

Barbara Roman

SENIOR COUNSEL

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With more than four decades of experience guiding families through divorce, Barbara Roman is a trusted leader in family law, known for her ability to blend legal excellence with genuine empathy. She tailors each case to reflect the unique personalities, goals, and circumstances of her clients – whether navigating financial complexities, custody issues, or post-divorce transitions.

Barbara is a passionate proponent of Mediation and Collaborative Law, recognizing that resolution doesn't always require confrontation. Her goal is to minimize emotional and financial strain while protecting the dignity and interests of all parties involved. Yet when litigation is necessary, Barbara brings formidable skill and tenacity to the courtroom.

Barbara's practice centers on:

- Divorce and separation
- Custody, child support, and spousal support
- Mediation and Collaborative Law
- Strategic divorce planning for business owners and high-net-worth clients
- Litigation and dispute resolution

Her client-first approach emphasizes transparency, listening, and empowering families to move forward with clarity and confidence.

Professional and Civic Engagement:

Barbara has shaped the Northeast Ohio legal community through mentorship, volunteerism, and leadership:

- Member, LawPact®
- President, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 2011–2012
- Director and Vice President, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, 2016–2022
- Chair, CMBA Professionalism and Pro Bono Committees
- Founding Member, Cleveland Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Member, Domestic Relations Task Force, Ohio Supreme Court
- Advisory roles, Play 2 Learn, Ursuline College, CPFA, and Ohio State Bar diversity initiatives

Practice Areas

Divorce & Family Law
Mediation

Education

J.D., Cleveland State
University, College of Law

B.A., The Ohio State
University

Credentials

Certified Domestic
Relations Mediator

Admitted to practice in
U.S. District Court,
Northern and Southern
Districts of Ohio, and all
Ohio state courts

Recognition and Honors:

- AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Ohio Super Lawyers®, 2012-2025
- Living Legend Award, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Legacy 150, 2024
- Hall of Fame Inductee, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 2020
- Top 50 Women Lawyers in Ohio, 2019
- Top 25 Women Lawyers in Cleveland, 2019
- Crain's Women of Note, 2011
- Brush High School Wall of Achievement Inductee, 2022

Barbara believes that every client deserves a process that reflects their values and circumstances – not a cookie-cutter legal response. Her legacy in the family law field is built on compassion, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to helping families turn the page with dignity.

Delivering practical and creative solutions since 1995