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Matrimonial & Family Law

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Sheila Riesel practices in all aspects of matrimonial law. Sheila has extensive appellate and trial experience, having argued three times in the U.S. Supreme Court and more than 60 times in both federal and state appellate courts. Additionally, Sheila has been engaged in criminal defense and professional disciplinary law since leaving the Legal Aid Society in 1977. Sheila represents clients with respect to:

- Pre-and-post nuptial agreements
- Separation agreements
- Actions for divorce, custody, and equitable distribution
- Complex valuation and custody disputes

Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- New York
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Memberships

- Federal Bar Council
- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- Vassar College, BA
- Fordham University School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- America's Top 100 Attorneys Attending to Affluent Families, listed by *Worth* magazine
- AV Preeminent®, listed by Martindale-Hubbell®
- 2023, "Lifetime Achievement," listed in *Corporate Counsel's Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards*
- 2005–2025, Family Law in New York, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2006–2024, New York "Super Lawyer" in Family Law, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2020, 2024–2025, "Top 500 Leading Family Lawyers," listed in *Lawdragon*

Professional Activities

Sheila is a member of the 2005 Matrimonial Commissions, and the president of the alumni class of 1966 at Vassar College.