering both advocacy and practical solutions. She has represented students and families in matters with public school systems throughout Maryland, including Montgomery County Public Schools and Howard County Public Schools, as well as private schools. Her clients value her ability to balance assertive representation with sensitivity to the emotional and educational impact these matters can have on students and their families.

As an experienced family law attorney, Lisa has helped numerous clients in Maryland and the District of Columbia with their divorce and custody matters. As an experienced litigator, Lisa is also a trained Collaborative Law practitioner and a skilled negotiator. She utilizes these skills whenever possible to reach an agreement outside the courtroom, thereby obtaining the best outcome for her clients in the most cost-efficient manner. Lisa is a trained mediator and offers this service for divorce and custody cases.

In her education law practice Lisa's experience includes:

- Public school K-12 disciplinary matters (including manifestation meetings, suspensions,

Services

- Family Law
- Title IX and Education
- Special Education, Accommodations and Discrimination
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

expulsions, and appeals)

- Public school K-12 Title IX matters
- Public school K-12 special education matters (IEPs and 504s)
- Public school bullying, sexual harassment, and transfer matters
- Appeals to district Boards of Education and Maryland State Board of Education
- Representing daycare centers and private schools
- College and university sexual misconduct and Title IX proceedings
- College and university academic integrity or misconduct (including cheating and plagiarism) proceedings
- College and university denial of accommodations
- Appeals of college and university adverse findings

In her family law practice Lisa's experience includes:

- High-asset and high-income divorce
- Property settlements
- High-conflict divorces and custody cases
- Representing parents of special needs children in custody cases
- Third-party custody cases
- Disabled adult children child support cases
- Post-divorce enforcement and custody modifications and enforcement
- Domestic violence and peace orders
- Representing clients who have experienced domestic abuse
- Drafting and negotiating premarital and post-marital agreements
- Litigation, negotiation, mediation, and Collaborative Divorce

Education

- American University Washington College of Law (J.D.)
- University of Maryland (B.A.)

State Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Professional Affiliations

- Education Law Section, Bar Association of Montgomery County, Co-Chair
- Family Law Section, Bar Association of Montgomery County, Member

- Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, Board Member
- Legal Task Force and Legal Access Committee, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, Member

Recognitions

- 2025 Top Attorney for School/Education, Bethesda Magazine
- Selected to Maryland Super Lawyers® for Family Law (2023-2027)
- Top Attorneys, Bethesda Magazine, Family Law and School/Education (2019-2023)

Institutions

Some of the institutions Lisa Seltzer Becker has experience with include:

- American University
- Campbell University
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Frostburg University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown University School of Medicine
- Johns Hopkins University
- McDaniel College
- Montgomery College
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- Morgan State University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Salisbury University
- St. John's College
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Strayer University
- Tennessee State University
- Trinity Washington University
- Towson University
- UDC David A. Clarke School of Law
- University of Baltimore School of Law
- University of Colorado
- University of Delaware
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
- Wesley Theological Seminary
- Washington College