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## CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Specialist, Family Law, The State Bar of California
- Certified Specialist, Appellate Law, The State Bar of California
- Board Certification, Family Trial Law, National Board of Trial Advocacy

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)
- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)
- Board of Directors, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists
- California Lawyers Association, Family Law Section
- American Bar Association, Section of Family Law
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Beverly Hills Bar Association, Family Law Section

# CHRISTOPHER C. MELCHER

## PARTNER

Business owners, celebrities, and trust beneficiaries across California turn to me for assistance in protecting their most valuable assets in high-stakes divorces. With deep experience in complex family law litigation, I provide tactical representation in the most challenging family law disputes.

I understand the need to keep sensitive family matters private, having represented noteworthy clients in the largest divorce cases in California. My clients include A-list celebrities, executives, and tech company founders. Frequently, I am hired by other family lawyers as a consultant, expert, or co-counsel on significant divorce cases in California.

My passion is helping others and I love the law. My father was a trial lawyer and I learned not only how to be a lawyer from him, but what it means to be a lawyer. Before entering family law exclusively, I practiced criminal defense and civil personal injury litigation.

## MY SERVICES

My highest expertise is in these areas of family law:

- ✓ Interstate and international jurisdictional disputes.
- ✓ Statewide trial advocacy.
- ✓ Appeals of family law judgments and writ proceedings.
- ✓ Negotiation and litigation of premarital agreements.
- ✓ Characterization of separate and community property.
- ✓ Tax consequences of property division and alimony
- ✓ Corporate laws dealing with the division of a family business.

## ACCOLADES

- ✓ Named a Top 100 Southern California Lawyer by Super Lawyers for 2024.
- ✓ Named a Top 100 Lawyer by the Daily Journal for 2021 out of all California lawyers.
- ✓ Ranked Tier 1 by Chambers & Partners for Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth practice.
- ✓ Ranked as one of the 500 Leading U.S. Family Lawyers for 2024 by Lawdragon.
- ✓ Presented over 200 continuing legal education programs to other attorneys on complex family law issues.
- ✓ Published author of family law treatises for practicing attorneys.