

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 in Missouri and Illinois
- Successfully completed over 2,000 mediated divorces
- Skilled litigator and expert on family issues
- Experienced Collaborative Law Attorney
- Published author of numerous articles and training materials on current legal issues

1988 – Present **PRIVATE MEDIATION PRACTICE**

- Focus on “Team Divorce Mediation”
- Illinois and Missouri Supreme Court Approved Trainer of Divorce Mediation, training hundreds of judges, attorneys and mental health professionals
- Mediator for small businesses
- Regular guest speaker on television, radio and both state 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 teaching Business Law I, Business Law II
- University of Missouri St. Louis, Adjunct Faculty teaching Contracts, Commercial Transactions, Anti-Trust Law, Tort Law
- St. Louis Community College, Adjunct Faculty teaching paralegal classes such as Civil Litigation, Family Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution

1980 – 1982 **TRIAL ATTORNEY FOR UNITED AIRLINES**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Completed over 300 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 AND MEMBERSHIPS

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 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, Missouri; 20th Judicial Circuit, St. Clair County, Illinois; and 3rd Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED ARTICLES

- *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"
- *Ladue News*, Marta J. Papa, August, 2003
Title: "Collaboration"
- *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"

- *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly*, Marta J. Papa, 1998
Title: "Divorce Mediation in St. Louis County"
- *Missouri Bar Journal*, Marta J. Papa, November, 1997
Title: "Divorce Mediation: How is it Working in St. Louis?"
- *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly*, Marta J. Papa, April, 1995
Title: "Mediation Program Approved for St. Louis County Family Court"
- *News Weekly*, Marta J. Papa, May, 1995
Title: "Recent Changes in St. Louis County Family Court"
- *Ladue News*, Marta J. Papa, March, 1995
Title: "Divorcing Parents to Take Classes"

FEATURED SUBJECT OF AN INTERVIEW

- *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

- 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”
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Continued Education Program
Topic: “Live Divorce Mediation Demonstration”

GUEST SPEAKER

- 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”
- State Convention of Missouri Association of Marital and Family Therapists, 1996
Topic: “Divorce Mediation”

TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES

- 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”
- KMOV Channel 4 News, July, 1997
Topic: “Mediation and Rights of the Unwed”
- WIBV Radio, July, 1994
Topic: “Divorce Mediation”

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Divorce Mediation Manual (with demonstrations on companion DVD set)