

OVERVIEW

As a partner at Hellmuth & Johnson, Suzanne brings more than 20 years of experience practicing exclusively in the area of family law. Suzanne focuses her practice on the complex financial issues in divorce including cash flow analysis relating to spousal maintenance and child support, the valuation and division of businesses, retirement, executive compensation, and other assets. Suzanne also assists clients with contested custody issues.

"Even at its most technical, family law never veers far from its intensely personal core," says Suzanne. "At the same time I'm focusing on complicated tax and liquidity issues or honing my knowledge of case law, I'm equally focused on doing everything possible to alleviate the profound stress my clients are experiencing. It's not a skill one learns in law school, but it's absolutely integral to being a true client advocate."

Over the last two decades, Suzanne has appeared before the Minnesota Supreme Court and many times before the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She has also tried numerous cases before district court judges in the metro and surrounding areas, and is a frequent presenter and trainer on topics such as financial early neutral evaluation, the new child support statutes, and effective marital dissolution practices. In addition, she completed certified civil mediation training and is a Qualified Neutral under Rule 114.

EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Supreme Court Appearances

In re the Marriage of: Deborah A. G., f/k/a Deborah A. G., Respondent, vs. Mark
E. G., Appellant, A06-1110, March 27, 2008

Minnesota Court of Appeals Appearances

- In re the Marriage of: Brian E. G., Petitioner/Appellant vs. Karen L.R., Respondent, A21-0068, October 18, 2021 (published)
- In re the Marriage of: Deborah A. G., f/k/a Deborah A. G., Petitioner/Appellant vs. Mark E. G., Respondent, A06-1110, January 2, 2007 (published)
- Lead attorney in approximately 18 unpublished cases before the Minnesota Court of Appeals

PRACTICE AREA

Child Custody Divorce Family Law

ADMISSIONS

Minnesota State Courts Illinois State Courts

EDUCATION

Loyola University – Chicago School of Law, J.D., 1992

Indiana University – Bloomington, B.A., 1989

Minnesota District Court Trials

• Lead attorney in approximately 30 trials in nine different counties in the State of Minnesota

Other Litigation Experience

- Presided over numerous expedited child support proceedings as an Administrative Law Judge and as a Child Support Magistrate
- Represented numerous Petitioners and Respondents at Order for Protection Evidentiary Hearings

AFFILIATIONS:

- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Member, Eighth District Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota Woman Lawyers
- Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

COMMUNITY:

- Minnesota Court of Appeals Family Law Appellate Mediator, 2023
- University of St. Thomas School of Law's Mentor Externship Program, Mentor 2020-2023
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Hennepin County, 2010-2023
- Served as a child support magistrate presiding over expedited child support hearings, 1998-1999, 2001-2002.
- Co-founder of the Hennepin County Financial Early Neutral Evaluation Pilot Project, Co-chair 2004 – 2010
- Clerked for The Honorable Lawrence E. Agerter, District Judge, Third Judicial District, Minnesota, 1994-1995.

HONORS & AWARDS:

- The Best Lawyers in America® Family Law, 2019-2025
- Minnesota Super Lawyers[®] 2001 2024, and recognized as one of the Minnesota Top 100 Woman Attorneys and one of Minnesota's Top 40 Family Law Super Lawyers
- Minnesota Monthly Top Lawyers in Minnesota Family Law, 2023