



## Lea E. Anderson

SHAREHOLDER

### PRACTICE AREAS:

Family & Collaborative Law  
Estate Planning & Administration

Business Law

### Education

Undergrad: West Virginia University, B.A.,  
Psychology, 1976, magna cum laude, Phi  
Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

Law School: West Virginia University College  
of Law, J.D., 1979, Phi Delta Phi

### Courts Admitted

Supreme Court of the United States

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

United States District Court of Western  
Pennsylvania

United States District Court of Northern  
District of West Virginia

United States District Court of Southern  
District of West Virginia

### Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

West Virginia Bar Association

Allegheny County Bar Association: Family Law  
Section (Past Chair), Alternative Dispute  
Resolution Committee, Founder/Past Chair of  
the Collaborative Law Committee

Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern  
Pennsylvania (CLASP): Founding Member,  
Member: Executive Committee, and Past  
Education Committee Chair

International Academy of Collaborative  
Professionals (IACP)

Matrimonial Inn of Court, Pittsburgh Chapter,  
Past Chair

West Virginia University College of Law  
Visiting Committee, 2006-2013

Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania

Lea leads the firm's Family Law & Collaborative Law practice and is also an active member of our Estate Planning and Administration, Mediation & ADR, and Business Law Groups.

Since 2007, Lea has concentrated her family law practice in the methods of out-of-court alternative dispute resolution, which include mediation and collaborative law. Each process reaches resolution by settlement customized to address the needs of each separate case. Collaborative law focuses the parties on maintaining healthy relationships with children and extended family during and after the divorce. With over 80 hours of focused mediation training, Lea will help mediating parties find the solution right for them.

While Lea is dedicated to the collaborative process, she also recognizes that, at times, court is inevitable. She is an experienced litigator in traditional divorce matters, including equitable distribution, support and alimony issues, custody matters, standby guardianships, property negotiation and settlement of marital claims (including real estate matters). Drafting and enforcing pre-marital agreements is also an important component of her family law practice.

In addition to her family law focus, her estate planning practice serves an array of needs, including the drafting of wills, testamentary, irrevocable and living trusts, advance health care directives, living wills and durable powers of attorney and compliments the needs of her family law and business clients.

Lea is also experienced in the formation and representation of small businesses, the purchase and sale of businesses, contract and lease negotiations, resolution of employment conflicts and family succession planning. In addition, she is experienced in the hiring and termination of employees, severance agreements and mutual releases.

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