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MY PROFILE

Andrea brings a warmth and compassion to her family law practice that helps to lessen the worry and stress of individuals facing separation, divorce, or complex child custody issues. With a caring and responsive approach, she helps clients identify and express their personal goals and concerns to aid in their decision-making. Andrea is a Board Certified Family Law Specialist by the [North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization](#), Certified Family Financial Settlement Mediator by the [North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission](#), and Parenting Coordinator. An experienced litigator, she represents individuals in matters involving high conflict and complex family law and domestic violence matters. Her practice includes family law (equitable distribution, alimony, custody, child support, contested divorce), domestic violence, civil harassment, and child support enforcement.

An active community volunteer, Andrea routinely serves at the North Carolina Bar Association's [4All Statewide Service Day](#), and in 2011 she participated in the [Young Lawyers Division Ask A Lawyer Day](#). Fluent in Spanish, she assists [Legal Aid of North Carolina's](#) Project Together, representing Spanish-speaking clients in complex domestic violence and restraining order cases. Andrea is a member of the Family Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association and previously served on the Family Law Council. She sits on the Administrative Office of the Courts' Custody Mediation Advisory Committee and serves on the Wake County Bar Association's Public Service Committee.

Andrea is named to the [North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars](#) - a list recognizing attorneys (age 40 or under or those in practice for 10 years or less) who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Andrea joined Smith Debnam from Raleigh-based law firm Tharrington Smith.

MY CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar, 2010
- Wisconsin State Bar, 2009
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, 2009
- 10th Judicial District Bar, since 2010

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2009; Abner Brodie Award for outstanding achievement in legal study and application of the law, 2009; Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, full scholarship recipient, 2006-2009
- MA, M.B.A., Brandeis University, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2003
- B.A., Religion and History, Vassar College, 1998

Certifications:

- North Carolina Board Certified Specialist in Family Law, 2015
- Certified Family Financial Settlement Mediator, North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission

Professional Affiliations

- North Carolina Bar Association; Family Law Section; 4All Statewide Service Day 2011-2014; Site Coordinator 2012-2014; Family Law Council 2013-2016
- Wake County Bar Association, since 2010; Public Service Committee, since 2011
- Administrative Office of the Courts' Custody Mediation Advisory Committee, since 2014
- Young Lawyers Division Ask A Lawyer Day, 2011
- Legal Aid of North Carolina's Project Together (complex restraining orders for Spanish-speaking clients) 2011- present

Awards & Recognition

- Listed as a *Rising Star* in [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Presentations

- Contributor - *For Your Children's Future* (statewide custody orientation video), produced and distributed by *North Carolina Child Custody and Visitation Mediation Program*, 2016
- Speaker - North Carolina Certified Paralegal Exam Review Course; Topic: Family Law, 2013-2016
- Speaker - Family Law Annual Meeting, May 2015
- Contributor/co-editor - *North Carolina Family Law Case Book with Critical Cases*, Second Edition, 2015
- Contributor - *How to Prepare for a Custody Trial in North Carolina* and *Custody Trials in North Carolina* videos, produced and directed by the *Legal Aid of North Carolina* and *Women in the Profession Committee*, 2015
- Speaker - Legal Aid of North Carolina Simple Divorce Clinic, 2015

ARTICLES & INSIGHTS

December 19, 2018

[A Child's Wishes in Custody Modifications](#)

NEWS

September 7, 2018

[Smith Debnam Laces Up for Backpack Buddies at 2018 North Hills 5k](#)

January 25, 2018

[Ten Smith Debnam Attorneys Listed in the 2018 Edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers](#)

July 19, 2017

[Andrea Bosquez-Porter Selected to Leadership Raleigh](#)

May 1, 2017

[Smith Debnam Welcomes Family Law Attorney Andrea Bosquez-Porter as Partner](#)

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