



About Stephanie Himmel-Nelson

Stephanie Himmel-Nelson brings our firm more than 20 years of diverse legal experience, with broad knowledge in estate planning and contract law. She is committed to helping families in Virginia plan for each stage of life and safeguard their financial futures. Stephanie believes everyone needs an estate plan and takes pride in developing creative solutions for Virginia families.

Stephanie is licensed to practice in Virginia and Washington, D.C., and has a rich background in complex commercial contract litigation, government contracts, and construction law. She is adept at negotiating and drafting commercial agreements and comprehensively addresses your legal needs.

Originally from Louisiana, Stephanie's life has been shaped by her global experiences as part of a military family. She pursued her undergraduate studies at the University of Miami and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. During college, she met her husband, a proud Navy man, and they eventually moved across the country to Virginia. Stephanie earned her law degree from George Washington University School of Law, where she served as the Executive Notes Editor of the International Law Review.

After over a decade of practice as a litigator, Stephanie co-founded Blue Star Families, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting military families, showcasing her commitment to community and service. She now resides in the Hampton Roads area with her husband and three boys, further expanding our firm's practice across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Stephanie represents clients across the state, including Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads.

Stephanie's passion for giving back to the community is evident in her numerous volunteer roles. She has served as the board of directors president for her children's swim club, PTA secretary, band booster club treasurer and secretary, and contracts chair for the Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach. In her spare time, Stephanie contributes as a stroke and turn official for USA Swimming, the Virginia High School League, the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association, and the Virginia Beach Swim League. On weekends, you'll often find her and her family on the pool deck at swim meets or cheering on Virginia Tech at football games—though she still roots for the Canes when Miami and Virginia Tech face off!

Associations & Court Admissions

- Virginia Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- Court of Federal Claims
- Eastern District of Virginia
- District Court for the District of Columbia
- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council

