

StepFamily Resources*



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Child/Teen Counseling



Beth Proudfoot

Beth Proudfoot is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who specializes in providing counseling and coaching to parents and children. She is the author of the Trailblazing Parenting Audio and Video Series and co-author of "The Magic of Positive Parenting,"

Beth is the founder of the [Child and Family Counseling Group](#) where her team provides in-person and remote parent and child counseling.

Contact [Beth](#) for a complimentary consultation.

Estate Planning



Patricia De Fonte

Patricia De Fonte is founder of San Francisco-based [DeFonte Law PC](#) where she and her team practice *Estate Planning with Heart*. De Fonte Law works with clients to create highly personalized estate plans.

Patricia also provides estate planning workshops and presentations throughout the U.S. She was awarded *Superlawyer* designation in 2021 and 2022.

Contact [Patricia](#) for more information.



Loulena Miles

Loulena Miles has been practicing law as a licensed **California** Attorney since 2003. She began her career in public policy in Washington DC and has traveled the world presenting on various legal and public policy issues. She is a Strauss Scholar and a New Voices Ford Foundation Fellow.

Loulena holds a certification in conflict resolution and mediation and builds **estate plans** with family harmony as a goal. Loulena can be contacted through her law firm, [Miles & Torres Associates](#).

Family Mediation



Shelley-Anne Salisbury

Shelley-Anne Salisbury's diverse career spans 30 years. As a lawyer, law lecturer, and mediator, she has developed a keen insight into conflict resolution.

Shelley-Anne, owner of [The Mediation Pod](#), deals with all types of mediation, including family/step-family disputes and communication obstacles. Through her expert mediation, couples are able to achieve effective and mutually-agreeable solutions.

Shelley-Anne is based in London and works with clients **worldwide**. Contact [Shelley-Anne](#) for a free consultation.

Family Law



Sonja Aoun

Sonja Aoun has extensive experience as both a family law and estate planning attorney in **Virginia**. She is skilled in handling complex and highly nuanced divorce and custody cases.

Sonja works with a variety of clients including special needs families, blended families, and LGBTQ families. She volunteers her time as a mentor for law students at the Georgetown University Law Center and serves as an attorney mentor with the Fairfax Bar Association's mentorship program.



Robyn Ginney

Robyn Ginney is a savvy and successful trial attorney specializing in complex, high-conflict divorces.

Robyn uses her background in psychology and crisis counseling, along with her legal credentials, to resolve tough custody and financial disputes. She also helps **post-divorce** clients renegotiate child support and custody agreements.

Having been a stepmother, Robyn has knowledge *and* first-hand experience with stepfamily dynamics. She offers consultations in all family law issues to clients **worldwide**. Contact [Robyn](#) at her law firm [Hart Ginney LLP](#) in **Oakland, CA**.



Elaine Kirsch

[Elaine Kirsch](#) has been an attorney for over 30 years; for the last 20 years, she has limited her practice to divorce mediation and collaborative law in **New York**.

Elaine specializes in conflict resolution and mediation. Her services include renegotiating post-divorce child support and custody agreements.

Elaine is a graduate of McGill University, University of Toronto Law School, and Harvard Law School. Contact [Elaine](#) for a consultation.



Lisa Marquis

Lisa Marquis believes in settling family law cases collaboratively whenever possible. In her thirty years of practicing law in both **Texas** and Arizona, she strives to be part of the solution, not the problem.

Lisa's practice includes pre-marital agreements, child support and custody modifications, along with collaborative divorce.

With offices in both Dallas and Plano, Lisa serves clients throughout **Texas**.

Contact [Lisa Marquis](#) for a consultation.



Ty Supancic

Ty Supancic brings a unique perspective to reorganizing families. His focus on interests and aspirations rather than adversarial “win-lose” approaches aids in the loving reorganization of families.

As a collaborative attorney and trained mediator, Ty is passionate about helping his clients accomplish their goals outside the broken and overburdened court system. Ty practices in all areas of Family Law including child support and custody agreement modifications. Ty works with **California** residents; he can be contacted through his law firm, [The Law Collaborative](#).

Financial Consulting



Neil Palache

As a Divorce Coach and Founder of [The Wealth Creator Company for Women](#), Neil specializes in financial consulting. He also founded and runs The Divorce Transition Professionals, a national network.

His financial experience stretches over five decades during which he was an insurance agent, a financial advisor, a registered investment advisor and a divorce consultant for the last thirteen years. He specializes in working with women **worldwide**.

Contact [Neil](#) for a complimentary hourlong consultation.



Shannon Stone

Shannon Stone is a Wealth Advisor in San Francisco, California with over two decades of industry experience. The ability to serve clients beyond a transaction-based relationship fuels Shannon's passion for her role.

Shannon holds bachelor of science degrees in Business Management and Business Administration. She also has earned individual and family coaching certifications. As a stepmother, Shannon is particularly attuned to the financial concerns of stepfamilies. Contact Shannon for a consultation.

Note: This is a fluid document; the goal is to have resources from as many U.S. and UK regions as possible. Please contact [Susan Haworth](#) if you have professionals you recommend for this resource list.