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My clients are often going through some of the most difficult experiences of their lives, and I give them effective tools to move forward. They appreciate that I'm a thoughtful advocate who's always in their corner.

Elizabeth Drotning Hartwell is a member of the firm's Family Law practice area. Her practice focuses on all aspects of family law matters, including dissolution, custody and parenting time, post-decree matters, child support, spousal maintenance, complex asset and valuation issues, grandparent/third party custody, parental relocation, and domestic and international parental abduction.

Before returning to Minnesota, Liz practiced family law in New Mexico for nearly 12 years and was Managing Partner of her former firm. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), comprised of the top family law attorneys in the nation who are recognized as having the highest levels of knowledge, skill, and integrity. Liz is also board-certified in family law trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. A Qualified Neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice, Liz has frequently worked as a Parenting Consultant, custody evaluator, and court-appointed neutral. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

A skilled writer and negotiator, Liz enjoys crafting creative solutions and is always prepared to advocate for her clients and their children both in and out of the courtroom.

Areas of Practice

Family Law
Divorce
Custody & Parenting
Post Decree Enforcement & Modification
Child Support
Parental Relocation
Domestic & International Parental Abduction

Education

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J.D., University of St. Thomas School of Law, 2006,

- Editor, Law Journal

B.A., St. Olaf College, 1999, *cum laude*

Admissions

State of Minnesota

State of New Mexico

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Firm News/Articles

- › Elizabeth Hartwell Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Family Trial Law
- › Nineteen Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as 2023 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- › Seven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- › Liz Hartwell Elected to Fellowship in American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- › Liz Hartwell Elected President of University of St. Thomas School of Law Alumni Board
- › Nine Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- › Best & Flanagan Attorneys Speak at Minnesota CLE's March Seminars
- › To answer the phone or not to answer the phone? Notes on clients and boundaries
- › Best & Flanagan Elects Three New Partners
- › Eleven Best & Flanagan Attorneys Recognized as North Star Lawyers
- › Liz Hartwell Interviewed for Minnesota Family Law Podcast
- › Best & Flanagan Welcomes Elizabeth Drotning Hartwell

Professional Associations

- › Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- › Board-Certified Family Law Trial Attorney, National Board of Trial Advocacy
- › Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, International & Minnesota Chapters
 - › Legislative Committee, AFCC-MN
 - › Past Chair, Education Committee, AFCC-MN
- › Minnesota State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- › Hennepin County Bar Association
- › American Bar Association, Family Law Section
- › Minnesota Women Lawyers
- › U.S. Department of State Attorney Network, Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- › Volunteer Attorney, The Advocates for Human Rights
- › Mentor, University of St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Program
- › Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law

Community Associations

- › Past President, University of St. Thomas School of Law Alumni Board
- › Board of Governors, University of St. Thomas School of Law

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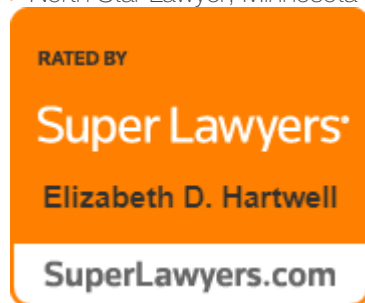
- > Board of Directors, Lutheran Summer Music
- > Chair, Lutheran Summer Music Advisory Council

Seminars & Publications

- > Facilitator, Divorce Camp, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Minnesota Chapter, 2022-present
- > "Finding Boundaries and Balance in Legal Practice," Minnesota Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers CLE, May 2022
- > "School Law 101 for Family Law Attorneys," Minnesota Family Law Institute, March 2022
- > "To answer the phone or not to answer the phone? Notes on clients and boundaries," *Bench & Bar of Minnesota* (Jan/Feb 2022)
- > "Handling Your First Domestic Abuse or Harassment Case," MSBA New Lawyers Section CLE, January 2020

Awards & Recognition

- > Honoree, Minnesota Super Lawyers, 2023
- > Top Lawyers in Minnesota, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2023
- > North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2018-2022



After Hours

I am a freelance cellist and singer and enjoy reading and yin yoga, but my greatest joy comes from spending time with my husband and our two children, two cats, and two golden retrievers.

Elizabeth's Team

- > Cathy Gorlin, Attorney
- > Christopher Johnson, Attorney
- > Karolina Brekken-Hoerl, Attorney
- > Jennessa Carlson, Paralegal
- > Madelyn Norlander, Paralegal