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Mr. Strickler is a shareholder in the firm's Commercial Litigation Department Domestic Relations Practice Group. After serving as the judicial law clerk to the Chief Judge of Maryland's Fifth Judicial Circuit, Mr. Strickler went into private practice in 1986 and has concentrated in the field of family law ever since. He represents clients in the negotiation and preparation of property settlement agreements, antenuptial agreements, and post-nuptial agreements, and litigates before the Family Division Masters and judges of the Circuit Courts of Maryland in contested and uncontested divorce, custody, and support matters. Mr. Strickler has argued and/or briefed cases in both of the appellate courts of Maryland, as well as the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Much of Mr. Strickler's practice focuses on complex domestic relations issues involving such things as business valuations, domestic relations taxation, and the use of the tax code to optimize settlement solutions for both parties in a case.

Mr. Strickler has been selected by Worth Magazine in each of the past three years as one of the top one hundred attorneys in the country serving the needs of affluent clientele. Mr. Strickler has been selected by Washingtonian Magazine on multiple occasions for inclusion among its list of the top domestic relations attorneys in the area, has been identified by Super Lawyers Magazine as among the top family law attorneys in Maryland, and was included in the November 2008 issue of the Washington Post Magazine in that publication's "Best Lawyers, A Comprehensive Guide to the Areas

PRACTICE AREAS

Family Law and Fiduciary
Litigation Group
Mediation Services

EDUCATION

University of Maryland
School of Law, J.D. with
honors, 1985
University of Maryland,
College Park, B.S. in
Journalism, 1981 Honors
including Dean's List and
Kappa Tau Alpha
(National Journalism
Honor Society)

PAST EXPERIENCE

Hughes v. Hughes, 80
Md. App. 216, 560 A.2d
1145 (1989)

Johnson v. Domingues,
82 Md. App. 128, 570
A.2d 369 (1990)

Domingues v. Johnson,
323 Md. 486, 593 A.2d
1133 (1991)

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of top Attorneys.”

Mr. Strickler is a frequent lecturer and has given a number of presentations to other lawyers, accountants and financial advisors, and to members of the general public. He has presented programs at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Bar Association of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education for Lawyers, the International Association of Financial Planners, and the Maryland Commission for Women. His presentations have included such topics as “Stock Options and Hidden Assets in Divorce,” “Alimony Trends in Maryland”, “Creative Settlement Strategies – Maximizing Tax Savings,” and “How to Choose a Divorce Lawyer.”

PUBLICATIONS

"Income Tax Consequences upon Separation or Divorce", The Prudential Flyer, May, 1992

EVENTS

Rita Rosenkrantz Basic Family Law Training
November 7, 2011

SEMINARS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce", Maryland Commission for Women, presented on multiple occasions since 1988; co-authored and edited the current Divorce Handbook, completed in 2009

"Divorce Decrees, College Degrees", College Financial Aid Strategies, June and July, 1991 (two-part series)

"How to Choose a Divorce Lawyer", Maryland Commission for Women, 1994

Tolima, Inc. v. Veiga,
Court of Special Appeals
of Maryland, unreported

State Farm v. Hoang,
682 A.2d 202 (D.C. App.
1996)

Koutsos v. Koustos,
Court of Special Appeals
of Maryland, unreported

Nolfi v. Henry, Court of
Special Appeals of
Maryland, dismissed by
opposing party after
briefing

Mills v. Mills, 178 Md.
App. 728, 943 A.2d 677
(2008)

Watter v. Watter, Court
of Special Appeals of
Maryland, unreported

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Court of Appeals of
Maryland

District of Columbia

District of Columbia
Court of Appeals

Maryland

U.S. District Court for the
District of Maryland

U.S. Supreme Court

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected by Worth
Magazine for three years
running (2007, 2008 and

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Rita Rosenkrantz Pro Bono Family Law training, Montgomery County Bar Association, annual lecturer since 1994

"Guardians Ad LitemBCollection of Fees From Bankruptcy Debtor", Bar Association of Montgomery County, 1995

"Divorce or SeparationBWhat You Need to Know to Guide Your Clients Through Transition", International Association of Financial Planners, 1997

"Alimony: Initial Awards and Modifications", Bar Association of Montgomery County, 1998

"Prenuptial Agreements", Law School for the Public, 1999

"Drafting Prenuptial AgreementsBThe Times, They Are A-Changin'", Maryland Institute for Continuing Education for Lawyers (MICPEL), February, 2000

"Civil ContemptBAN Update", Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education for Lawyers (MICPEL), February, 2001

"Stock Options and Hidden Assets in Divorce", Montgomery County Bar Foundation, December, 2001

"Alimony Trends in Maryland", Bar Association of Montgomery County, 2002

"Creative Settlement StrategiesBMaximizing Tax Savings", Mediation Matters (marital property training for mediators), presented on multiple occasions, beginning in 2003

"Greater Monetary AwardsBStock Options and Property Settlements", Montgomery County Bar Foundation, September, 2004

"Hot Tips for the Family Law Practitioner", Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education for Lawyers (MICPEL), February, 2005

2009) as one of the Top 100 attorneys in the nation serving the needs of the affluent.

Top Family Law Attorneys in Maryland, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007 through 2009

Named in Washington, D.C.'s "Best Lawyers, A Comprehensive Guide to the Areas Top Attorneys", featured in The Washington Post Magazine, November, 2008

Selected by Washingtonian Magazine on multiple occasions for inclusion among the top domestic relations attorneys in the area, including February, 2009 ("Breaking Up is Hard to Do") and December, 2007 ("Washington's Top Lawyers").

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"Divorce Planning - The Financial Experts Role, A Litigator's Perspective", Maryland Institute of Certified Public Accountants (and local chapters thereof), presented on multiple occasions, beginning October, 2005

"Grandparents' Rights to Custody and Visitation", Law School for the Public, 2007

"Collaborative Law - Pros and Cons", Bar Association of Montgomery County, 2008

"Financial Experts in Divorce", Montgomery County Bar Foundation, December, 2008

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Frequent expert witness on issues related to attorneys fees in divorce cases

Expert witness before The World Bank on Maryland child support laws

Pro Bono Mentor, Montgomery County Bar Foundation, 1994 to present

Chair, Program Committee of Family Law Section of Bar Association of Montgomery County, 1997-1998

Court-Appointed Domestic Relations Mediator and Facilitator, 1998 to present

Chair, Family Law Section of Bar Association of Montgomery County, 1998-1999

Executive Committee, Bar Association of Montgomery County, 2000-2001