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Practice Areas:

- Family, Matrimonial, and Divorce

Education:

West Virginia University at South Parkersburg, A.D. (R.N.), 1979

University of Louisville, B.A., *cum laude*, 1987

University of Louisville School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1991

Ms. Mathis is a member of Rogers Towers' Family Law Department. She has litigated and tried numerous family law cases in Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Clay and other Counties in Florida, as well as in the States of Georgia and Kentucky. Ms. Mathis specializes in complex divorce cases involving sophisticated financial issues, tracing of non-marital assets, identification of hidden and commingled assets, and valuation of businesses, real estate, and personal property. Ms. Mathis works regularly with a variety of experts, including C.P.A.s, Financial Planners, Appraisers, Business Valuators, and Psychologists to provide comprehensive legal representation to her clients before and during trial. Ms. Mathis also prepares prenuptial, postnuptial and marital settlement agreements, regularly litigates custody, visitation and support issues, and encourages alternative dispute resolution through counseling and mediation.

Bar Association Memberships:

- The Florida Bar
- State Bar of Georgia
- Kentucky Bar Association

Legal Certifications:

- Board Certified in Marital and Family Law, The Florida Bar

Awards and Distinctions:

- AV Preeminent Rating®, Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Family Law), 2018-2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Family Law Mediation), 2022
- *Florida Super Lawyers*® (Family Law), 2006

Professional and Community Involvement:

- Member, Jacksonville Women's Network, 2009
- Vice President, Board of Directors, Family Nurturing Center, 2008
- Board of Directors, Family Nurturing Center of Duval, St. Johns, Clay and Nassau Counties, 2007
- Chair, Family Law Section, Jacksonville Bar Association, 2000-2003
- Member, Family Law Section and Appellate Section of Jacksonville Bar Association, 1994-2007
- Master, Florida Family Law Inn of Court, 2000-2007
- Member, Board of Directors, Alzheimer's Association, 1994-1996
- Member, Community Solutions Committee, Board of Directors, United Way, 1995-1999

Publications and Presentations:

- Moderator: NBI Trial Practice/Judicial Forum, 2008
- Author, Lecturer and Moderator: National Business Institute Trial Practice "Judicial Forum" of participating Family Law Court Judges from Duval, Nassau, Clay and St. Johns Counties, Florida, 2008
- Guest Lecturer: Florida Coastal School of Law, 2008
- Presenter: Frequent lectures to C.P.A.'s, Stock Brokers and other Financial Experts on the impact of Family Law on tax and financial planning, 2003 – 2008
- Author and Lecturer: "Family Law Developments," "Analysis of Financial Information" and "Preparation and Trial of a Complex Divorce Case," National Business Institute, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Florida, 2005

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- Author and Lecturer: "Navigating the Fork in the Road: Fairly Dividing Assets and Liabilities" and "Pay the Toll: Tax Issues and Planning," National Business Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, 2004
- Author and Lecturer: "Asset and Liability Division and Spousal Maintenance" and "The Complex Divorce Action," National Business Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, 2003

Client Successes:

- Ms. Mathis is an accomplished appellate attorney in the area of family law and has won significant victories, including a published opinion securing visitation for divorced fathers in the First District Court of Appeal of Florida.
- As past Chair of the Family Law Section of the Jacksonville Bar, Ms. Mathis was instrumental in current revisions to the Visitation Guidelines of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and in the implementation of the Standing Family Law Court Orders of the Fourth and Seventh Judicial Circuits designed to promote peaceful and even-handed treatment of custody, visitation and property issues pending litigation in family court.