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Teresa Cole has been practicing as a divorce attorney for 30 years handling complex divorce cases and family law matters.

She grew up in Alexandria, Virginia graduating from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Ms. Cole received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia (1990) and attended law school at UC Law San Francisco, graduating in 1993. She is currently licensed to practice law in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Cole has served as a Neutral Case Evaluator and Motions Conciliator for the Fairfax County Circuit Court and as an advisor to state legislators in Virginia on family law issues. Ms. Cole is a trained mediator and was trained in Collaborative Practice in 2009.

Teresa Cole began her family law career working on domestic violence issues at the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. In her role with the Commission, she put together training materials for judges and lawyers about protective orders following the passage of VAWA, the Violence Against Women Act.

Ms. Cole worked for a legal aid office in Central Virginia for 3 years following the passage of VAWA in a position which was funded under the act to help indigent parties secure protective orders.

During her time with legal aid, she served on the Board for a central Virginia shelter, Services to Abused Families, Inc. (SAFE). She also trained local police departments and consulted with them on developing police protocol for when to make an arrest in a domestic violence case. Ms. Cole has been in private practice for the last 20+ years, handling a full range of domestic relations cases. She provides volunteer services for the World Bank Domestic Violence Program as well as the Women's Center in Vienna.

Ms. Cole serves in many bar association groups. She was the 2018 President of CPNV, Collaborative Professionals of Northern Virginia and the 2017 Chair of the statewide association for Collaborative Professionals, VaCP. Ms. Cole chaired the UCLA

committee that was responsible for the passage of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act in 2021 in Virginia.

Ms. Cole has 4 children and is married to a Gulf War Veteran.

Concetta G. Spirio



Concetta G. Spirio is a native of Long Island, New York. She is admitted to the New York State Bar since 1987.

She holds a Jurist Doctorate in Law from Brooklyn Law School from 1985. Ms. Spirio received her Bachelors' Degree in Social Work from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Ms. Spirio has been practicing law since 1987 and formed her own firm in 1996.

She is admitted in both the State and Federal (Southern and Eastern Districts) Courts in the State of New York. Ms. Spirio has been providing passionate and aggressive legal representation for over twenty-six years. Ms. Spirio takes pride in working closely with her clients to achieve success in reaching their goals.

She has extensive experience as a Civil and Commercial lawyer in areas such

as LGBT and real estate, as well as most types of litigation. She has practiced in all courts in the downstate areas, including the counties of New York, Richmond, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Westchester, Suffolk and Nassau County.

Ms. Spirio is a member of the [New York State Bar Association](#), [Nassau County Bar Association](#), [Suffolk County Bar Association](#), [LEGAL- The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York](#), as well as the [Collaborative Law Association of New York](#), Inc. Since 1997 Ms. Spirio has served as an Arbitrator for the Nassau County District Courts. Ms. Spirio has also handled Appeals and argued cases before the New York State Appellate Division.