

Michelle Eisenmenger Mapes / Partner

Now a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Michelle Eisenmenger Mapes joined Diana L. Skaggs + Associates in 2004, following her 2003 graduation from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville with a Juris Doctor degree. While working toward her degree, Mapes worked as Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Law & Education, as a law clerk in Indiana courtrooms and Kentucky and Indiana law firms and as a research assistant at the Brandeis School of Law.

The youngest of five children, Mapes became interested in family law after watching her siblings experience the difficulties of divorce.

“I witnessed the emotional and financial devastation that can result from divorce as well as disputes over child custody, visitation and support. In each case, I wished that my brother or sister could achieve a peaceful and speedy resolution and thought this would best be accomplished by attorneys who consider not only the financial, but also the emotional results for their clients and their children,” says Mapes, who today enjoys advocating for her clients’ interests and goals, while working to achieve legal resolutions that remain in the best interest of all parties involved.

In 2014, Michelle was made a partner in the firm and the firm name was changed to Diana L. Skaggs + Partners, PLLC; and in 2016, Michelle was granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a national group of highly skilled family law attorneys.

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EDUCATION & HONORS
J.D., Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, 2003
Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law & Education, 2002-2003
Published Article, Journal of Law & Education, 2002
Member, Journal of Law & Education, 2001-2003
B.A., University of Louisville, 1999
Eastern Kentucky University, 1989-1992

<p>Recipient of Presidential Scholarship University Honors Program Kappa Delta Tau Service Sorority</p>
<p>2008 Recipient of Section of the Year Award, Louisville Bar Association, as Chair of the Family Law Section, for the Section's contribution to the community and to the Bar</p>
<p>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</p>
<p>Kentucky Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
<p>Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section, Vice Chair, 2007</p>
<p>Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section, Chair, 2008</p>
<p>Indiana Bar Association, Family & Juvenile Law Section</p>
<p>Kentucky Collaborative Family Law Network, Inc.</p>
<p>Kentucky Justice Association, Domestic Law Section, 2006-2008</p>
<p>Louisville Bar Association Pro Bono Consortium, Chairperson, 2011 to 2013</p>
<p>Louisville Bar Association Pro Bono Consortium, Member-at-Large, 2007 to 2011, 2013 to present</p>
<p>Louisville Bar Association Board of Directors, 2010 to 2011</p>
<p>Pro Se Divorce Clinics Volunteer Attorney</p>
<p>Graduate, 2007 Louisville Bar Association Leadership Academy</p>
<p>American Inn of Court, Kentucky Chapter, 2011-2014</p>
<p>LECTURES & PUBLICATIONS</p>
<p>Kentucky Family Law Update, Kentucky Bar Association, Louisville, KY and Prestonsburg, KY 2016</p>
<p>"What's New in Family Law: Case Update for 2015-2016," Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, 2016</p>
<p>"Twenty-Fifth Annual Alan T. Slyn Domestic Relations Update," Louisville Bar Association, 2016</p>
<p>"Division of Marital Property and Child Support," Annual Nuts & Bolts of Family Law, Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY, 2011</p>
<p>"Division of Marital Property and Maintenance," Annual Nuts & Bolts of Family Law, Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY, 2010</p>
<p>"Recent Developments in Family Law Practice," Kentucky Law Update, Kentucky Bar Association, Louisville, KY, 2009</p>
<p>"New KY Supreme Court Custody and Business Valuation Cases," Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section, Louisville, KY, 2009</p>
<p>"Kentucky Supreme Court Excludes 'Personal Goodwill' from Marital Estate," 9 (no. 7) Bar Briefs (newspaper of the Louisville Bar Association) (July 2009)</p>

