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Family law matters often get resolved before ever entering the courtroom. The well-honed analytical and persuasive skills I have developed as a litigator also translate to mediation and negotiations outside of it. My years of experience have provided me with invaluable insights and attuned me to the subtle nuances of family law that can have a powerful impact on achieving a client's goals. "At this point in my career, there is very little in family law that I haven't seen before," she explains. "Because of that, I am able to advise clients not just as to the next step, but what they may not see coming around the corner."

Carmen Eiker focuses her practice on all aspects of family law, including divorce, child custody, visitation, and support, as well as complex property division issues, and both premarital and post marital agreements. She is certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both family law and civil trial law. She is also trained in collaborative family law—a voluntary process under the Texas Family Code, which allows participants to resolve their family matters by agreement outside of litigation.

Clients appreciate Carmen's willingness to answer questions and provide not only information about what the law is, but also the benefit of her years of trial experience, and what they can expect a court to factor into its decision. "At this point in my career, there is very little in family law that I haven't seen before," she explains. "Because of that, I am able to advise clients not just as to the next step, but what they may not see coming around the corner."

Premarital and post marital agreements have become a particularly strong focus area for Carmen. "These agreements were once looked upon as only for the uberwealthy or for celebrities," she explains. "But now you're seeing folks utilizing them more commonly and comfortably, in order to enter into their marriage with a clear understanding of their property rights to avoid conflict later."

Carmen's commitment to her family law clients has not gone unrecognized. During her career, she has been named a Fellow in the prestigious American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML); a Texas Super Lawyer (Thomson Reuters); one of the Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers; one of the Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Super Lawyers; a Top 50 Women Texas Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters); and one of the Best Lawyers in America in both Family Law and Family Law Mediation.

OUTSIDE OF WORK

Carmen enjoys learning Mahjong; creative cooking; travel; and attending plays, concerts, and art exhibits. She also follows and roots for her favorite NBA and English Premier League football teams.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law
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BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified, Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 - Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
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EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

- Baylor Law School, J.D.

Bar + Court Admissions

- Licensed in Texas
 - U.S. District Court, Northern District, Texas
 - U.S. District Court, Western District, Texas
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HONORS & AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (BL Rankings), Family Law; Family Law Mediation, Family Law Arbitration, 2016-2026
 - Leading Family Lawyers in America, *Lawdragon 500*, 2024-2025
 - Texas Super Lawyers, Family Law, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2013-2026
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers in Texas, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2014-2015
 - Top 100 Lawyers in Dallas/Fort Worth, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2014-2015
 - Top 100 Lawyers in Texas, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2014
 - Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, Family Law, *D Magazine*, 2010
 - Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2010-2019
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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas-Family Law
- Member, College of State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists

- Member, Dallas Bar Association-Family Law Section
 - Member, Attorneys Serving the Community
 - Steering Committee, Dallas Baylor Lawyers' Network
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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "A Generational Approach to Dispute Resolution," Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, 2024
- Author, *Home Court*, A Family Law Blog, May 2016–present
- Co-Author, "Digital Evidence: Boosting Your Attorney Immunity," Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, 2022
- Speaker, Family Law Round Up, Trans-Pecos Bar Association, 2013
- Speaker, Hot Topics in Family Law, Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, 2010
- Speaker, Family Law/Civil Trial, Midland County Bar Association/Permian Basin Paralegal Association, 2010
- Speaker, Family Law Update, Top Ten for 2010, Rockwall County Bar Association, 2010
- Author, "Residential Preference," *Texas Lawyer* Year in Review, 2009
- Author & Speaker, The Impaired Client – Working Through the Impairment to Find the True Client Within, 31st Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, 2008
- Co-Author, "Making Summary Judgments Relevant Again", 2007 Advanced Family Law Course
- Speaker, Effective Preparation and Presentation of a SAPCR Case, Family Law Essentials, Pro Bono Committee of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Marshall, Texas, 2007
- Speaker, Evidence, Family Law Essentials, Pro Bono Committee of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Waco, Texas, 2006
- Co-Author, "Property Puzzles: Characterization, Tracing, 25 Rules and More," 2005 Advanced Family Law Course
- Co-Author, "Unusual Remedies," 2005 Advanced Family Law Drafting Course