

ELIZABETH J. SCHEFFEE, ESQ.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education:

University of Virginia -- 1980
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction

University of Virginia -- 1984
Juris Doctor

Occupational Experience:

SHAHEEN & GORDON, P.A. – January, 2016 – present
199 Main Street, Saco, Maine
All aspects of domestic relations, from premarital agreements to divorce and post-divorce litigation, mediation, reference, limited scope representation, expert review and testimony

GIVERTZ, SCHEFFEE, & LAVOIE P.A. -- 1989-2016
215 Commercial Street, Portland, Maine
All aspects of domestic relations, pre-marital agreements, international cases, divorce/post-divorce litigation, expert review and testimony, mediation and reference

LAW OFFICE OF ELIZABETH J. SCHEFFEE -- 1988-1989
66 Drew Road, South Portland, Maine
Domestic relations, primarily divorce/post-divorce litigation

STINSON, LUPTON & WEISS -- 1985-1989
280 Front Street, Bath, Maine
General litigation, family law, misdemeanor criminal practice

ZELDES, NEEDLE & COOPER -- 1984-1985
Bridgeport, Connecticut
General litigation, personal injury, family law, felony criminal practice

Bars Admitted:

State of Connecticut, 1984
Federal District Court, District of Connecticut, 1985
State of Maine, 1986
Federal District Court, District of Maine, 1986
United States Supreme Court, 1996

Associations:

Delegate, Maine Bar Association representative to ABA
President, Maine State Bar Foundation, 2007
President, Maine State Bar Association, 2001
Member, American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, 2004 - 2007
Member, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Service Programs, 2001 - 2004
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1993 - present
Ex Officio Member, The American Law Institute, 2001
Governor, Board of Governors, Maine State Bar Association, 1996 - 2002
Chairperson, Finance Committee, Maine State Bar Association, 2000
Member, Self-Represented Litigant Task Force, 1999 to 2007
Member, Justice Action Group, 2000 – 2001, 2005 to 2007
Member, Justice Action Group Organizational Working Group, 2000
Member, Edward Thaxter Gignoux Inn of Court, 2000
Member, Maine State Bar Association's Women's Law Section
Member, Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association
Chair, Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association, 1994
Judge, Maine State Bar Association EXCEL Mock Trial, 1993 - 2002
Member, Family Law Advisory Commission, 1998 to 2000
Fellow and Board Member, Maine Bar Foundation
Legislative Vice-Chair, Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association, 1993
Co-Chair, Public Affairs Committee, 1990 to 1993
Member, Cumberland Bar Association
Member, New England Bar Association
Member, Maine Supreme Judicial Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Professional Responsibility, 1999 - 2005
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Rule 53 of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure
Member, Maine Task Force on Ethics 2000, 2005 – 2008

Publications/Speeches:

February, 2016	Presenter, <u>Maine Trial Lawyers Association Annual Meeting</u> , "Divorce lawyers are litigators, too"
November, 2009	Presenter, <u>Massachusetts Bar Association</u> <i>Continuing legal education program on unbundled legal services.</i>
December, 2008	Presenter, <u>Harvard Law School, Bellow-Sacks Access to Civil Legal Services Project</u> <i>Unbundled legal services.</i>
November, 2008	Presenter, <u>New England Bar Association Meeting</u> <i>Unbundled legal services.</i>
September, 2008	Presenter, <u>Missouri Bar Association Annual Meeting</u>

Des Moines, Iowa
Unbundled legal services.

September, 2006 Speaker, Maine State Bar Association Family Law Institute
Who, what, when, where, why and how of limited scope representation.

September, 2006 Panelist, North Western Regional Conference on Access to Justice
Des Moines, Iowa

May, 2006 Panelist, New Hampshire Bar Association Meeting
How unbundled legal services work, and creating rules to permit limited scope representation.

May, 2006 Panelist, Eastern Regional Conference on Access to Justice
White Plains, New York

May, 2005 Speaker, Connecticut Bar Association Annual Meeting,
What is unbundled legal service and how does it work.