“Court Changes Status of ‘Personal Goodwill’ Asset,” Business First (April 2009)	
“‘Personal Goodwill’ Law Costs Business Owners Plenty,” 24 (No. 30) Business First (Feb. 2008)	
“Thorny Issue of Privilege and Waiver Regarding a Child’s Mental Health Records in Custody Cases,” 36 (no. 4) The Advocate (July/August 2008)	
“Untangling the Knots of Child Custody Relocation Litigation,” 8 (no. 1) Bar Briefs (newspaper of the Louisville Bar Association) (March 2008)	
“Personal Goodwill: Is It a Divisible Marital Asset in Kentucky?” Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2006	
Kentucky Domestic Relations Practice, UK/CLE Practice Handbook Series, 2006 and 2012 Chapter 15, Appeals	
PUBLISHED CASES	
<i>Stone v. Dubarry</i> , --- S.W.3d --- (Ky. 2016)	
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION	
2016	<p><i>2016 AICPA/AAML National Conference on Divorce</i> New Orleans, LA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valuation of Stock Options, Appreciation Rights and Other Equity Compensation ▪ State of the Economy: Market Signals ▪ Myths and Realities of the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Method in Family Appraisal Law Matters ▪ Decanting Trusts: Protecting Vintage Assets from Souring Relationships ▪ Avoiding Tax Bushwhacks That Can Ruin Your Settlement ▪ Understanding Complex Capital and Ownership Structures in Business Valuation ▪ The Valuation Nightmare of S Corporations for Divorcing Spouses ▪ Cost of Capital: What You Think You Know, but Don't, About the Equity Risk Premium ("ERP") ▪ Beware of Experts Bearing False Gifts ▪ "I Don't Buy It": The Effect of Buy-Sell Agreements in Divorce ▪ The Battle of New Orleans: Debating the Hot Topics in Business Valuation ▪ Top 10: The Need-to-Know New Cases ▪ The Double Dip Dilemma: A Dead Cow Gives No Milk
	<p><i>National Business Institute—Forensic Accounting 101 for Attorneys</i></p> <p><i>18th Annual AAML/LBA Family Law Seminar</i> Louisville, KY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marital Torts ▪ Trust Issues in Family Law
2015	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross Examination of Financial Witnesses ▪ Same Sex Marriage ▪ Ethical Conundrums in Family Law ▪ Judges Panel Discussion: Marital v. Non-Marital ▪ Division of Large Estates ▪ Ethics of Closing A Law Practice ▪ Tax Issues in Family Law
2014	<p><i>17th Annual Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association Seminar, Louisville, KY</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parental Alienation, Sexual Abuse/Allegation ▪ Marriage & Divorce in KY for Same-Sex Couples ▪ An Application of Jurisdictional Issues under UCCJEA ▪ Custodial Evaluations ▪ Relocations Issues ▪ Panel Discussion: Sole v. Joint Custody Issues ▪ Technology: What Family Lawyers Should Know ▪ The Nuts & Bolts of Proving Reasonable Needs in High Income Cases ▪ Financial Issues ▪ Ethics
2013	<i>Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum—Annual Family Law Institute</i>
2012	<p><i>17th Annual Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association Seminar, Louisville, KY</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genetic Issues & Ethical Dilemmas in Family Court ▪ Is Fair Market Value Really Fair? ▪ Child Support Panel: Beyond the Guidelines ▪ Updates in Relocation ▪ Other People in Your Business: Parenting Coordinators & Guardian Ad Litem ▪ Liens in Divorce Cases ▪ Conflicts in Family Law ▪ Business Income Available for Support: Phantom Income, Depreciation and Other Demons ▪ Maintenance Issues in Family Court
2011	<p><i>Thirteenth Annual American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association Family Law Seminar</i> Louisville, KY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic Evidence & Discovery ▪ Ethical Conundrums ▪ Marital Debt ▪ Depression and the Divorce Process ▪ Update on Grandparent Visitation & Third Party Custody Issues ▪ Stock Option Valuations & Tips for Attorneys

