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Samantha is a partner and head of the California family law practice.

She has 20 years of litigation experience representing high net worth and high-profile clients in diverse fields including the entertainment and sports industry, executives, entrepreneurs, doctors and attorneys, as well as their spouses. She represents clients in all aspects of family law, concentrating much of her practice in the areas of complex financial issues, custody disputes and parenting issues.

Samantha also provides legal services in the area of cohabitation, [prenuptial and postnuptial agreements](#). She works with each client to prepare an agreement that is tailored to meet their individual needs and ensures that they understand how the agreements impact their rights and responsibilities under California law. Samantha's practice also includes mediation services, working with both sides to find common grounds for settlement.

Samantha received notable recognition within the legal profession being named to Hollywood Reporter's Power Lawyers list for divorce in both 2018 and 2022. In addition, she has been listed in Chambers and Partners as a leading lawyer in 2023 and as a Super Lawyer in Family Law in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Samantha's earlier career achievements include being recognized as a Rising Star in Family Law. In addition to her legal practice, Samantha serves on the Executive Committee of the Beverly Hills Bar Association - Family Law Section, and in 2019 joined the Board of Directors of C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California. She continues to volunteer as a mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel. Samantha also participates in continuing education programs as both a lecturer and a panelist.

In this [video interview](#), Samantha discusses her professional history and explores key moments in her family law career and practice.

Track record

Protecting child's safety

Acting for a parent who had significant mental health issues and ensuring that measures were in place to protect the child's safety while in that parents care so that she could continue to spend time with her children while focusing on her mental health.

Privacy concerns

Acting for a high-net-worth high-profile client with significant privacy concerns to settle her matter before filing for divorce.

Prenuptial agreements

Drafting and negotiating prenuptial agreements where the main concerns of the client is protecting existing family wealth from any claims by a future spouse.

Domestic violence

Defending clients from meritless domestic violence allegations.

Developing professional relationships

Developing relationships with opposing lawyers, and mental health and other professionals to better serve clients and their children.

Talks

- '*Planning Ahead Prenuptial, Postnuptial and Cohabitation Agreements*,' Surgent Webinar - January 25, 2024, speaker
- '*Marriage in Distress – do international prenuptial or postnuptial agreements and family trusts actually work to protect family wealth from division?*,' Withersworldwide Hong Kong Family Office Conference 2023 – September 12, 2023, speaker
- '*Marriage in Distress - do international prenuptial or postnuptial agreements and family trusts actually work to protect family wealth from division?*,' Withersworldwide Singapore Family Office Conference 2023 – September 6, 2023, speaker
- '*Direct Examination Family Law series*,' Beverly Hills Bar Association - May 3, 2023, moderator
- '*Direct Examination Family Law series*,' Beverly Hills Bar Association - April 12, 2023, moderator
- '*Direct Examination Family Law series*,' Beverly Hills Bar Association - February 1, 2023, speaker
- '*Breaking into Family Law*,' Beverly Hills Bar Association - June 15, 2022, speaker

- 'Withers talks: Leveling the playing field with Michael Rueda | Ep 7 - Family Matters - Navigating the turbulent waves of change.' Withers podcast - January 18, 2022, speaker

External publications

'The Beverly Hills Bar Association in conversation with Samantha Klein: Family law,' Withers Insight - April 4, 2023, authored

'From couch surfing to wine making: How US tech founders' lives and families evolve.' Withers Insight - February 1, 2024, co-authored

'How Calif. Court Reporter Shift Will Impact Family Law Cases,' Law360 - September 23, 2022, quoted

'New 'no-fault' divorce laws may stimulate rise in amicable splits among the wealthy.' Financial Times - June 27, 2022, quoted

'I'm the owner of a business. What happens if my marriage breaks down?.' Withers article - January 20, 2022, co-authored

'Joining the Firm.' Daily Journal - August 23, 2021, mentioned

'On the Move: Tracking the Ins and Outs of California Lawyers.' The Recorder - August 20, 2021, mentioned

'Withers Taps Hollywood Divorce Lawyer To Lead New Practice.' Law360 Pulse - August 19, 2021, quoted

'Revolving doors: Withers makes global splash with four partner hires as Curtis opens in Saudi Arabia.' Legal Business - August 19, 2021, mentioned

'Daily Docket.' Thomson Reuters Westlaw - August 17, 2021, mentioned

'Withers hires Hollywood divorce lawyer to launch US family law practice.' The Global Legal Post - August 17, 2021, mentioned

'Withers launches US family law practice with addition of partner Samantha Klein.' Withers Insight - August 16, 2021, quoted

Admissions

California, 2002

Education

Tulane University, J.D.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A.

Languages

English

Memberships

Board Member, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Family Law Executive Committee, 2006 - Present

Volunteer Mediator (DSO), Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel at Los Angeles Superior Court, Family Law, 2010 - Present

Board Member, C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California, 2019 - Present

Board Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Executive

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

Year became partner: 2021

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