



Sandra C. Fava

Partner

Morristown, NJ

Tel: 973.994.7564

Fax: 973.992.9125

sfava@foxrothschild.com

Sandra is a partner in the firm's Family Law Practice. From the inception of her legal career as a clerk to the presiding family court judge in Morris County to her current role as chair of the Essex County Bar Association's Family Law Committee, Sandra has emerged as a leader in New Jersey divorce and family law.

Sandra has dedicated her legal career to the thoughtful and diligent representation of clients in divorce and family law matters. A certified mediator and a compassionate and creative attorney, she takes a solution-oriented approach, working closely with clients to identify their goals and develop a strategy that effectively and efficiently meets those goals.

Sandra's clients are as diverse as the issues they face. She provides representation at every level, including complex and sophisticated family law matters, often representing high net worth individuals, entrepreneurs, corporate executives, professionals and business owners or their spouses. She handles a full range of family law matters, from the negotiation of prenuptial agreements to separation and divorce proceedings, mediations and arbitrations, trials and post-judgment matters and appeals.

Sandra's divorce clients face issues of alimony, child custody, child support and the equitable distribution and division of a wide range of assets, including family businesses, real estate, vested and unvested stock options and inherited or family wealth.

She also represents clients in a full array of post-judgment matters, including property or marital settlement agreement enforcement, college contribution disputes, modifications of alimony or child support and appeals from unfavorable judgments. Additionally, she assists clients in negotiating prenuptial agreements to protect premarital assets, income, family assets and future inheritances.

Sandra represents same-sex couples in complex and rapidly evolving areas of family law that include custody disputes between biological and non-biological parents and same-sex alimony, child support and asset distribution.

Her multifaceted family law practice also includes:

- Divorce
- Alimony
- Custody & parenting time
- Dissolution of civil unions & domestic partnerships
- Equitable distribution and division of assets



- Prenuptial/Ante-nuptial agreements
- Palimony
- Child support
- Non-dissolution matters
- Domestic violence
- Paternity
- Grandparent visitation
- Post-judgment enforcement and modification of agreements, judgments and orders
- Mediation & arbitration
- Collaborative divorce
- Appellate practice

Before Fox Rothschild

Sandra was previously a partner in the Morristown office of a New Jersey law firm, where she served as head of the family law practice group. Sandra was a law clerk to the Honorable Stephan C. Hansbury of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Family Part, Morris County.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Sandra is active in the legal community. She serves as a trustee of the Essex County Bar Association, as well as chair of its Family Law Committee. Additionally, Sandra volunteers as a pro bono attorney for the National Council for Jewish Women and for Partners for Women & Justice.

Sandra was appointed to the Supreme Court of New Jersey District XB Ethics Committee for West Morris and Sussex Counties. She is also a panelist for the Essex and Morris County Matrimonial Early Settlement Panels, and frequently speaks at various continuing legal education seminars.

Honors & Awards

- Named a "Family Law Trailblazer" by the *National Law Journal* (2019)*
- Named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list for Family Law in New Jersey by *Best Lawyers* (2019-2021)*
- Named to the "Best 50 Women in Business" list by *NJBIZ* (2019)*
- Named to the "New Leaders of the Bar" list by the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2014)*
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers - Rising Stars" list for Family Law in New Jersey (2008-2020)*
- Included in the "10 Leaders" list for Divorce Law in New Jersey by *Ten Leaders* (2012-2018)*
- Named Among the 2018 Top 25 Leading Women Intrapreneurs by Leading Women Entrepreneurs
- Recipient of the Good Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America (2018)
- Selected for inclusion in the National Association of Professional Women

[*Awards Methodology](#)



Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Litigation

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D.)
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick (B.A.)

Memberships

- Essex County Bar Association, Trustee
 - Family Law Committee
- New Jersey Association for Justice, Family Law Section Committee
- National Association of Professional Women
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- CASA Board of Trustees

Life After Love Gone Wrong

Family law issues are never easy and rarely black and white.

Partner [Sandra Fava](#) and Associate [Katherine Nunziata](#) are the hosts of this family law podcast series in which they discuss the tough decisions people encounter as they contemplate and go through a divorce.

Over the course of the eight episodes, Sandra and Katherine provide insight to help listeners prepare for the legal hurdles inherent in divorce, custody, prenuptial agreements and more.



[Episode 1: Breaking Up Is Hard to Do](#)

Sandra and Katherine delve into the key issues to consider when deciding whether to file for divorce.

[Episode 2: Meet Me Halfway](#)

What do the words mediation, arbitration and collaborative divorce actually mean? Are any of these avenues right for you? Sandra and Katherine break down these legal buzz words.

[Episode 3: Mo Money Mo Problems](#)

Hear from forensic accountant Daniel Roche of Marcum LLP, a national accounting firm, in this podcast about handling finances in a divorce.

[Episode 4: Sweet Child O'Mine](#)

For parents going through a divorce, custody disputes can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences they will ever face. In this episode, Sandra and Katherine tackle what happens when parents cannot reach an agreement.

[Episode 5: Step By Step](#)

Often overlooked, but critically important, the stepparent/stepchild relationship shapes many blended families. Sandra and Katherine will talk with one stepparent about how working collaboratively can benefit everyone.

[Episode 6: Love Is a Battlefield](#)

When it comes to awkward conversations, raising the idea of a prenuptial agreement ranks near the top. Sandra and Katherine discuss how to determine if you need a prenup, how to design one and how a prenup can affect a divorce.

[Episode 7: Say My Name](#)

Are you thinking about changing your name after a divorce? Sandra and Katherine discuss the steps to do that.

[Episode 8: It's All About The Benjamins](#)

Financial adviser Felicia Garland joins Sandra and Katherine in this episode to discuss the benefits of hiring an investment planning professional during a divorce proceeding.

To ask Sandra or Katherine a question, provide feedback or suggest a topic for a future episode, please email lifafterlove@foxrothschild.com.