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Cathy E. Gorlin is a member of the firm's Family Law practice area. She represents parties in a range of family law matters, including marriage dissolution cases with complex financial estates and business valuations. She has more than 40 years of experience litigating and negotiating family law disputes, including marriage dissolutions, post-decree disputes, parentage and custody disputes, prenuptial agreements, living together agreements and appeals. She is a mediator and has considerable experience representing clients in alternative dispute resolution, including Collaborative Law. Cathy is an aggressive and effective advocate for her clients.

Cathy is the Editor of the *Minnesota Family Law Practice Manual* and she has been the Chair of both the Hennepin County Bar and Minnesota State Bar Associations' Family Law Sections. In addition, she is a frequent lecturer and author on family law-related topics.

Most recently, Cathy was included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for her family law and family law arbitration practices. She has been selected to the Minnesota Super Lawyers list (1996–present; formerly by *Minnesota Law & Politics*), and named a “Leading Minnesota Attorney” by *Minnesota Law & Politics* (1997–2010). She also continues to receive recognition from Super Lawyers as one of Minnesota's Top Women Attorneys in *Mpls.St. Paul Magazine*. Cathy has been honored as a “Top Lawyer” by *Marquis Who's Who* (2019), officially recognized as “Best for Family Law- Minnesota” by *The Corporate America Legal Elite* (2015), and was named a woman of outstanding leadership by the International Women's Leadership Association. She has been recognized with the highest peer rating standard, AV Preeminent®- Martindale-Hubble Peer Review Rating™, which lists her among the “Midwest's Top Rated Lawyers” in *The National Law Journal*. For her ongoing efforts representing the Wesleyan Lawyers Association and volunteering in the Admission Department, Cathy has also received the Wesleyan University Service Award (2020).

Cathy provides pro bono services to the Volunteer Lawyers Network and has served on the Board of Directors of the Fund for Legal Aid Society. For providing 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in 2020, she was recognized as a North Star Lawyer by the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Areas of Practice

Family Law

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota, 1978

B.A., Wesleyan University, 1975, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

State of Minnesota

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Supreme Court of the United States

Firm News/Articles

- > 2025 Edition of Best Law Firms® Includes 16 Best & Flanagan Practice Areas
- > Twenty-One Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Edition
- > Twenty Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2024 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms® by Best Lawyers®
- > Hail the departing chief: Gildea's legacy includes 13 cases for 13 years
- > Cathy Gorlin Named Top Women in Law Honoree by Minnesota Lawyer
- > Sixteen Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Edition
- > Nineteen Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2023 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Women's History Month at Best & Flanagan
- > Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2023 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- > 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Includes Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys
- > Fifteen Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2022 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Nine Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- > Celebrating Women's History Month
- > Best & Flanagan Ranked in 2022 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®
- > Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in 2022 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®
- > Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Edition
- > Twenty Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Named 2019 Minnesota Super Lawyers
- > RBG and MN
- > She Leads
- > Nine Best & Flanagan Attorneys Named 2018 Minnesota Super Lawyers
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Named 2017 Minnesota Super Lawyers
- > Ten Best & Flanagan Attorneys Named 2016 Minnesota Super Lawyers
- > Cathy Gorlin Published In Current Issue of Minnpost
- > Family Law Attorney Cathy Gorlin Recognized By National Association of Distinguished Counsel

Professional Associations

- > American Bar Association
- > Minnesota State Bar Association (Family Law Section, Past Chair)
- > Hennepin County Bar Association (Family Law Section, Past Chair)

Seminars & Publications

- > "RBG and MN." *Bench and Bar of Minnesota*, 2019

Awards & Recognition

- > *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2021-present

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- > Family Law, Family Law Arbitration
- > Top Women in Law Honoree, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2023
- > Top Lawyers in Minnesota, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2022-present
 - > Family Law
- > North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2020-2021
- > Wesleyan University Service Award, 2020
- > "Top Lawyer" by *Marquis Who's Who*, 2019
- > "Best for Family Law-Minnesota" by *The Corporate America Legal Elite*, 2015
- > "Leading Minnesota Attorney" by *Minnesota Law & Politics*, 1997-2010
- > Honoree, Minnesota Super Lawyers, 1996-present
 - > Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota
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 - > Midwest's Top Rated Lawyers, *The National Law Journal*

