

PARTNER

# Robin M. Lynch Nardone

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## OVERVIEW

Robin Lynch Nardone has more than 25 years of experience helping clients through challenging family law matters, from premarital planning to divorce and post-divorce modifications. She specializes in high net-worth divorces, high-conflict custody/parenting disputes, and parentage actions. Robin also handles removal cases, child support and alimony actions, and adoption. Robin is a litigator as well as a trained family law mediator, and in that capacity, helps couples amicably resolve family law issues through informed negotiation.

Robin is adept at managing serious and pressing concerns of her clients. For each client, she starts by understanding their goals, what is most important to them and why. Her clients have unique needs and Robin devises sophisticated legal strategies to meet them.

Robin is known for her straightforward practicality – her goal is to help clients navigate their often difficult, emotionally charged situations and come out whole on the other side. She educates her clients on reasonable outcomes and how the law applies to their situation, allowing them to meaningfully participate in the decisions that will have a significant impact on their lives.

As part of her work at Bowditch, Robin is co-editor of the firm's [All in the Family](#) blog.

## EXPERIENCE

- Secured a 60/40 division of assets in favor of our client after an 11-day divorce trial involving a 45-year marriage
- Prevailed after a three-day trial, successfully defending a client against the former spouse's attempt to relocate to Washington state with their two children
- Successfully represented a client in a divorce involving a 30-year marriage and a prenuptial agreement executed prior to the marriage; achieved a favorable outcome by having the validity of the prenuptial agreement upheld at trial
- Successfully challenged the recommendations of court-appointment Guardian ad Litem, securing custody for our client after the GAL supported granting primary custody to the other parent
- Handled an appeal involving a division of retirement accounts where the trial court misinterpreted the language in the parties' Separation Agreement and ruled that the wife receive a greater share of the husband's defined benefit plan. On appeal, the Appeals Court overturned the trial court's decision and ruled the retirement assets should be divided equally with no requirement to name the other party as beneficiary on death

- Represented a client in a highly contested high-net-worth divorce where our client's ex-spouse claimed there were \$90M in marital assets. After trial, it was determined that the marital estate, including significant real estate holdings and artwork, was valued in excess of \$220M.
- Appellate counsel in *Ansin v. Craven-Ansin*, an Appeals Court case that involved a dispute over a post-nuptial agreement; the Appeals Court ruling set the standard for the enforcement of postnuptial agreements in Massachusetts
- Draft and negotiate comprehensive prenuptial agreements to safeguard clients' assets, interests, and financial security in the event of a divorce or death during the marriage. This includes protection for both premarital assets and assets inherited during the marriage, as well as alimony waivers and protections for individuals who own businesses or who may inherit a family business during their marriage.
- Obtained enforcement of an out-of-state Order for Protection from Abuse
- Successfully represent clients in seeking protection from abuse under Chapter 209A and Chapter 208, sec. 18, as well as harassment prevention order under Chapter 258E

## AFFILIATIONS

- Women's Bar Association
  - Member
  - Mentor, Family Law Project for Domestic Abuse Survivors
- Member, Family Law Section, Boston Bar Association
- Member, Greater Boston Family American Inn of Court
- Founding Member, American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators
- Volunteer, Neighbors in Need

## HONORS

- Lawdragon 500: Leading Family Lawyer (2024 and 2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Family Law (2024 and 2025)
- *Boston* magazine's Top Lawyers List, Family Law (2022-2023)
- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Program (2017-2018)
- Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* list (2013-2024)
- Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list (2009-2011)

## ARTICLES & TALKS

### TALKS

- Handling Unique Assets in Prenups & Divorce, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2023
- 23rd Annual Family Law Conference 2020, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2020
- 21st Annual Family Law Conference 2018, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2018
- 20th Annual Family Law Conference 2017, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2017

- Caselaw and Legislative Update 2015, 18th Annual Family Law Conference, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2015
- New Developments in the Use of Parenting Coordinators and Guardians ad Litem, Boston Bar Association, 2015 (Moderator)
- Family Law Year-in-Review 2014, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2014
- Caselaw and Legislative Update 2013, 16th Annual Family Law Conference, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2013
- Child Custody and Support Update 2012, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2012
- Alimony Reform: Here and Now, Boston Bar Association, 2012 (Co-Chair)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts

## EDUCATION

- J.D., *cum laude*, Suffolk University Law School
- B.A., *cum laude*, Middlebury College