

Marlo Van Oorschot Bio

Marlo Van Oorschot has for over 20 years been a respected Los Angeles-based family law attorney who has helped hundreds of clients resolve divorce, child custody, child and spousal support and property disputes. She is the founding and managing partner of Van Oorschot Law Group, PC.

Ms. Van Oorschot focuses her advice and guidance on helping people take the steps necessary to emerge into the next phase of their lives empowered with knowledge, a new perspective and productive solutions. She excels at using the right process at the right time for each individual client as appropriate, including litigation and also mediation and collaborative proceedings as alternatives to courtroom controversy.

This practical approach is central to Ms. Van Oorschot's special practice focus on grey divorce – helping individuals over the age of 50 deal with the financial, employment and other practical realities of a divorce proceeding. She has been praised for raising awareness of the complexities in a divorce after age 50 and presenting ideas about how to minimize the financial impact of these complexities for the benefit of both spouses. That includes through her book, *How to Survive Grey Divorce: What You Need to Know about Divorce After 50*, her article on the topic in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and her speaking appearance on KCAL9 News, in West LegalEd Center podcasts, and other forums.

The trademarked phrase, “Strategy. Guidance. Teamwork.™” describes the way in which Ms. Van Oorschot assesses the needs of each specific client and works with the client as a trusted partner at every step in the divorce proceeding. As part of her approach Ms. Van Oorschot has a strong emphasis on mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes. She has completed basic and advanced family law mediation training through Mosten Mediation and has served on the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Mediation Panel.

In October, 2001 Ms. Van Oorschot opened her own office focusing on family law and continues to limit her practice to family law matters. She had previously practiced with two leading Los Angeles law firms in the area of family law after receiving her J.D. Degree in 1994 from Southwestern University School of Law. She also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from California Polytechnic State University and has worked as a financial analyst.

Reflecting her achievements in family law, Ms. Van Oorschot was selected by her professional peers as a California SuperLawyer from 2012-2015 as designated in *Los Angeles Magazine*, having earlier in her career been designated as a *SuperLawyers* “Rising Star.” She has also obtained AV® Preeminent™ status as part of the authoritative Martindale-Hubbell peer-review process.

Ms. Van Oorschot is a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association (Family Law Section), Los Angeles County Bar Association (Family Law section) Santa Barbara County Bar Association, Ventura County Bar Association and Santa Barbara County Superior Court Mediation Panels (CMADRESS, Cadre and Family Law Settlement Master),