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LEGAL EAGLES

AREA OF PRACTICE:
Divorce

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There may be no more volatile stretch in one's life than divorce, when a family's structure hangs in the balance. The highly emotional case gets even more complex with issues such as custody and visitation added into the mix. It takes an aggressive litigator and a skilled negotiator to guide a client through the process.

Certified in advanced mediation by the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Elena Karabatos is an experienced negotiator of settlements, powered by an uncanny ability to communicate effectively with both parties. And when needed, Karabatos has proven to be an equally successful trial lawyer.

This pragmatic and passionate approach to matrimonial law has made the Tufts and Brooklyn Law graduate one of the premier matrimonial attorneys in the region. She is the immediate past president of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and serves on the Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration. She is also the vice president of the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA) and a past chair of the Matrimonial Law Committee of the NCBA.

Karabatos has long been devoted to sharing her expertise with the next generation of attorneys. She previously served as the course chairperson for the continuing legal education program on matrimonial litigation and equitable distribution at Fordham Law School. Karabatos was also a member of the adjunct faculty of Hofstra Law School and frequently lectures on a wide range of family law topics.