



## **Anne Lamkin Durward Elected American Academy Of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation President For 2019-2021**

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Massey, Stotser & Nichols, PC, is pleased to announce that Anne Lamkin Durward, a Senior Partner at the firm, has been made President-elect for the term of office for 2019-2021 for the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation.

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation is a charitable organization that provides grants for charitable organizations that work to protect children and families. According to its website, "The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to organizations, by way of grants, in order to help families, parents and children adversely affected by the breakup of the family unit."

This mission is accomplished by supporting projects pertaining to children in custody disputes, dependency cases and similar situations; supporting programs in schools, courts and organizations to help children cope with the stresses of divorce; teaching mothers, fathers and parental caregivers how to co-parent effectively;

providing counseling to children of families experiencing domestic violence, drug, alcohol abuse and mental illness; and promoting relationship enrichment programs to help prevent the breakup of families.

Founded in 1990 by the Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, which is comprised of the nation's top family law attorneys, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation has given over \$1.5 million in grants to charitable organizations throughout the United States since its inception, according to the AAML Foundation website.

"It is a great honor to be elected as the President-elect of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation. This is an organization that has focused its efforts in providing financial assistance to charitable organizations that provide support for children and families across the United States, and I am excited to serve in this capacity and do what I can to further the mission of the Foundation," Durward said.

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers was founded in 1962 by highly regarded domestic relations attorneys with the intent to provide leadership that promotes the highest degree of professionalism and excellence in the practice of family law. The organization currently has over 1600 Fellows in 50 states. The focus of the Foundation furthers the desire of the AAML Fellows to help those charitable organizations that work with families.

Randall Nichols, Senior Partner for Massey, Stotser & Nichols said, "If you are being represented by a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, you can be sure that you are being represented by a leading practitioner in the field of family law. Across the country, judges and attorneys all generally recognize AAML Fellows as family law practitioners with a high level of knowledge, skill and integrity. The AAML Foundation, through its grants process, identifies charitable organizations that are making a difference for families, particularly children. The grants given each year make an impact in their communities and for the benefit of the families."

Those who wish to learn more about Massey, Stotser & Nichols, PC and the various legal services the firm provides can find more information on its website.

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