

PARTNER

Katie Menard Dalton

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OVERVIEW

Katie Menard Dalton focuses her practice on all aspects of domestic relations law. Her areas of concentration include marital planning (pre and postnuptial agreements), divorce, custody, paternity, child support, alimony, asset division, modifications, contempt and 209A restraining orders. Katie routinely handles high-net-worth divorces and high-conflict custody disputes.

In her practice, Katie manages all aspects of litigation. She is effective in forging complicated settlements, and is a skilled litigator when resolution is not possible. Her strategy throughout a case is detail-oriented with close attention to the ever-changing needs of her clients.

With more than 16 years of experience, Katie recognizes each client's need for a confident and resourceful attorney, as well as a compassionate and supportive advocate. She works closely with her clients to understand their needs and goals.

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a father in federal court to secure the return of his young daughter to Brazil after the child's mother abducted and brought her to the United States. The case was initiated with an application under the Hague Convention and successfully concluded after a three-day trial with a judgment securing the return of the child to her father in Brazil.
- Successfully litigated a high-conflict custody case that went to trial for multiple days over allegations that the father was viewing inappropriate adolescent content online. The case involved expert testimony from forensic experts in medicine and technology. The Court found in our client's favor, giving her primary physical custody with limited supervised parenting time for the father.
- Represented a husband in a high-asset divorce in which the wife alleged he had retired prematurely and should be obligated to return to the workforce and pay alimony. It was proved during trial that the husband's retirement was a planned family decision, and he was not obligated to return to the workforce.
- Successfully litigated multiple cases involving prenuptial agreements designed to protect family wealth, inherited wealth, and/or separate property.
- Represented a mother in a contempt action against a father who had refused to financially contribute to the children for months and was successful in getting the terms of their judgment enforced and an award of attorneys' fees for the mother.
- Tried a case involving a 72-year-old client's request for modification of a divorce agreement wherein he was obligated to

pay lifetime alimony to his ex-spouse. Successfully secured a judgment for our client to terminate his alimony obligation.

- Strategically resolved the modification of a divorce agreement through mediation rather than litigation to best meet the client's goals and secure resolution on issues that were outside the Court's jurisdiction.

Additional Experience

- Skilled in negotiating and drafting prenuptial and postnuptial agreements
- Significant trial experience representing clients with high value assets and complicated financial estates
- Successfully litigated and tried a number of high-conflict custody disputes
- Substantial experience working with third-party experts, including business valuers, commercial and residential real estate appraisers, tax professionals, trust experts and financial planners, to develop and coordinate various strategies for clients depending on their individual situations
- Experience in strategically evaluating cases to determine the best avenue to achieve the client's goals

AFFILIATIONS

- Middlesex Probate and Family Court
 - Volunteer, Lawyer for the Day Program
 - Volunteer, Attorneys Representing Children ("ARC")
- Volunteer, Middlesex County Bar Conciliation Program
- Volunteer, The Judge Jeffrey Abber "We CAN Settle Initiative" Program
- Member, Greater Boston Family Law American Inn of Court
- Member, Boston Bar Association
- Member, Massachusetts Bar Association
- Member, Women's Bar Association
- Member, Middlesex County Bar Association

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- Member, Family Law Steering Committee, Boston Bar Association
- Volunteer, Lawyer for the Day Program
- Board of Trustees, Greater Boston Stage Company

HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America Ones to Watch: Family Law* (2023-2025)
- Massachusetts *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list (2014-2021)

ARTICLES & TALKS

TALKS

- Post-Nuptial and Holding an Impacted Marriage Together, Social Law Library Family Law, 2022
- Divorce Law Fundamentals: The Initial Client Interview, Boston Bar Association, 2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- United States District Court, District of Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- J.D., New England School of Law
- B.S., Saint Michael's College