January, 2005 Speaker, Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Meeting
Establishing Rules to Permit Limited Scope Representation.

January, 2006 Moderator, Unbundling - Civil and Ethical Rule Changes Ethics 2000 comes to Maine: Should Maine Revise its Bar Rules to More Closely Coincide with the ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility?

October, 2002 Speaker, National Lawyer Referral Workshop, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Establishing an Unbundled Legal Service Panel.

September, 2001 Speaker, Maine State Bar Association, Augusta, Maine
Significant Rule Changes

June, 2001 Moderator, In Search of the Virtual Bench, Maine State Bar Association Summer Bar Meeting, Bar Harbor, Maine

February, 2001 Issues in Relocation Litigation, Maine State Bar Association, Family Law Institute, Augusta, Maine

January, 2001 Moderator and Speaker, Public Forum on Proposed Changes to the Rules of Professional Responsibility and Civil Procedure, Maine State Bar Association, Winter Meeting, Rockport, Maine

December, 2000 Guest, Law on the Line, Channel 4 local television

September, 2000 Speaker, Maine Legal Ethics, Lorman Education Services,

South Portland, Maine

- June, 2000 Moderator, *A Changing Market for Law Services: New Rules for a New Game*, Maine State Bar Association, Bar Harbor, Maine
- May, 2000 Speaker, *Adult Children of Divorce*, Bucknam Road Behavioral Health Center, Falmouth, Maine
- March, 2000 Certificate of Completion, Bar Leadership Institute, American Bar Association
- November, 1999 Attendee, *A National Conference on Pro Se Litigation*, State Justice Institute, Scottsdale, Arizona
- October, 1999 Moderator, *Navigating the System: Nuts and Bolts of the Family Law Case*, Maine State Bar Association
- June, 1998 Moderator, *Summit on the Profession, Professionalism and the Practice of Law*, Maine State Bar Association
- June, 1996 Negotiation and Drafting the *Defined Contribution Plan QDRO*, Maine State Bar Association
Pensions and Divorce: Complete QDRO Workshop
- May, 1996 *Basic Bankruptcy Overview: The Basic Tools that all Family Law Practitioners Need to Spot and Address the Bankruptcy Issues*, Maine State Bar Association *Bankruptcy and Family Law*
- May, 1996 *Peculiarities of Family Law Issues in Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Issues in the Family Law Context*, Maine State Bar Association *Bankruptcy and Family Law*
- May, 1996 *View from the Bench*, Maine State Bar Association *Bankruptcy and Family Law*
- November, 1995 *Distribution of Property*, Maine State Bar Association *Practical Skills for the Family Lawyer*
- May, 1995 *What's New with Marital Property Law in Maine*, Maine State Bar Association
The Economics of Divorce
- January, 1995 *Requirements, Drafting & Implementation of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders and Qualified Medical Support Orders*, Maine State Bar Association 1995 Annual Meeting
- October, 1993 *Family Law*, Maine State Bar Association
1993 Legal Year in Review

April, 1993 *Trial Tactics and Techniques - Custody and the Relocating Family,*
Maine State Bar Association
Parenting Alternatives

May, 1992 *Managing the Emotional Needs of Divorce Clients to Suit their*
Legal Needs, Maine State Bar Association
Managing a Family Law Practice

December, 1991 *Interstate Child Custody Matters,* Maine State Bar Association
Emerging Issues in Domestic Practice

May, 1991 *Preliminary Injunction Statute,* 19 M.R.S.A.
Co-Author, *Alimony Statute,* 19 M.R.S.A. §721

October, 1990 *Commencing the Proceeding,* Maine State Bar Association
Domestic Relations: The Basics

February, 1990 *Commencing the Proceeding,* Maine State Bar Association
Domestic Relations: The Basics

Economics and Divorce, Moderator
National Business Institute

Awards/Recognitions:

2003 ABA Louis Brown Award for Legal Access 2003
The Self-Represented Litigant Task Force of the State of Maine

2004 – 2012 Martindale-Hubble AV rating 5 out of 5 (peer rating)