

# Curriculum Vitae

## ARIELLA L. SHUSTER

### Education:

- State University of New York Binghamton
- American University WA College of Law, Note and Comment Editor  
International Law Journal

### Work Experience:

- Divorce With Dignity Law & Coaching
- First Step Family Law & Coaching
- The Defender Association Dependency and Felony Attorney - Seattle, WA
- Legal Aid Society Manhattan Criminal Defense Division
- Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Division - Washington, DC

### Affiliations:

- WA State Bar
- NY State Bar
- King County Collaborative Law, Co-chair Collaborative Law Section
- WSBA Family Law Section
- Collaborative Professionals of WA
- Cascadia Collaborative practice group
- Compass Collaborative practice group
- Cardozo Law Society Advisory Board - Minority Bar/Diversity Bar Liaison
- International Coaching Federation

### Certifications:

- Introductory Collaborative Training
- Accomplishment Coaching – 1 year Coach Training and Leadership Program
- Woody Mosten Peaceful Divorce Mediation
- University of WA Mediation Certificate

- Yoga Alliance Registered Yoga Teacher
- Graduate International Academy of Collaborative Professionals - Leadership Academy

### **Volunteer Experience:**

- Washington State Bar Association Volunteer Settlement Master
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), King County WA
- King County Bar Association Mentor Program Family Law
- Coalition for the Homeless Washington, DC

### **Publications:**

- “Divorce With Dignity: How to End Your Marriage Without Ruining Your Life and the Lives of Your Children – Say NO to Court and YES to a Peaceful Resolution” – Kindle publication date January 2023
- “Cleaning Out the Garage: A Metaphor for Divorce Mediators,” Academy of Professional Mediators (APFM) - September 2017
- Featured in in WA State Bar News Beyond the Bar Number - July/August 2020
- “3 Communication Mindset Tools that Facilitate Healthy Co-Parenting,” When Women Inspire Blog article, January 2023

### **Media:**

- Good Morning Arizona – December 2022
- Good Morning Chicago – December 2022

### **CLE Presentations:**

- “How to be an LGBTQIA Ally (*and what are all those letters?*),” Collaborative Professionals of Washington Annual Conference, March 2023
- Upcoming: “LGBTQIA Allyship, Workshop and Ethics,” Collaborative Professionals California, April 2023
- Upcoming: “Why Collaborative Professionals Benefit From Being LGBTQIA Allies,” International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Annual Conference Toronto, October 2023

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April 14, 2023

**Family Law Executive Committee  
STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

Since I can recall, public service and engaging with community around important issues have been mainstays in my life. I particularly enjoy positions that afford me the opportunity to make contributions that can help shape and direct organizations and that can stimulate thoughts, conversations and education.

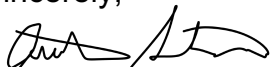
My varied personal and professional backgrounds enable me to work productively with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. As a relatively new family law practitioner, my learning curve has been high and some of my perspectives may be valuable to share with FLEC. I have practiced traditional family law litigation and currently focus on Collaborative Law and other modalities that support out of court divorces, including mediation. I have a passionate belief in the capacity of people to strive for compassionate and high integrity solutions to conflict.

I am currently a member of several practice groups and committees, including with the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners (which is nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize!) and the King County Bar Association's Collaborative Law Section, where we present monthly speakers on topics valuable to our community. I value a growth mindset, skilled listening and communication and the ability to work with others across differences with a common mission to improve and elevate our shared goals.

I would be very pleased to participate in FLEC and hopefully provide a value add as a Collaborative practitioner, as well as a litigator.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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