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Deborah Chames



Deborah Chames focuses her practice on family law, including all aspects of divorce, post judgment proceedings, enforcement proceedings, paternity actions, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and mediation. She was a partner at Heller & Chames, P.A. since its founding in 1989.

She has been appointed by a number of Dade County Circuit Judges as Guardian-Ad-Litem in matrimonial matters involving children's issues. She also frequently testifies as an expert on attorney's fee

issues in matrimonial matters and prenuptial agreements. She has been involved in family cases before the Florida Supreme Court on multiple occasions.

Areas of Experience

Family Law

Education

University of Miami School of Law,
J.D., 1980

Touro College Women's Division, B.A.,
1977

Bar Admissions & Memberships

Florida, 1980

Professional & Community/Civic Involvement

- Business & Professional Women
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Dade County Bar Association
- Jewish Domestic Abuse
- Young Israel of Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale Sisterhood
- Amit Women
- Touro College, Women's Division, Advisory Board
- Dr. Abe Chames' Foundation; Chesed Avraham Zev, President
- Parent's Organization of Tores Emes Academy of Miami, Co-Chairperson
- Board of Directors of Touro College, Women's Division, Member

Awards & Recognition

- Top Lawyers in South Florida, South Florida Legal Guide, 2006-2011
- Pro Bono Service Award, August 1994 and August 2001
- National Association of Professional and Executive Women, Exclusive Member of 2007-2008 Registry for "Women of Excellence"
- Alumni Honoree at the 20th Anniversary Dinner of Touro College

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