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Elise Clancy Ruoho is a Partner in the firm's Family Law Practice Group. Elise joined the firm in 1996, and focuses exclusively on family law.

Family law cases are unique from one case to next, with each having its own set of challenges. Elise's problem solving skills, approach, and substantial legal experience provides her clients with high quality representation in these matters. Listening carefully to first understand her client's individual circumstances and priorities, Elise then develops strategic solutions to her client's individual needs.

Elise was honored to serve as the 2014-2015 Chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin Family Law Section Board of Directors. While on the Board, she served on its Executive Committee, as well as its Legislative, Door County Workshop and Grant Committees.

Practice Areas

- Divorce and Legal Separation
- Property Division (Asset/Debt Identification, Classification and Valuation)
- Business Interest and Valuation Issues
- Maintenance (Spousal Support/Alimony)
- High-Income Support Situations
- Legal Custody and Physical Placement
- Relocation
- Child Support
- Paternity
- Enforcement and Modification Actions
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediation and arbitration)

- Collaborative Divorce
- Non-Marital and Non-Traditional Family Matters
- Grandparent and Third-Party Visitation
- Guardianships

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School
 - J.D. - 1995 with honors
- University of Virginia
 - B.A., Psychology – 1992 with High Distinction

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin, 1995
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1995

Professional Associations and Memberships

- State Bar of Wisconsin, Family Law Section
 - Board of Directors – Immediate Past Chair (2015 to present)
 - Board of Directors – Chair (2014-2015)
 - Board of Directors – Executive Committee (2011 to present)
 - Board of Directors – Member (2008 to present)
- State Bar of Wisconsin, Section Leader's Council, Member (2013-2015)
- State Bar of Wisconsin, Fee Arbitration Panel, District 2, Member (2013 to present)
- Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, Member
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Member
- Dane County Bar Association, Member
- Legal Association of Women, Past President

Other Achievements

- Division I Women's Collegiate Soccer, University of Virginia, 1988-1992
 - 1991 Final Four Appearance
 - Academic All-American Honorable Mention

- Wisconsin Ironman, 2009