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- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Family Law



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- Estate Litigation
- Probate Litigation

Krista Mahalak

Introduction

Krista Mahalak is a Senior Attorney with the firm and practices in the firm's Winter Haven office. She handles a broad range of civil litigation matters, with a particular focus on marital and family law and business litigation.

Background

Krista Mahalak was raised in rural Polk County and attended primary and secondary school here. She began focusing on trial work in law school, where she was awarded both the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award and the Outstanding Clinical Student of the Year Award. She has been a practicing lawyer since graduating from law school in 2002. She handles a broad range of civil litigation matters, with an emphasis on marital and family law, business litigation, real estate litigation, and probate litigation.

Education

Ms. Mahalak received a B.A. in English Literature in 1998 from Bethany College and her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2002.

Admissions and Associations

Ms. Mahalak is a member of the Florida Bar and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. She is a member of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven and served on its Board from 2017-2020. Since her gubernatorial appointment in 2018, Ms. Mahalak has served as a member of the 10th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission, which selects nominees to fill judicial vacancies. In 2021, she was also chosen and began to serve on the 10th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, which investigates grievances filed against Florida attorneys. Ms. Mahalak is a member of the Polk Association for Women Lawyers and the Willson American Inn of Court. She provides free legal assistance to disadvantaged members of the community through Florida Rural Legal Services.

Honors and Recognitions

Ms. Mahalak is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Personal

Ms. Mahalak lives in Winter Haven with her husband, Alex, and their two sons.