# Renee M Marcelle C.V. Mediator – San Rafael, California Highly Regarded Family Law Lawyer, Mediator

**Journey Home Foundation** 

**University of Washington** 

San Rafael, California

Experience in 4 major practice areas. Not a fleeting case or 2., but 3 years as a public defender; 12 year career in Real Estate, corporate, real-estate broker, project manager for multiple properties.

24 years as a Family Law Attorney, child counsel, special needs and learning differences; child advocate mediator with advanced training and experience. Highly recommended due to my cultural sensitivities through membership in a mixed racial family. I am currently married 16 years to Bikash. We have a boy 12 and a girl 9.

Civic service spans entire career. I have volunteered full time as an attorney for the Family Law Center for 1.5 years. I have won 2 Manual Wiley Legal Aid Awards for pro-bono work totaling more than 200 hours. Participated in park, bay front, waterfront clean-up. Volunteer in the Victim Witness Unit of the District Attorney's office. Recognized as one of Marin's top lawyers and received the 2015 top 3 bay area family law practice by my peers. Member and on boards of local organizations. Active Rotarian for 8 years. I founded an operating non-profit in 2010 which provides education, room and board, job training, skills and business training in 9 month intervals assisting those who have been trafficked or who are at risk of being trafficked. Became unwitting first responders following the massive 2015 earthquake in Nepal, saving countless lives and providing the only, shelter, blankets, tents, foods, medicines for those survivors following complete annihilation of 12 remote villages in the mountainous regions.

# **Experience**

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# **Founder**

**Company Name Journey Home Foundation** 

<u>Dates Employed 2010 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 7 yrs** 

Location San Rafael, California & Kathmandu, Nepal

JHF empowers, educates, prevents and rescues women and children from being trafficked for debt bondage and sex slaves. We have stopped numerous women and children from being exploited; trained numbers of women at risk of being trafficked for chef positions and sewing skills which provide income for their support. We opened our first shelter in Katmandu, complete with 24 hour power (solar) (typically electric power is rolling with 2 hours per 24 hour period.) and delivered water to the home in our 1000 gallon tank. Without delivered water, the young women would be required to walk a mile, and then stand in line hours, to retrieve water and thereafter would only be able to carry one jug upon their heads. We currently shelter 15 women. We are especially proud of this accomplishment, in a country no larger than Alabama; relative to the average per state number of beds of only 5 in the United States, serving 800,000 survivors. We are seeking to expand our reach and educate as many as possible about this 32 billion dollar annual profit industry with 2.5-3 million ensnared in slavery annually. Please check out our web page and Facebook pages! hhtps://www.facebook.com/journeyhomefoundation/. https://journeyhomefoundation.org

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# **Family Law Attorney**

**Company Name Renee Marguerite Marcelle** 

<u>Dates Employed Mar 1992 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 25 yrs 9 mos** 

Location Marin County, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sonoma County

As a family law lawyer, I work aggressively and passionately with parties navigating through the divorce process. I have a strong background in high-conflict custody disputes and assist those having to divide complex community property estates. While I prefer to negotiate appropriate dispositions maximizing my client's interests, I also am willing to litigate when necessary. For 26 years I have worked with those persons addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Specialties: Divorce and Civil practice Mediation, Collaborative Dispute resolution. Divorce; Support; Custody; property division; premarital agreements; postnuptial agreements; domestic violence restraining orders; domestic partnerships and paternity.

Attorney, Mediator and Collaborative professional

**Company Name Family Law Offices of Renee Marcelle LLC** 

#### Dates Employed Jan 1992 - Present

# **Employment Duration 25 yrs 11 mos**

#### **Location San Rafael, California**

Provides legal services including Litigation, Collaborative Practice, Cooperative Practice and Mediation in the area of Divorce, Support and Custody.

Provides dispute resolution and mediation in all areas.

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# Realestate Broker

**Company Name Total Real Estate Services (TRES)** 

Dates Employed Jan 1990 – Jan 1993

**Employment Duration 3 yrs 1 mo** 

**Location Marin County** 

Provided real property legal services; brokerage , and consultations for residential & commercial properties, in Marin County, CA  $\,$ 

**Project Manager** 

**Company Name R.D.S. Company** 

<u>Dates Employed 1988 – 1991</u>

**Employment Duration 3 yrs** 

**Location Point Richmond, CA** 

Project Management: Assisted with acquisition of property, hired and managed architects, contractors to build 45,000 square foot Tilt-up concrete business and office park. Assisted with leasing of same. Drake Industrial Park, Benicia, CA. Working closely with the planning department, which determined that the design and build was exemplary. Handled public/televised community hearing for the project, which passed expeditiously and which became the standard for excellence for future projects in the industrial area of Benicia.

# **Education**

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# **University of Washington**

Degree Name Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Field Of Study Political Science; Society and Justice & Law

**Grade Cum Laude** 

Dates attended or expected graduation 1978 – 1980

Activities and Societies: campaign politics





# **Seattle University School of Law**

<u>Degree Name Juris Doctor</u>

Field Of Study Law

Activities and Societies: Moot Court Competition