

## **Debra S. Frank Installed as Member of Beverly Hills Bar Association's Board of Governors**

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Debra S. Frank, Certified Family Law Specialist

*Debra S. Frank, a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, was installed as a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association's Board Governors at the Association's Installation Dinner held on September 30, 2009 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.*

Century City, California, October 26, 2009—Debra S. Frank (<http://www.DSFrankLawOffice.com>), a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, was installed as a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association's Board of Governors at the installation dinner held on September 30, 2009 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Los Angeles. Attorney Frank was selected for one of the elected positions on the Board of Governors of the Association and will serve a two-year term.

Attorney Frank currently serves on the Family Law Section Executive Committee and is a member of the Family Law, Entertainment, Trusts & Estates, and Business Law sections. As a member of the Board of Governors, Attorney Frank will be the liaison to the Family Law Section's Executive Committee and participate on the Resolutions and Ways and Means committees. Liaisons play a key role in program planning, the organization of an executive committee, leadership development, and providing information to the Board and the BHBA membership via the newsletter and the BHBA Web Site. Board Liaisons serve as a guidance, organizational and informational resource for the Section or Committee Chair.

Founded in 1931, the Beverly Hills Bar Association is a nationally recognized major metropolitan association based in Beverly Hills, serving the 16,000 lawyers who live or work on the Westside of Los Angeles County. With over 4,000 members, it is the sixth largest

voluntary bar association in California and the largest voluntary bar association in the State that is not a county bar association. The offices of the Association are located at 300 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Its mission is to serve the legal profession and enhance its professionalism, to serve its Westside community, and to support and improve the justice system.

The Board of Governors serves two broad roles in the organizational governance of the Association: it has the authority to act as a policy-making body, and accountability to carry out its responsibilities of oversight and management. The key roles of the Board of Governors are to set organizational direction, provide oversight, and ensure necessary resources for the Association. In addition to the actions taken at the monthly Board of Governors meetings, the Board has the responsibility to participate in periodic strategic planning retreats, which serve to determine the Association's mission; set the vision for the Association's future; establish organizational values; set major goals and develop implementation strategies; and approve operational or annual plans. The Board of Governors is charged with overseeing the operation of the Association, and has responsibility to oversee financial and budgetary management; minimize the Association's exposure to risk; measure progress on the Association's strategic plan; monitor and evaluate the Association's programs and services; and provide legal and moral oversight. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board of Governors must ensure that the Association has necessary and adequate resources at hand. The Board has the responsibility to hire capable executive leadership; ensure the adequacy of its financial resources; promote a positive public image of the Association; and ensure the presence of a capable and responsible board.

Southern California *Super Lawyers* magazine named Debra S. Frank as one of the top attorneys in Southern California for 2009 and 2010. She is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section Executive Committee and its Chair-Elect, editor of its annual Family Law Symposium book, and a mediator for the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law section. She regularly serves as a moderator and presenter for family law programs. She just completed three-year terms as a Commissioner for the Family Law Advisory Commission, Board of Legal Specialization and as the Chair of the Financial Issues South - L.A. Standing Committee, State Bar Family Law Executive Committee and currently serves as its Vice Chair. She is a Board Member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) and its current Newsletter Editor. She is a

member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Board of Governors, on its Family Law Executive Committee, and serves on the Board of Governors of the Century City Bar Association, and is the Chair of its Family Law Section. Debra S. Frank was admitted to the California bar in 1977 and is a member of the District of Columbia bar. She graduated from Boston University in 1970 with honors, Carnegie Mellon University (M.A., with honors, 1972), and Southwestern Law School (J.D., 1977).

With over twenty years experience in family law, 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; domestic partnerships; prenuptial & postnuptial agreements; litigation; modifications of custody and support agreements; domestic violence; interstate custody; international custody; paternity and paternity tests; and debt division.

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