



## Grace C. Roessler

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### Overview

As an experienced family law attorney, Grace uses her significant litigation experience to help clients make informed decisions about finances, property, children, and pets. She safeguards the client's interests at all stages of the litigation, and offers clients a calm, positive, hands-on approach.

Grace concentrates her practice in the areas of divorce and family law, and has significant experience in the following areas:

- Pre-nuptial agreements/post-nuptial agreements
- Divorce (including Grey divorce and LGBTQ)
- Child Custody
- Pet Custody
- Child Support and Alimony
- Modification of Agreements
- Contempt Actions for Violation of Agreements
- Interstate and International Child Custody Issues, Including Wrongful Removal and Retention
- Department of Children and Families Investigations
- GAL Investigations
- Guardianship and Conservatorship Matters

She also represents clients in equity actions, including petitions to

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#### Education

New England School of Law JD, *cum laude* (2011)

University of Wisconsin BA, *with honors* (2009), Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society

#### Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Wisconsin

Certified Mediator

#### Related Services

Family Law and Divorce  
Litigation

partition real estate between unmarried people, claims for life insurance proceeds against an ex-spouse's estate, and actions for relief from a court order or judgment.

Grace has experience serving as a third party neutral, including court-appointed discovery master, conciliator, and certified mediator. While she aims to settle cases amicably and efficiently, including attending voluntary mediation or conciliation, Grace is prepared to litigate the matter if it is in the best interest of the client.

Grace regularly appears before Probate and Family Court judges for motions and trials to litigate on behalf of her clients. She volunteers with the Middlesex and Suffolk Probate and Family Court Lawyer for the Day programs, is an active member and contributor to the Boston Bar Association and serves as Co-Chair of the Boston Bar Association Pro Bono Committee.

Prior to joining Mirick, Grace was an associate at the firm of Brick, Sugarman, Jones & McBrien, LLP.

## Affiliations

- Boston Bar Association, Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee of Boston Bar Association Family Law Section (2022- present), former Co-Chair of the Communications Committee (2018-2022), Attorney Mentor, Family Law Mentoring Program
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), guest lecturer
- Wisconsin Alumni Association, Boston Chapter
- Harvard Radcliffe Community Chorus
- Volunteer Conciliator for the Judge Abber We Can Settle Initiative
- Volunteer Lawyer for the Day at Suffolk and Middlesex Probate and Family Courts
- SERV Volunteer at Suffolk Probate and Family Court

## Awards & Recognitions

- Included in *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*™ for her work in the field of Family Law (2025, 2024); *New England: Ones to Watch*© in the field of Family Law, Boston (2021); recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2021
- Named a Massachusetts “Rising Star” by *Boston* magazine and *Law & Politics* (2019 – present); *Boston* magazine named Grace one of their “Top Lawyers™” in Family Law and Divorce (2021)

## Articles & Speaking Engagements

- “Navigating Pro Se Adversaries: A Litigator’s Toolkit for Successful Case Management and Resolution,” MCLA seminar (May 19, 2026)
- “Attorney’s Fees in Probate and Family Court Litigation,” MCLE seminar (January 22, 2026)
- “Evidence Issues in Family Law, Case Panel,” MBA Family Law Conference (November 8, 2025)
- “The Impact of Family Trusts & Distributions on Massachusetts Divorce,” GGI North American conference (June, 2025)
- Family Law Trial Advocacy Workshop, MCLE New England (June 10, 2025)
- “Navigating Pro Se Adversaries,” MCLE New England (May 13, 2025)
- “Coercive Control, New Changes to the 209A Restraining Order Abuse Standard,” MBA Family Law Conference (October 2024)
- “Ask the Experts” Jane Does Well (October 24, 2024)
- Quoted in “The Experts Weigh In – Should You Get a Dog “If” You Are Going Through a Divorce?,” *Pet Lifestyles Magazine*, September 2024
- “Cardi-B Filed for a Divorce & is Pregnant What You Need to Know in These Situations,” *The Divorce Hour with Ilyssa Panitz* podcast (August 2024) (guest)
- “Pet Custody Issues Post Divorce,” *The Divorce Hour with Ilyssa Panitz* podcast (May 2024) (guest)
- “Why a Settlement Agreement in a Divorce Needs a Provision for

- Death," The Divorce Hour with Ilyssa Panitz podcast (May 2024) (guest)
- "Divorce Fundamentals Series: The Divorce Client Interview," Boston Bar Association Series (November 1, 2023)
- "Ask the Experts," Jane Does Well (December 14, 2023)
- Quoted in "Why The Kevin Costner's Divorce Continues to Go From Bad to Worse," *Authority Magazine*, August 15, 2023
- "Discovery and Depositions in Family Law Cases," MCLE New England Seminar (June 23, 2023)
- "Life Insurance Policies and Divorce," *The Divorce Hour with Ilyssa Panitz* podcast (May 2023) (guest)
- "Upgrade your Medicaid Toolbox: The impact of divorce on Medicaid eligibility," MassNAELA Elder Law Institute (May 11, 2023)
- "Divorce Fundamentals Series: The Divorce Client Interview," Boston Bar Association Training Series (October 18, 2022)
- "Divorce Fundamentals: Post-Judgment Issues: Division of Retirement Assets, Contempts, and Modifications," Boston Bar Association webinar (May 18, 2021)
- "[February is Heart Awareness Month](#)," *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (February 2021)
- "[Remembering RBC: Her Life and Legacy](#)," *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (November 2020)
- "Divorce Fundamentals: The Divorce Client Interview," Boston Bar Association webinar (September 30, 2020)
- After Department of Revenue v. Grullon," Massachusetts Bar Association webinar (July 22, 2020)
- "[The Role of Life Insurance in Divorce Matters](#)," *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (June 26, 2020)
- "[Family Law and Divorce during COVID-19](#)," *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (March 29, 2020)
- "Client Interview Process" Divorce Fundamental Series, Boston Bar Association (December 2019)
- "[Unknown U: Emerging College Issues in Divorce Actions](#)," Boston Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, Fall 2019 (co-author)

- [“Fur Baby Divorces: Tackling Pet Ownership, “Custody” and Costs in Divorce Litigation,”](#) Boston Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, Spring 2019
- “Hey, That Was Supposed to Be Mine! The Tort of Intentional Interference with Expected Inheritance,” *Bloomberg Tax*, March 2019
- [“It Takes Two: The Payee’s Duty to Secure and Actively Monitor the Payor’s Life Insurance Obligation,”](#) Boston Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, Fall 2018
- [“Bankruptcy After Divorce: Protecting The Bargained-For Contract,”](#) Boston Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, Spring 2018
- [“What About Johnny’s Blanket? Navigating Personal Property Division Early and Effectively in Divorce Proceedings,”](#) Boston Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, Fall 2016
- [“Late Love: Pre Nuptial and Post Nuptial Agreements for Seniors and Their Families,”](#) *Community Advocate*, September 2016