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Faculty Biographies

HELEN R. DAVIS is a Senior Member and the past President and Chair of The Cavanagh Law Firm in Phoenix, Arizona, where she has practiced exclusively in the area of family law for 25 years. Helen is Adjunct Faculty at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Helen is certified as a Family Law Specialist by the State Bar of Arizona, is a Fellow of The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, and is a Diplomate of The American College of Family Law Trial Lawyers. Helen has been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 2007, is listed in Best Lawyers in America and Best Lawyers in Arizona (since 2013), is a Southwest SuperLawyer (since 2015), was named by SuperLawyers as one of the top 25 women attorneys in Arizona (2021 and 2022) and one of the top 50 lawyers in Arizona in 2022, has been honored as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona by AZBusiness (2021 and 2022), and is named as one of Arizona's Finest Lawyers. Helen has given back to the community by writing and publishing articles on family law topics and to the Bar by lecturing on all manner of complex financial, custody and ethical topics, serves and has served on numerous Bar and Supreme Court Committees, and was appointed by former Governor Janet Napolitano to a legislative committee.

STEVEN M. ELLSWORTH is a Certified Family Law Specialist by the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Mr. Ellsworth is also an AAML Certified Family Law Arbitrator and previously served on the Board of Governors for the AAML and is the current President of the Arizona Chapter of the AAML. Mr. Ellsworth has been designated as a Southwest Super Lawyer for Family Law in Arizona for 2010-2020. Mr. Ellsworth is a frequent lecturer on family law issues and has been practicing law in Arizona for over thirty-one years. Mr. Ellsworth is the managing partner of Ellsworth Family Law, P.C., a law firm devoted solely to handling family law matters. Mr. Ellsworth received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

ERIN K. FOX Erin K. Fox is a partner with McNorton Fox PLLC in Tucson, Arizona. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is certified as a Family Law Specialist by the State Bar of Arizona. Erin has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America for family law every year since 2021. Erin serves as a judge pro tempore for Pima County Superior Court. She is certified to act as Best Interests Attorney for children and Court Appointed Advisor. Erin also acts as a mediator to assist parties in resolving family law disputes without resorting to litigation. Erin has been recognized numerous times for her volunteer work with Step Up for Justice and Southern Arizona Legal Aid and was honored as

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LISA C. MCNORTON is a partner with McNORTON FOX, PLLC, is a Certified Specialist in Family Law and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Law (AAML). Lisa is the President of the Arizona Chapter of the AAML, and current Vice-Chair for the Admissions Committee for the National AAML. Lisa is also the Vice-Chair for the State Bar of Arizona Family Law Executive Council and a member of the State Bar of Arizona Family Law Advisory Committee. Lisa has presented a variety of family law topics both in Arizona and nationally, including presentations for AAML/BVR, and has been a co-chair of Tucson's annual Advanced Family Law seminar for over 10 years. As an advocate for continued education for family law attorneys, Lisa has assisted in trial colleges in both Pima and Maricopa Counties and co-chairs a mentoring program for family law attorneys aspiring to become certified specialists and Fellows of the AAML.

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