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dealing with Bullying in Schools ▪ Post Judgment/Pre-Appellate Practice
2010	<p><i>Top 10 Issues of the Ethics Hotline Committee</i> Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY</p>
	<p><i>Advanced Family Law</i> Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, French Lick, Indiana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Law Update ▪ Grandparent's Rights ▪ Marital Torts ▪ Impact of New Child Support Guidelines on High Asset Divorce Cases ▪ Bankruptcy Issues within Family Law ▪ Children in the Courtroom
2009	<p><i>Twelfth Annual American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association Family Law Seminar</i> Louisville, KY</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relocation Update ▪ Bankruptcy ▪ Commercial Real Estate Valuation ▪ Impact of Sour Economy on Family Law Matters ▪ Receivers in Divorce ▪ Business Valuation Update ▪ Moving Money Out of the Marital Estate and Asset Protection Plans ▪ Banks: Friends or Foe ▪ Legal and Ethical Writing for Family Court ▪ Electronic Evidence for Family Law Practitioner and Ethical Issues
2008	<p><i>Evidence Problems in Domestic Relations Cases</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
	<p><i>Parenthood in the New Millennium: Recent KY Decisions Defining the Role of Biology in Custody Awards</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
	<p><i>Making Connections: How the Family Court System Can Help Victims of Domestic Violence</i> Center for Women and Families Louisville, KY</p>
	<p><i>Seventeenth Annual Domestic Relations Update</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
	<p><i>Guardian ad Litem Training Seminar</i> Administrative Office of the Courts Louisville, Kentucky</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dependency, Neglect and Abuse: Statutory Review ▪ Termination of Parental Rights: Statutory Review ▪ Cultural Diversity ▪ Nuts and Bolts ▪ Adoptions: Statutory Review ▪ Ethical Responsibilities for the G.A.L. <p><i>Adoption Law: Start to Finish</i> National Business Institute Louisville, KY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Essentials of Adoption Law ▪ Offering the Different Adoption Options ▪ Procedures for Terminating Parental Rights ▪ Solving Obstacles to International Adoptions ▪ Following Ethical Guidelines in Adoption Law ▪ Practical Guide through the Adoption Process ▪ What to Do if Something Goes Wrong
2007	<p><i>Adoption Law Institute</i> Practicing Law Institute New York, NY</p> <p><i>Custodial Evaluations: What You and Your Clients Need to Know</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p> <p><i>Military Issues in Family Law</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p> <p><i>2007 Louisville Bar Association Leadership Academy</i> Louisville Bar Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership for Lawyers ▪ Leadership through Service ▪ Ethics, Justice and Values ▪ Professionalism & Civility in the Legal Profession ▪ Economics of Law—Personal and Professional <p><i>Tenth Annual AAML/LBA Family Law Seminar: Kicking Off Our Next Decade of Cutting Edge Topics</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top Ten Tips for Family Law Practitioners ▪ Protecting the Rights of the Economically Dependent Spouse ▪ Parenting Coordinators: Devils or Angels ▪ Fathers’ Registries & Why Every State Needs One and Putative Fathers or Pop-up Pops ▪ Top Ten Ethical Risks of Domestic Relations Practitioners ▪ Use and Abuse of Trusts and Other Financial Devices—A Perspective from Both Sides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What You Need to Know About Social Security in Presenting a Maintenance Claim
	<p><i>Tax Issues Arising from Divorce</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
	<p><i>Sixteenth Annual Domestic Relations Update</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
2006	<p><i>Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute</i> American Bar Association, Houston, TX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication in the Courtroom ▪ Tell the Judge What You Want: Motion Practice ▪ Opening Statements and Closing Arguments ▪ Cross-Examination ▪ Direct and Cross Examination Demonstration ▪ Advanced Evidence, including Impeachment, Refreshing Recollection and Foundation ▪ Business Valuation Basics ▪ Use of Psychological Evaluations in Custody Cases ▪ Qualifying and Cross Examination of Mental Health Experts ▪ Using Psychologists in Custody Cases ▪ Using the Consulting Expert to Prepare for Trial ▪ Direct and Cross of Psychological Experts: Qualifications and Substantive Issues ▪ Financials: Understanding the Numbers ▪ Ethics in Matrimonial Cases ▪ Business Valuation Advocacy ▪ Cross of a Financial Expert ▪ Using the Financial Expert to Prepare for Trial
2005	<p><i>Kentucky Collaborative Family Network Training</i> Louisville, KY</p> <p><i>Institute for Training New Associates—Introductory Program</i> American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Chicago, IL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting Started with the Client: File Management; Client Control; Dealing with Clients, Judges, Opposing Counsel ▪ Economics of Law Practice/Ethical Issues ▪ Accounting 101: Understanding Financial Statements and Tax Returns and Other Tax Issues ▪ Technology in the Office and the Court ▪ Introductory Tax Issues ▪ Introductory Business Evaluations ▪ Discovery: Preparing the Trial Notebook; Preparing Exhibits, Handling Evidentiary Proceedings, Argument, and Objections; Evidentiary Issues

2004	<p><i>Preparation of Qualified Domestic Relation Orders (QDRO's) and Current Trends in Maintenance Awards</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p>
	<p><i>Annual Nuts & Bolts: Practical Applications in Family Law</i> Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Divorce from Start to Finish ▪ Collection and Enforcement of Child Support ▪ Lawyers Mutual Ethics ▪ Restoration and Division of Marital Property ▪ Custody ▪ EPOs, DVOs, and Restraining Orders
	<p><i>Domestic Law in Indiana</i> National Business Institute Indianapolis, IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Premarital Agreements and Divorce Procedure ▪ Ethics as it Relates to Domestic Law ▪ Support Matters ▪ Child Custody ▪ Determining and Dividing Marital Assets