

## **2024 Family Law Institute featuring For Better or For Worse® - Day 2 Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Are Here – Now What?**

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**DAVID N. HOROWITZ** has significant experience in all child-related issues, including step-parent adoption, grandparents' rights, parenting coordination, same-sex parenting, and guardianship/conservatorship. His practice also offers guidance with prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements, complex divorce (including business valuation and complex custody and child support issues), collaborative divorce, mediation, arbitration, and court-appointed special master services. He is also a respected mediator in family law disputes and serves as a judge pro tem for the Maricopa County Superior Court. David is a Certified Family Law Specialist (Arizona Board of Legal Specialization) and a Super Lawyers honoree. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, serves on the Academy's board of governors, and chairs its Mediation Committee. He is the current chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Board of Legal Specialization Family Law Advisory Commission and an officer of the State Bar's Family Law Executive Council. David teaches Family Law and Legal Studies at Phoenix College and has been an adjunct faculty member at the Phoenix School of Law and Arizona Summit Law School. He has been practicing in Arizona for over 30 years. He received his B.S.B.A. in Business Economics (1987) from the University of Arizona Eller College of Management and his J.D. (1990) from the University of Arizona College of Law.

**THE HONORABLE RONEE F. KORBIN STEINER**, appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court Bench in 2015, served in the Family Department, where she was the Associate Presiding Judge, and the Criminal Department from 2019 to 2023. She is now in the juvenile department. She has served on the following executive boards: Arizona chapter of the

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Maricopa County Bar Association Family Law Section and Public Lawyers Division. She also served as Co-Chair for the Family Law Initiatives Committee and for the Behavioral Health Committee, and co-chair of the Criminal law Section Executive Board for MCBA. She is currently on the Executive Board for MCBA. She also served on the Maricopa County Jury Advisory Committee. Most recently, she served on the subcommittee that created the Spousal Maintenance Guidelines for the Supreme Court. In the criminal department, Judge Korbin Steiner was instrumental in assisting the courts throughout the state with establishing procedures and best practices for the Lifetime Injunctions statute recently passed. Judge Korbin Steiner graduated Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude with Honors in the Liberal Arts, from the Ohio State University and then from Temple University School of Law in 1993. After a judicial clerkship in Philadelphia, she practiced as a Maricopa County Public Defender. She then went into private practice where she focused on family law. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Korbin Steiner was an Arizona Bar Certified Specialist in Family Law. She was a parenting coordinator, provided mediation services and was a Maricopa County judge pro tem. She has taught many CLEs for the State Bar, MCBA, the Paralegal Institute, NBI and others. As a family law practitioner, Judge Korbin Steiner was awarded Family Law Litigator of the Year by Volunteer Lawyers Program and was named one of Arizona's Top 50 Pro Bono Lawyers. She was also a volunteer attorney for the Sandra Day O'Connor House. She has provided legal assistance through Fresh Start, Chrysalis and other pro bono programs.

**THE HONORABLE D. GREG SAKALL** was appointed to the Pima County Superior Court in 2017. He is currently assigned to the Civil Bench. After law school, Judge Sakall clerked for U.S. District Judges William D. Browning and Cindy K. Jorgenson. From 2004 to 2017, he was in private practice. He has also been an adjunct associate professor and is a guest lecturer at the James E. Rogers College of Law. Education: Hillsdale College (B.A., summa cum laude, double major in Spanish & History); University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude).

**ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ** has been practicing law for over 45 years, specializing in family law. He is admitted to practice in the federal courts of New York, Arizona, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Schwartz is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and former president of the Arizona chapter. He is a certified family law specialist by the State Bar of Arizona; is a frequent lecturer on family law and related matters; and was the co-chairman of the State Bar Family Law Advisory Commission. Mr. Schwartz was a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Procedure for Family Law. Mr. Schwartz has been previously listed and is currently listed in the publication "Best Lawyers in America" in the areas of family practice and mediation. For 2024 He has been named "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law and "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law Mediation by Best Lawyers in America. Mr. Schwartz is a member of the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC. He received his B.A. from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida and J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.