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*Debra S. Frank, a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, is currently serving as the Chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and is a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Board of Governors.*

Debra S. Frank, Esq. (<http://www.DSFrankLawOffice.com>), a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, is currently serving as the Chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association for the 2011-2012 term. She also serves on the Board of Governors of the Beverly Hills Bar Association for her second consecutive two-year term.

Successful recent programs of the Family Law Section include our May program: "When Worlds Collide: Bankruptcy and Its Impact on Domestic Relations and Family Law," co-sponsored with the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association with Judge Sheri Bluebond, Central District of California, Bankruptcy Court Judge and Ira Friedman, CFLS; our March program by Stephen A. Kolodny, Esq. "Prosecuting & Defending A Contempt"; our February program, "The Three Amigos," Family Law Updates; and our January 2012 program, "Meet the Judges" night where the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division, Judge Scott Gordon, introduced the Family Law Judicial Officers from the Central and Branch Districts, who provided their background, courtroom practices, and tips for the coming year.

Debra S. Frank is Chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and a member of the BHBA's Board of Governors. She is also a valuable author for two CEB publications for 15 years, California Marital Settlement and Other Family Law Agreements (3d ed Cal CEB 2005) and Dividing Pensions and Other Employee Benefits in California Divorces (Cal

CEB 2006). Beginning with the second edition of Marital Settlement Agreements in 1997 and continuing with the third edition, Ms. Frank has made discerning and helpful contributions to the understanding and practical application of family law principles by her authorship of the chapter on marital agreements. In addition, she provided crucial assistance in the completion of Dividing Pensions and Other Employee Benefits by authoring the complex chapter on stock options and benefits under executive business plans. This year she is a recipient of the "Spirit of CEB" Award, which is an acknowledgement of her selfless sharing of information for the betterment of the legal profession and the society it serves. This award will be presented at the State Bar Annual Meeting in October 2012.

Ms. Frank maintains her law practice in the Century City area of Los Angeles. She has practiced law for more than 30 years. A certified family law specialist, Ms. Frank has played important roles on the executive committees of the State Bar's Family Law Section, the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Family Law Section, the Beverly Hills Bar Association's Family Law Section, and the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. She has lectured at and served as the reference book editor of the annual LACBA Family Law Symposium. She also has written articles on family law, served as a Judge Pro Tem, and is a past commissioner and vice chair of the California Law Revision Commission. She earned her undergraduate degree from Boston University, her M.A. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, and her J.D. degree from Southwestern University School of Law. Through her work with CEB and other contributions to the legal community as a practitioner and instructor, Ms. Frank has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing legal education and the furtherance of the legal profession.

Southern California *Super Lawyers* magazine named her as one of the top attorneys in Southern California for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. She is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell. (AV® Preeminent™ and BV® Distinguished™ are certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies, 2011-present).

Her practice includes divorce and dissolution of marriage; California community property; spousal support/alimony; child support; child custody and child visitation; breach of fiduciary duty; contempt proceedings, domestic partnerships; prenuptial & postnuptial agreements; litigation; modifications of custody and support agreements; domestic violence; interstate custody; international custody; paternity and paternity tests; property and debt division.

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