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#### Partner

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#### Education

##### **University of California Hastings College of the Law**

J.D. 2003; Member, Hastings International and Comparative Law Journal

##### **Bucknell University**

Cum laude, B.A., Political Science

#### Admissions

California, 2003

## **Certification**

Certified in Collaborative Practice

## **Recognition**

Northern California Super Lawyers (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

## **Professional Activities**

- Chair of the San Mateo Collaborative Practice Group (2020 and 2021)
- Co-chair of the San Mateo Collaborative Practice Group (2018 and 2019)
- Collaborative Practice of San Mateo County
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)
- Volunteer Mediator, Family Law Division of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo and County of Santa Clara
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- San Mateo County Bar Association
- Santa Clara County Bar Association
- Board member of Art in Action, a national nonprofit bringing comprehensive art education to schools

## **Personal Interests**

Alissa is a longtime volunteer with Art in Action. She has two children who keep her busy. She also enjoys running, dancing and cooking in her free time.

During her 15 years as a family law attorney, Alissa Kempton has helped her clients move through one of the worst experiences in their lives to a more positive space. Alissa is highly experienced in litigation, mediation, Collaborative Practice, and acting as consulting counsel to reach closure in divorces and related financial and child custody disputes.

The welfare of children in the divorce process is a focal point for Alissa—she believes that the court system is not the ideal forum to best serve a child’s needs. She has seen how the court process can increase conflict between parents, which in turn can have a negative impact on the children.

When children are part of a divorce, Alissa pursues every avenue possible to keep the case from going to court. However, should any matter require litigation, she is a tested trial strategist known for her courtroom readiness.

Alissa is a certified practitioner of Collaborative Practice. She serves as co-chair of the San Mateo Collaborative Practice Group and is a member of the Collaborative Practice of San Mateo County and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP). Collaborative Practice agreements rely on effective communication, and Alissa is skilled at utilizing the techniques and emotional and psychological resources that support a collaborative team approach. She volunteers for San Mateo and Santa Clara family law courts as a mediator and has built a productive network of relationships in the family law community.

Alissa is a proponent of mediation and collaborative divorce as a more civil way for parties to drive what happens in their lives, keep information flowing freely and ultimately achieve a more enduring agreement. Alissa's compassionate and holistic handling of clients' cases includes empowering her clients to understand the issues, make decisions and effectively navigate the divorce process.