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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 2026 Lawyer of the Year for Family Law by Best Lawyers
- ✓ Ranked Tier 1 by Chambers & Partners for Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth practice.
- ✓ Recognized for Family Law & Appellate Practice in Best Lawyers 2026
- ✓ Ranked as one of the 500 Leading U.S. Family Lawyers for 2026 by Lawdragon.
- ✓ Named a Leading Partner for California Family Law by The Legal 500
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Presented over 200 continuing legal education programs to other attorneys on complex family law issues.
- ✓ Published author of family law treatises for practicing attorneys.