

Susan Lichterman

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Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Appellate
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

- University of Michigan Law School
J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Michigan
Master's Degree, Political Science
- University of Michigan
B.S. with high honors and distinction

Bar Admission

- Michigan

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Overview

Susan Lichterman leads our Family practice group and works closely with our Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Appellate practice groups. She specializes in all aspects of domestic relations law, including divorce, separation, custody, parenting time, child support, spousal support, paternity, post-nuptial and prenuptial agreements, change of domicile, post-judgment modifications, and other family law matters. In addition to representing and advocating for both men and women in domestic relations matters, Susan also serves as a neutral mediator and arbitrator. She has testified in family court as an expert in the area of family law and has extensive experience handling family law appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals and has also appeared before the Michigan Supreme Court. Susan's goal in every situation is to settle with as little court involvement as possible and reach an outcome that her client is comfortable with and which makes sense for her client and their family. Susan works with estates and families of all sizes and specializes in high net worth estates.

Significant Matters

- Susan's argument in the Michigan Supreme Court in the case of *Marik v Marik* led to the revision of Michigan Court Rule 7.202, effective January 1, 2019, which addresses when a post-judgment order is appealable by right in a domestic relations action
- Susan's goal in every matter is to settle with as little court involvement as possible. As such, and due to the sensitive nature of her work, many of her achievements are not a matter of public record

Publications

- "COVID-19 and Family Law Practice: Q & A with Susan Lichterman," ICLE (March 25, 2020)
- "Change of Legal Residence or Domicile", Michigan Family Law, Eighth Edition, 2019

Affiliations

- State of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board, Hearing Panelist
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- State Bar of Michigan Family Law and Litigation Sections
- Oakland County Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Michigan Inter-Professional Association on Marriage, Divorce and the Family, Inc.

- Children's Center of Wayne County, Former Member of the Board of Directors
- Congregation of Beth Shalom, Former Member of the Board of Trustees
- Fresh Air Society, Former Board Member

Recognition

- Crain's Detroit Business "Notable Women in the Law" Award, 2021
- Crain's Detroit Business "40 Under 40" Award, 2001
- Dbusiness Top Lawyer, 2012, 2019
- Best Lawyers in America, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Women in the Law" 2018
- Michigan Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers magazine, 2019, 2020