
About the Author

Jessica Markham is a family attorney in private practice based in Bethesda, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Ms. Markham practices all aspects of family law in Maryland and in the district. Ms. Markham and the members of her firm, Markham Law Firm (www.markhamlegal.com), have represented hundreds of parties in divorce cases involving federal employment, have prepared hundreds of retirement court orders, and frequently consult on retirement issues. She has extensive trial experience but advocates settlement over the adversarial process of litigation and is also trained in collaborative law.

Ms. Markham is also frequently engaged by attorneys and parties to prepare their retirement court orders. Finally, Ms. Markham also has an active mediation practice, helping parties to resolve divorce-related disputes as a neutral, and is frequently appointed as a mediator by local courts.

Ms. Markham has been recognized by her peers for her work. In 2018, 2019, and 2020, Ms. Markham was recognized by her peers for inclusion in “The Best Lawyers in America”[©] in the field of family law for the Washington, D.C., area, and the firm was recognized as a Best Firm in 2019 and 2020. In 2019 and 2020, Ms. Markham was named a Top Divorce Lawyer (Divorce) by *Washingtonian Magazine* and Top Attorney by *Bethesda Magazine* (family law and ADR). Ms. Markham is honored to have been selected by the *Daily Record*, a local legal newspaper, as a 2016 Leading Woman for achievements in her career, and the firm was awarded the “Top Winner” for Best Family Law Firm in 2019 and 2020 and Best Mediation Firm in 2020. Ms. Markham has also received a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent in the field of family law. In addition, Ms. Markham has been selected for inclusion as a “Rising Star” by *Maryland SuperLawyers Magazine* (2011–2020) and *Washington DC SuperLawyers Magazine* (2013–2020).

Ms. Markham and her husband developed an app called AliRecap, which can be found on the iTunes App Store. It calculates alimony recapture and has disappointingly been made largely moot by recent tax law changes.

Ms. Markham is a lifelong Washington area resident and resides in Potomac with her husband and two children. She can be found tweeting at @markhamlegal.

