

“I enjoy all aspects of being a divorce litigator, from the direct client interaction to strategizing best paths to optimal outcomes and obtaining excellent results for my clients either via mediation or litigation. I enjoy and do my best when thinking outside of the standard family law paradigm to find creative solutions for my clients that help them feel empowered by an otherwise overwhelming process.”

Eva Juncker

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Eva N. Juncker is a Principal and a member of the firm’s Family Law and Litigation practice groups. Eva’s practice focuses on all areas of family law, including divorce, juvenile law, custody, support, equitable distribution, post-divorce modification, partition actions, transgender issues, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, marital settlement agreements, and property settlement agreements. She also served as a qualified guardian ad litem in Virginia for over 10 years.

Eva’s years as a qualified guardian ad litem enable her to simultaneously focus on the independent best interests of a child while also focusing on a client’s stated goals. She approaches cases strategically, working with clients to discern the best method of handling a family law matter for each individual client in order to maximize the desired outcome for her clients. Legal issues surrounding family formation and dissolution can be exceedingly difficult both, emotionally and legally, and Eva is adept at working with clients to address all aspects of their case. Eva and her team make sure clients are involved in every step of the process and are always aware of the status of their case and the importance of their legal matter.

Eva was lead counsel on a case of nationwide first impression and successfully argued for recognition of a same-sex common law marriage in the District of Columbia over the opposing party’s objection. The court found that the parties were indeed common law married as of March 2010.

Eva was also lead counsel on another case of first impression in the District of Columbia, successfully arguing that a burial designation could be executed via an electronic signature. In re *Estate of Z.R., B.G. and N.G.*, Petitioners 138 DWLR 1757 (May 21, 2010) (Long, J.) (Sup.Ct.D.C.).

Some of Eva’s other work can be found at *Scott v. Scott*, Court of Appeals of Virginia, December 7, 2004, Record No. 0815-04-4, affirmed. She has also been a featured lecturer over the course of her career, delighting in educating her peers and the public on matters of family law in all three jurisdictions wherein she practices: Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia. Eva was selected as a Virginia Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* in 2008, recognized as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association in 2011, and was recognized as one of Bethesda’s top divorce lawyers by *Bethesda Magazine* in 2013 and 2017.

Raised in Fairfax County, Virginia, Eva received her B. A. in English from the University of Virginia in 1996. The daughter of a Naval Officer, Eva was born in Agnano, Italy. She and her spouse of over 20 years live in Howard County, Maryland, where they enjoy raising their daughter and their two disabled, but highly active Australian

Shepherds. Eva's hobbies include golfing, camping, Girl Scouts, gaming, and swimming.

PRACTICE AREAS

Family Law

Litigation: Individual

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

Virginia

United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, George Mason University School of Law, 1999

B.A., University of Virginia, 1996

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

"Top Lawyers" - *Washingtonian* magazine (2020)

"Influential Women of Law," *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* (2020)

"Top 100 Lawyer" - The National Advocates (2016)

"25 Best Divorce Lawyers in Montgomery County," *Bethesda Magazine* (2013 & 2017)

Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association (2011)

Virginia *Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" (2008)

IN THE NEWS

Six Attorneys Named "Top Lawyers" by Washingtonian Magazine - December 2020 Issue

Eva Juncker Named One of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's Influential Women of Law

Paley Rothman Welcomes Two New Principals in Family Law and Litigation

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Law Firm Origination Policies: Climbing the Mountain to Equity," *Law Practice Today*, June 15, 2020

"Diversity Equals Patriotism – from *Brown v. Board of Education* to *Obergefell v. Hodges*" – Hon. D. Eugene Cheek and Eva N. Juncker with assistance from Rebekah DeHaven, *Virginia Lawyer*, August 2018, vol. 67

"Tying and Untying the Knot," *The Journal of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association*, 25:4, 2015

"A Juxtaposition of U.S. Asylum Grants to Women Fleeing Female Genital Mutilation and to Gays and Lesbians Fleeing Physical Harm: The Need to Promulgate an INS Regulation for Women Fleeing Female Genital Mutilation," Volume 4:2, *Journal of International Legal Studies*, Summer 1998

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Virginia State Bar

- Executive Committee Member, 2019-2020
- Diversity Conference, Past Chair, 2014 -2015
- State Bar Council and Executive Committee Member, Honorary Member, 2014 – 2015
- Diversity Conference Board of Directors, 2012-2018
- Special Committee on Access to Legal Services for the VSB, Member, 2008 – 2014
- Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee, 2017-present
- Mandatory Professionalism Course Faculty, 2016-present
- At Large Member of Bar Council, 2016-present

Old Dominion Bar Association, Member, 2014-Present

Women's Bar Association of DC, Member, 2012 – Present

Fairfax County Bar Association

- Member, 1999 – Present
- Technology Committee, 2000-2003
- Juvenile and Domestic Relations Committee, 2003-2004

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Member, 2014 – Present

Virginia Equality Bar Association, Member, 2014 – Present

National Family Advisory Counsel for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Member, 2006 – Present

Virginia Women Attorneys Association, Member, 1999 – 2015

National LGBT Bar Association, Member, 1998 – Present

- Affiliate Representative
- Board of Directors, 2004-2005
- Member, 1998 – Present

DC LGBT Bar Association

- Member, 1997 – Present
- Education Fund Board Member, 1998-2000

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Member, 2003-2005

George Mason American Inns of Court, Member, 2004-2012

SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

"Tough Talks: LGBTQ Experiences in and Advice to the Legal Community," Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, October 21, 2020

"Retirement Can Now Be A Material Change of Circumstances! Quick Tips for Working With the New Changes," 35th Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar 2019, Virginia CLE, April 11, 2019

"Diversity Equals Patriotism", Forum on Diversity in the Legal Profession, Diversity Conference of Virginia State Bar, Richmond, Virginia, 2018

"The Long and Winding Road: Burdens of Proof in 3rd Party Custody and Visitation Cases", by: Eva N. Juncker, Cody Perkins, and Keenan

R. Goldsby, Fairfax County Bar Association Annual Convention, September 26-27, 2015

“Cultural Issues” and “Portability, Enforceability and Retroactivity”, Tying and Untying the Know: Same Sex Family Law Issues, 2015 VTLA Advanced Family Law Retreat, Charlottesville, Virginia

“Emerging Family Law in the D.C. Metro Area: Same-Sex Marriages, Domestic Partnerships, Transgender Issues, Parentage, and More”, The District of Columbia Bar Continuing Legal Education Program, February 19, 2015

“Dissolving Same Sex Relationships in Virginia”, William and Mary Law School Equality Alliance and American Constitution Society Conference: Legal Issues for Lawyers Serving LGBT People and Their Families, October 20, 2012

Transgender Identity Documents, Rainbow Families, 2012

“Love and Marriage – A Discussion Panel and Forum on Marriage Equality,” sponsored by Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia, Human Rights Campaign and Equality Virginia, Featured lecturer

“Crossing Boundaries, Redefining Gender: A New Front on Equality,” at Georgetown University Journal of Gender and the Law’s Fifth Annual Gender, Sexuality and the Law Symposium, Lecturer

Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Featured lecturer

GAYLAW, Transgender Legal Developments

Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc. Women Coming Out of Marriage Support Group

Lavender Law (National LGBT Bar Association Conference) transgender law seminars and family law seminars, Routine speaker from 2000-2012

MEDIA AND COMMENTARY

“The Pursuit of Change: The Legal Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage with Eva Juncker.” *The Tracey Coates Show* from Apple Podcasts, June 19, 2020.