

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **ANDREA PALASH**

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**MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
CERTIFIED FAMILY LAW SPECIALIST  
(State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization)**

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**COATS | PALASH, LLP, San Francisco, California. Partner.**  
(June 2021 to present) Family Law practice.

**PIERSON, COATS, PALASH & PAUL, LLP, San Francisco, California. Partner.**  
(March 2008 to June 2021) Family Law practice.

**PIERSON, COATS & PALASH, San Francisco, California. Partner.**  
(April 1997 to March 2008) Family Law practice.

**LAW OFFICES OF PAMELA E. PIERSON, San Francisco, California. Associate.**  
(December 1992 to April 1997) Family Law practice.

**LILIENTHAL & FOWLER, San Francisco, California. Associate.**  
(September 1991 to December 1992) Primary responsibility: All Family Law and discovery matters.

**NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES, San Francisco, California. Staff Attorney.**  
(June 1990 to June 1991) Coordinated civil rights impact litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Developed and coordinated Family Law and Anti-Violence Litigation Projects.

**BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO/VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM, San Francisco, California. Temporary Staff Attorney.**  
(April 1990 to June 1990) Assisted in design of program and materials for District Attorney Family Support Bureau Clinic. Staffed pilot clinics and Family Law Clinics. Revised training manual on representing clients in paternity actions.

**KADUSHIN-FANCHER-WICKLAND, San Francisco, California. Associate and Law Clerk.**  
(November 1985 to March 1990) Family Law practice.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, The Honorable Isabella H. Grant, San Francisco, California. Extern.**  
(1986) Researched and wrote bench and motion memoranda for Family Law cases. Summarized and prepared court calendar.

## **EDUCATION**

**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, San Francisco, California**  
**Juris Doctor, 1986**

### **•Awards/Activities:**

- Recipient, Award for Outstanding Achievement in Civil Litigation
- Regional Semifinalist, ABA Client Counseling Competition (1985)
- Vice-President, Student Bar Association (1984-1985)
- Member, Faculty/Student Placement Committee
- Member, University Admissions Committee
- Contributing Writer to the law school newspaper, *The Caveat*

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, California**  
**B.A., English, June 1983**

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers**
  - Fellow (July 2001 to present)
  - Member, Board of Managers, Northern California Chapter (2005, 2021)
  - Chapter Secretary (2006)
  - Chapter Treasurer (2007)
  - Chapter President-elect (2008)
  - Chapter President (2009)
  - Co-chair, Mentoring Committee (March 2014 to June 2020)
  - Faculty AAML Trial Practicum (2006 to present)
- **Judicial Council of California**
  - Member, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee (1998 to 2000)
- **State Bar of California**
  - Executive Committee, Family Law Section (Advisor, 1998 to 2000; Chair, 1997 to 1998; Vice-Chair, 1996 to 1997)
  - Editor, *Family Law News* (1996 to 1997)
  - Member, Editorial Board, *Family Law News* (1991 to 1995)
  - Member, Committee on Custody and Visitation (Chair, 1993 to 1995)
- **Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco**
  - Judge *pro tempore* / family law matters (1996 to 2007; 2009)
  - Settlement Master/family law matters (1996 to present)

• **The Bar Association of San Francisco**

- Member, Executive Committee, Family Law Section (1989 to 1995)
- Family Law Section Standing Committee on Legislation (Chair, 1988)
- Member, Committee on Equality, Subcommittee on Gay and Lesbian Issues (1990-1992)

• **The Barristers Club of San Francisco**

- Family Law Section (Chair, 1991; Vice-Chair, 1990)

• **National Center for Lesbian Rights**

- Member, Board of Directors (February 2012 to January 2014)

• **AIDS Legal Referral Panel**

- Member, Board of Directors (1989 to 1992)
- Member, Management Committee (1988 to 1989)

• **Miscellaneous**

- Speaker, various State Bar, Barristers Club, county bar associations, ACFLS, AAML Symposium/National AAML and Northern California chapter programs in Family Law, faculty and small group leader AAML Trial Practicum.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *New Math (Marriage of Carlsen and County of Tulare v. Campbell)*, The Los Angeles Daily Journal/California Law/Business, April 21, 1997. Pamela E. Pierson, Andrea Palash, and L. Camille Perona.
- *Love and Care: Fiduciary Relationships Between Spouses*, The Los Angeles Daily Journal/California Law/Business, and September 9, 1997. Andrea Palash and Pamela E. Pierson.
- *Gay Fathers/Fathers with HIV: The Double Bind*, The American Bar Association Family Advocate (Winter 1993)
- *Hello, I Must Be Going: Selected Thoughts on the Past, Present, and Future of Gay and Lesbian Custody Litigation*, The State Bar of California Family Law News, Winter 1992
- *New Families, New Law: Expanding the Family Law Perspective for the Nineties*, The State Bar of California Family Law News, Fall 1991
- *Merger by Numbers: The A-B-Cs of the San Francisco Domestic Partnership Ordinance*, The San Francisco Barrister Law Journal, September 1991
- *The Wedding Bell Blues in a Slightly Different Key: Making the Case for Gay and Lesbian Marriage*, The State Bar of California Family Law News, June 1991
- *Custody, Visitation and AIDS*, AIDSLaw Manual, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Second Edition (1990)

- *AIDS and Family Law: The Mechanics of Representing an HIV-Infected Parent in a Contested Child Custody Case*, The National Lesbian & Gay Law Association Practice Manual (1990)
- *Custody, Visitation and AIDS*, AIDSLaw Manual, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, First Edition (1988)

### **PUBLISHED CASES**

*George v. Shams-Shirazi*, Case No. A155158 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., Div. 1 Feb. 11, 2020)  
(Respondent's Brief principal author: Kelsey Eisen, Esq.)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

#### **The State Bar of California**

- The Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (1990)
- Commendation for Outstanding Contribution to Pro Bono Legal Services (1988,1989)

#### **The Bar Association of San Francisco**

- Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service (1993, 1994, 1995, 2000)
- Outstanding Pro Bono Lawyer (1988, 1989)

#### **U.S. News & World Report**

- Best Law Firms in California (2015)

#### **San Francisco Magazine**

- Named a "Northern California Super Lawyer" by *San Francisco Magazine* (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021)
- Named one of the "Top 100 Northern California Super Lawyers" by *San Francisco Magazine* (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Named one of the "Top 50 Female Northern California Super Lawyers" by *San Francisco Magazine* (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016)

#### **Martindale-Hubbell**

- Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers (2011)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)  
Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS)  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)  
The State Bar of California (Family Law Section)