



## Harold A. Mayerson

Of Counsel  
Matrimonial, Family Law

### EDUCATION

B.A. | Hunter College of the City University of New York (1962)  
LL.B | Brooklyn Law School (1967)

### BIO

Harold A. Mayerson is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) and has been listed in the Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers and Ten Leaders publications in recognition of his work in the Matrimonial Bar.

Harold brings to the practice of matrimonial law a long history of public service and a deep sense that the work he does is principally to help his clients get through one of the most difficult and complicated periods of their lives. He understands and accepts the responsibility that serving clients' needs requires that he bring to the table an understanding not only of divorce law but an enormous reservoir of knowledge in the fields of psychology, economics, divorce, and custody disputes. He understands that divorce and custody disputes too often bring out the worst in very good people.

Harold attended Rabbi Joseph High School, Erasmus Hall High School, Hunter College and Brooklyn Law School.

Harold's public service includes two years in the United States Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, where he learned Spanish and worked with small farmers setting up cooperatives. He remains fluent in Spanish. Harold founded a chapter of the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council (LSCRR) and served as National Treasurer of that organization and as a civil liberties intern with Martin Berger, Esq. in New York City.

Harold worked for two years as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, presenting child abuse cases in the Family Court of the State of New York. He also served as a legislative assistant to Congressman Badillo in Washington, D.C. and in the South Bronx, and subsequently worked as staff attorney for the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society in the Bronx and in Manhattan for more than five years and, while there, tried many jury trials.

Harold has held numerous leadership positions with Bar Associations and committees involved in matrimonial and family law. He served as President of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild for two years and served as co-chair of the Custody Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar, also serving on its Executive Committee for more than twenty five years. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys for more than 25 years and has served as a vice president of the organization's New York State chapter. He is a fellow of the IAFL and serves as a vice president of the USA chapter.

He served three terms on the Matrimonial Committee of the City Bar, including one term as its chair. While in that position, he moved aggressively to present to the New York State Legislature the need for no-fault divorce legislation, an effort which has been successful. He also served on the executive committee of the New York County Lawyers Association.

Harold has served for more than 30 years as a member of The Interdisciplinary Committee on Mental Health and Family Law where he served two terms as co-chair and presently serves on its executive committee. The Forum's members are comprised of judges, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and lawyers who regularly meet and discuss issues relating to families and the effects on them while going through a divorce.

Harold frequently lectures on divorce and custody law and lives in Bridgewater, Connecticut with his wife, Rebecca. For relaxation, they travel every year to the northwest coast of Oregon to contemplate the Pacific Ocean, and to France where they have built a vacation home in St. Michel en Greve, Brittany. Additionally, they grow garlic which is sold locally, under the name "Bridgewater Garlic," proceeds from its sales are contributed to the local land trust. Harold is a member of the Bridgewater (Conn.) Democratic Town Committee, a member of the executive committee of Western Connecticut Civic Action (WCCA) and is a Justice of the Peace in the Town of Bridgewater. He is a dual citizen of the United States and Canada.