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John Karanian has been a family law attorney with Barnes & Diehl for 14 years. He is a former practicing forensic and clinical psychologist with the CIA and is currently licensed in Virginia as a Clinical Psychologist. John earned his law degree from the University of Richmond, his Doctorate of Psychology (Psy.D.) from the University of Hartford, and his undergraduate degree (B.A. in Psychology) from Georgetown University.

John has litigated multifaceted cases throughout Virginia. He represents clients in all family law matters including divorce, complex property distribution, spousal and child support, separation agreements, compliance with court orders, and protective orders. John is known for his diligent and passionate representation and expertise in the courtroom. His experience as a clinical psychologist provides a unique understanding of mental health issues that arise in family law matters.

John was voted by his peers as a Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2007 through 2014 and then a Virginia Super Lawyer from 2015 through 2018. He has lectured and published on family law and psychology topics.

Harris W Leiner grew up here in Virginia, earned his undergraduate degree (B.A., English) from the University of Florida and graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law in 2001.

Harris has been in private practice for seventeen years and during that time has always focused on the area of family law. Representing clients in the Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts, he has earned a reputation as skilled negotiator and litigator. This reputation has resulted in his being asked to speak at numerous family law legal seminars on topics including custody, support, distribution of property and business valuation. Further, Harris has been named as a Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2007 through 2012, a Super Lawyer from 2013 through 2018, and was included in the Virginia Business Legal Elite for 2010 through 2017.

In addition to his dedication to providing zealous representation for his clients, Harris has taken a significant amount of time over the years to give back to the community.



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