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About Scheherazade B. Rastegar, Esq.

Scheherazade (Shazi) Rastegar is an attorney, mediator, and founder of MAC Services Group. Specializing in divorce, family law, and alternative dispute resolution, Mrs. Rastegar is known for her skill in resolving complex legal issues. She assists couples and families overcome communication barriers in order to complete the divorce process respectfully. Her reputation has led to her services being sought by clients both locally and abroad. Mrs. Rastegar has clients based in Los Angeles, New Orleans, London, Cape Town, Vancouver, and Berlin. Her peers have sought her expertise to resolve cases just days short of trial, saving their clients the uncertainty and expense of trial.

Mrs. Rastegar's success stems from her belief that the manner in which the divorce process is handled sets the stage for the next chapter of the family relationship. Instead of viewing divorce as an end to the family unit, Mrs. Rastegar believes that divorce is a life transition that requires the skilled assistance and expertise of an attentive divorce attorney and mediator. Mrs. Rastegar guides families through this often stressful, emotional, and difficult time by mediating creative and innovative solutions to complicated legal issues. Her focus in both litigated and mediated divorce cases is determining the underlying needs of both parties, and aligning those needs with what is in the best interest of the children. In an effort to reduce parental conflict, and thereby lessen potential adjustment problems in children, Mrs. Rastegar strives to ensure that her clients resolve underlying disagreements with a focus on the future.

Mrs. Rastegar attended Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation and has received over 300 hours of intensive Mediation training from prestigious institutions such as the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University School of Law, and the University of California, Berkeley. She has served as a panel mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, the Ventura Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Attorney Client Mediation and Arbitration Services, the Dispute Resolution Program of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Center for Civic Mediation. In 2012, Mrs. Rastegar was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Los Angeles and recognized for her success in *The Mediator*. Shortly after, Mrs. Rastegar was asked to return to Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution to serve as a panelist on mediation. In 2014, Mrs. Rastegar was recognized as a Top Divorce Contributor for Avvo. Mrs. Rastegar has published numerous articles, which has led to her recognition by *The Huffington Post*, *Fox News Magazine*, *eHarmony*, *L.A. Family*, *L.A. Parent* and *YourTango.com*.

Mrs. Rastegar obtained her B.A. and M.A. in International Relations and Psychology at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the University of Toronto, where she received Distinguished Honors and served on the Faculty of Law Review. Upon earning her Masters degree, Mrs. Rastegar returned to the United States to earn her J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law, where she was awarded the Sacramento County Bar Association Fellowship. As a litigator, Mrs. Rastegar worked for prominent law firms throughout California before founding MAC Services Group in 2012. Mrs. Rastegar is also actively involved in the legal and mediation community. She is a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Mediation Association.

Areas of Expertise

- Divorce • Legal Separation • Child Support • Child Custody and Visitation
- International Child Custody Mediation • Spousal Support • Property Division
- Prenuptial Agreements • Postnuptial Agreements
- Mediation of all Family Law Matters



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