Bruce E Avery Partner with Avery & Upton in Rockville, MD
Mr. Avery served in the Army for 20 years. Since 1995, after he retired from the Army, he has restricted his practice to family law, predominantly in Montgomery County, Maryland. First as a solo practitioner and now in partnership with his daughter, Prudence Upton. He has handled hundreds of divorce, child custody, child support, visitation and other family issues, most often bringing them to resolution without the need for a trial. Mr. Avery is frequently consulted by other counsel regarding military matters and has done presentations for a number of groups related to military family law. He has been selected by SuperLawyers every year since 2008 and has been selected for listing in The Best Lawyers in America since 2017. Mr. Avery is a certified mediator in both general civil matters and family law, focusing on property and child-related issues. He serves as a facilitator for the Family Law Division of the Montgomery County Circuit Court. Mr. Avery is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law where he co-teaches Collaborative Practice to law students. He is a trainer for the Collaborative Practice Training Institute training practitioners in Collaborative Practice. Mr. Avery is a member and past president of the Collaborative Dispute Resolution Professionals, Inc. (CDRP) and a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, the Kentucky Bar Association, the DC Bar, the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, and the Bar Association of Montgomery County.

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Ms. Robbins practices family law in Frederick and Montgomery Counties, Maryland. She is also an adjunct professor of law at the Francis King Carey School of Law and a member of The Collaborative Practice Training Institute, where she teaches collaborative practice. Ms. Robbins has been selected as a Super Lawyer every year since 2015. She is a member of the Military Law Committee of the Maryland State Bar and the Military Law Committee of the ABA Family Law Section. Ms. Robbins regularly presents and writes for the ABA on military family law issues, and in addition, she produced and presented at the Military Divorce Symposium presented by the Family Law Section of the Bar Association of Frederick County, Maryland. (2015). She is the past chair of the Family Law Section of the Bar Association of Montgomery County. Ms. Robbins is also a past co-chair of the Child Support Committee of the ABA Family Law Section, and she was a member of the ABA Family Law Section’s Continuing Education Committee. In her non-lawyer capacity, she is a family law facilitator at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Ms. Robbins is also a court-appointed mediator and a parenting coordinator for both Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

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  - Military members, military families and military life
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  - Overview of statutes and rules at play in military cases

Handling Child Custody and Support Issues
  - K. Robbins
  - Jurisdictional issues
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  - Child and family support
  - Spousal support
  - Enforcement of support

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- Assisting with Property Division and Division of Military Benefits
  - M. Glackin
  - Division of real and personal property
  - Military retirement benefits
  - Uniformed Services Former Spouses’ Protection Act
  - Obstacles to division of benefits
  - Methods of division
  - VA disability benefits
    - Survivor benefit plan
    - Early separation from the military
  - Medical benefits
  - Health and life insurance
  - Enforcement of awards

What to Do When Military Members Default
  - B. Avery
  - Complying with the service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA)
  - Obtaining a stay of proceedings
  - Opposing a stay request
  - Effect of SCRA during family law litigation
  - Treatment of judgments/orders

Handling Ethical Issues in Military Family Law
  - B. Avery
  - M. Glackin
  - K. Robbins
  - Complying with rules of professional responsibility
  - Working with the secretive or dishonest client
  - Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law
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