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David is regularly named in peer review surveys as one of the top matrimonial attorneys in New York. For more than twenty-five years he has received the highest peer rating for competence and ethics ("AV") by the well-respected Martindale-Hubbell directory of attorneys.

"Best Lawyers in America" has twice, 2011 and again for 2018, named David as its "Lawyer of the Year" in the New York Metro Area. David has repeatedly been selected by "Super Lawyers" as among the "Top 100 Lawyers" in New York (including lawyers in all specialties).

David was admitted to the bar in 1975 after graduating cum laude from Brooklyn Law School, where he was an Editor of the Law Review. Following his graduation, he served as the Law Clerk to a United States District Judge in Manhattan before joining the litigation department at one of New York City's most prestigious law firms. Since 1983, David applied the skills he had acquired as a commercial litigator to the practice of matrimonial law and, for more than thirty years, has been among the most respected lawyers in the field.

Although an experienced and respected trial lawyer, David is proud of his reputation as a creative settlor of cases, who recognizes that whenever possible, disputes should be resolved through negotiation, and that trials should be viewed as a last resort. For that reason, other matrimonial lawyers have frequently turned to David to act as a mediator or arbitrator when their efforts to settle cases for their clients have deadlocked.

David is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the American College of Family Trial Lawyers (which only has 100 members nationwide), the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (and sat as a member of that Association's Council on Judicial Administration), and the New York State Bar Association. He is a former Adjunct Assistant Professor at Brooklyn Law School. He has served as Vice President and on the Board of Managers of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, and as a member of the Office of Court Administration's Matrimonial Practice Advisory Committee and its predecessor, the New York State Courts Committee on Matrimonial Practice. As a committee member, David helped organize seminars, draft legislation, and regularly lectured to the sitting matrimonial judges and their staffs on such issues as valuation, equitable distribution, maintenance, and custody.

David has lectured at many professional and continuing legal education seminars. Among the organizations that have asked him to appear are the New York State Office of Court Administration, the New York State Judicial Institute, the Women's Bar Association, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the American Society of Appraisers, the Association of Divorce Financial Planners, the Appellate Division, First Department of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the

New York City Family Court Summit, the Practising Law Institute and the New York City, County and State Bar Associations.

David has been married to Inette Fox Aronson since 1978. They have a daughter, who is a theatrical director, and a son, who is a lawyer at Aronson Mayefsky & Sloan.

## Admitted

- 1998** U.S. Supreme Court
- 1982** U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 1975** New York and the U.S District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

## Education

- 1974** Brooklyn Law School, J.D., cum laude
- 1971** Queens College of the City University of New York, B.A.

## Lectures

- 2013** The Weight of Contributions to the Marriage in Equitable Distribution | New York State Unified Court System: Judicial Matrimonial Seminar ("Judge's School")
- 2012** How to try a Custody Case
- and**
- 2014**
- 2012** Financial Issues 101 | New York State Unified Court System: Judicial Matrimonial Seminar ("Judge's School")
- 2011** Proving Earning Capacity Through the Use of Vocational Experts | New York State Bar Association

Mr. Aronson has also lectured on the following topics:

- The Rules, Procedures & Techniques of Matrimonial Motion Practice
  - Jurisdiction, Predicates, Procedures of Matrimonial Motion Practice
  - Matrimonial Agreements and Tax Aspects of Maintenance, Support and Property Distribution
  - The Rules, Procedures & Techniques of Matrimonial Motion Practice
  - Litigating Maintenance and Child Support in High Income Cases; Direct Testimony of Mothers & Fathers
  - Custody Litigations Stepchild; and how to make a record for both the Trial Court and the Appellate Court
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- 2009** Tax Returns and Net Worth Statements | New York State Unified Court System: Judicial Matrimonial Seminar ("Judge's School")
  - 2008** Practical and Ethical Issues in Handling and Equitable Distribution Case - Moderator, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
  - 2007** Advanced Equitable Distribution Lecture | Judge's School
  - 2007** Equitable Distribution Trends | New York State Bar Association

- 2006** Spousal Maintenance: Supreme and Family Court | Judge
- 2006** Valuation Theory as Applied in Matrimonial Courts | New York State Unified Court System: Judicial Matrimonial Seminar ("Judge's School")
- 2005** Divorce Law Birthdays 2005 Part B And Maintenance at 25, The CSSA at Sweet 16: When is Equitable Not Equal | New York State Bar Association
- 2005** Equitable Distribution: When is Equitable Not Equal | New York State Unified Court System: Referee and JHO Training Seminar
- 2005** Settlement and Putting the Stip on the Record | New York State Bar Association
- 2004** Enhanced Earnings and the "Hougie Issue" - Continued Debate & Uneven Application | Citibar, Center for Continuing Legal Education | The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- 2004** Matrimonial Update: A Discussion of Recent Cases and Current Issues | Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department
- 2003** Cross-Examination: Selected Problems - Some Easy Rules That Are Not So Easy to Apply | American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- 2003** Matrimonial Law: A Case Law Update | Appellate Division, First Department
- 2003** Matrimonial and Family Law 2003: The Changing Economy and Critical Issues - What You Need to Know: Drafting for Bankruptcy Considerations | New York State Bar Association
- 2002** How to Litigate a Child Custody Case | New York County Lawyers
- 2001** A Matrimonial Motion Practice Odyssey | New York State Bar Association
- 2001** How to Try a Matrimonial Case to a Jury | New York State Bar Association
- 2000** Advanced Business Valuation Conference | American Society of Appraisers
- 2000** Analyzing an Equitable Distribution Action for Settlement and Trial | New York State Bar Association
- 2000** Drafting Custody and Visitation Provisions | New York State Bar Association
- 2000** Matrimonial Case Law Update: A Review of Developing Issues in Matrimonial Law | Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department
- 2000** Practical Skill "Basic Matrimonial Practice" Co-Chair | New York State Bar Association
- 2000** The United States Supreme Court's Troxel Decision and its Impact on Non-Parental Visitation | American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- 1999** Annual Update on Matrimonial Law | Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- 1999** Annual Update on Matrimonial Law | New York State Bar Association
- 1999** Handling Your First Contested Divorce Case | New York State Bar Association
- 1999** Recognizing Estate Planning and Real Estate Issues in Matrimonial Matters | New York State Bar Association
- 1999** Selected Recurring Issues in Matrimonial Practice: Successfully Handling the Challenges | New York State Bar Association
- 1999** The Expanding World of the Matrimonial Lawyer: New Cases, New Procedures and New Areas of Law: Discovery | New York State Bar

## Association

- 1998** Handling A Child Custody Case: Intake to Trial | New York State Bar Association
- 1998** Matrimonial and Family Law Update: "Double Dipping" and its Interplay With Valuation, Distribution, Maintenance, and Child Support When a Professional License/Practice is in the Case | New York State Bar Association
- 1998** Practical Skills Seminar: Basic Matrimonial Practice | New York State Bar Association
- 1998** Presenting Valuation Evidence At Trial and For Appeal | New York State Bar Association
- 1998** Show Me the Money: Discovery and Treatment of Hidden Assets | American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- 1998** The ABCs of Drafting Prenuptial Agreements and Other Matrimonial Agreements | New York State Bar Association
- 1998** The Construction of a Prenuptial Agreement | Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- 1998** Understanding Child Support and Custody: Significant Decisions Under the CSSA | Practising Law Institute

## Publications

- 1999** Handling Your First Contested Divorce Case (co-author)
- 1998** Valuing Professional Practices and Licenses



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