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Areas of Practice

- Family Law

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2001
- New Jersey, 2002
- Maryland, 1999
- U.S. District Court, Maryland, 2000

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*, 1999
- Washington College, B.A. *cum laude*, 1996

Civic & Community Activities

- Legal Aid of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Volunteer Attorney, 2008 – present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Law and Liberty Civics Program, Educator to 6th grade students, 2011 – present
- Montgomery County Commission on Women & Families, 2016-2020
- Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project:
 - Board of Directors, 2015 – present
 - Volunteer Attorney, 2011 – present
- Montgomery Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2013 – present

Melissa "Missy" M. Boyd is a partner with High Swartz. She concentrates her practice on family law. She advocates in various areas including, but not limited to, divorce, pre-nuptial and post-divorce agreements, child custody and support, equitable distribution, alimony, adoptions, protection from abuse and juvenile law. She has dedicated much of her professional career to preserving the rights of children and their families.

Ms. Boyd is the chairperson for the Family Justice advisory board of Montgomery County. The FJAB works to examine and recommend ways the courts and its partners can effectively improve the County's overall Family Court system. Missy is a frequent presenter on family law topics for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Montgomery Bar Association.

Ms. Boyd is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and she serves on the board of governors for the Pennsylvania Chapter. She also is a member of the family law sections of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Montgomery Bar Association. She previously served as the chair of the Family Law Section of the Montgomery Bar Association.

A graduate of Washington College and the University of Baltimore School of Law, Ms. Boyd has received the highest possible rating from Martindale-Hubbell, has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 8 years, has been a named a Best Lawyer in America since 2016 and has been named among the 10 Leaders of Matrimonial Law in Philadelphia.

Ms. Boyd has been certified as a Family Law Arbitrator by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Professional Affiliations & Honors

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow, 2014-present
- Montgomery County Family Justice Advisory Board, Chairperson, 2020-present
- Montgomery Bar Association
 - Board of Directors 2012 – 2014
 - Executive Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 - Family Law Section:
 - Chair, 2015, Vice-Chair, 2014, Secretary, 2013, Treasurer, 2012, Member, Practicum Committee, 2004 – 2005, Custody Committee, Chair, 2006, 2011, Equitable Distribution/Alimony Committee, Chair, 2009, Montgomery Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2013-present
 - Judiciary Committee, Member, 2016-2018
 - Women in Law Committee, Co-Chair, 2011
 - Children and the Law Committee, Member, 2004-present
 - Member, Nominating Committee, 2015, 2016
 - Law Reporter Committee, Member, 2011-2013; Secretary 2011; Treasurer 2012; Chair 2013
 - Diversity Committee, Member, 2004-present
 - Community Network Committee; Member, Vice-Chair 2012 – present
 - Long Range Planning Committee, Member, 2016-2019
 - Leadership Academy, Member, 2014 – 2015
 - MBA President's Award Recipient, 2014
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
 - Family Law Section, Member, 2001-present, Secretary, 2020, Treasurer, 2019, Council Member, 2007 – 2010, 2011 – 2014, Membership Committee, Co-Chair, 2014 – 2019, Custody Local Rules Committee, Chair, 2011, Program Committee, Member, 2009 – 2012, Executive Committee, 2013 – 2014, 2019-2026
 - Women in the Profession, Member, 2010-present
 - Membership Development Committee, Member, 2018
- Bucks County Bar Association, Associate Member, 2016-present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Associate Member, 2016-present
- New Jersey Bar Association, Member, 2002-present
- Baltimore City Bar Association, Member, 1996-1999
- Maryland Bar Association, Member, 1999-present
- Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court for Family Law, Member, 2004-2017
- Recipient, Frederick Cohen Award of Excellence, 2009, 2011, 2015
- *Ten Leaders, Matrimonial & Divorce Law*, Greater Philadelphia, Age 45 and Under, 2010-present
- Recipient, Pennsylvania Bar Association Special Achievement Award, 2018
- *2011 Pennsylvania's Lawyers on the Fast Track, The Legal Intelligencer*
- Selected to *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, 2015-present
- Top 50 Women Lawyers, Top 100 PA Lawyers, Top 100 Philadelphia Lawyers, 2018-present

