

In the early 2000s, as a means of taking her practice to a higher level, the veteran Boston area attorney launched her new website [www.seriouslaw.com](http://www.seriouslaw.com) and created the powerful slogan “Serious Lawyers for Serious People.”

Her branding concept had evolved, but in truth, Shenia had been a successful, no nonsense general practitioner for many years. After majoring in her first love, Criminal Justice at Northeastern University, she achieved the highest grade in her first year Property Law class at Suffolk University Law School, resulting in her earning the AMJUR, the American Jurisprudence Award. She launched her career as an attorney with a firm that covered everything from real estate and divorce to high profile murder cases.

When she started her own practice in 1991, Shenia continued in that vein, developing a thriving firm with multiple associates whose wide range of legal services included Family Law, Probate Law, Administrative Law, Real Estate law, Civil Litigation, Business Law, Personal Injury Law and Criminal Law.

From 1989-94, while growing her practice, the Mississippi born, Boston raised attorney also taught COLLEGE night classes in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Evidence and Courtroom Procedure. She later presented for several years at Family Law seminars for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). In addition to being a Real Estate Title Agent, a Real Estate Broker and Notary Public, she has served as a Commissioner to sell real estate and as a Guardian ad Litem, advocating for children and the elderly in the Probate and Superior Courts. Her other accolades have included two time winner of the Outstanding Young Women of America Award.

Shenia has a special expertise in family and probate law. While she has worked on hundred of divorces over the years, and has seen the way that it can touch, affect and devastate the lives of the litigants and their children, that’s only part of the motivation behind an exciting and purposeful new multi-faceted venture called Beyond The Bedroom and the Courtroom, LLC.

Launched in early 2014, the company is a platform for Shenia’s evolving side practice as a professional life coach, with a vision of helping those who have been divorced cope with and survive all of the challenges in re-creating a normal, fruitful life after the legal process is over. In conjunction with her one on one work with clients, she has also started writing a book (“From the Bedroom to the Courtroom, and Beyond” (c) which features contributions of individuals who have been through divorces.

While she continues fighting passionately for her clients in family law, probate law and many other areas in her thriving practice – which recently entered its second quarter century – Shenia is slowly developing this concept as a way to take a more personal, extra-legal approach to helping people survive divorce. Now that her boys are both in college, she is starting to pursue long put aside dreams – which eventually will involve coaching, writing and speaking on a regular basis. For now, she’s full throttle with her law practice while preparing for the future.

For many years, divorce was something that Shenia worked with as a significant part of her practice – but she came to see it in a whole different light when in 2004 she filed for divorce from her husband of ten years; their divorce was final in 2006, when her sons were only 10 and 11. Learning about the emotional trials firsthand while going through the legal process, she realized she could bring a multitude of perspectives on divorce to a venture of unlimited potential which could help people in a multitude of ways.

“I had dreams and things I was passionate about before I got married and had kids and those still drive me,” she says. “We all go through different chapters, different journeys in our lives,” she adds. “I am driven by my passion to help people and I am looking forward to finding different opportunities and avenues to continue to do that in unique ways in the future.”