

Author Bio

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Marcy was born in Montpelier, Vermont, the only girl of 4 children. Her childhood in Vermont was idyllic – hayrides in the summer, skiing and ice skating all winter, maple sugaring in the spring. She loved her neighborhood and friends. Moving at age thirteen to Lexington, Virginia was a significant challenge, and a cultural shock. Aside from the fact that Marcy could not understand the Virginia accent and people she encountered couldn't understand her Vermont accent, this was an awkward time for her. Her mother missed her life in Vermont even more than Marcy. Her mother suffered from depression and self-medicated with alcohol and cigarettes. For Marcy and her brother taking care of their mother, was a complicated role reversal.

Marcy was married for 11 years, and in those years she grew up, changed, and realized she wanted and expected different things from a relationship. Going to law school immediately after her divorce helped keep her sane. For those three years she could focus only on studying and taking care of Collier, her daughter, and Jordan, her son. Marcy says, "I couldn't let myself go down the "what the hell have I done?" road, which was what I had been doing during the divorce." While she was in school, she and her daughter would sit at the dining room table and study together. Years later, Jones is still friends with her ex-husband.

Today M. Marcy Jones is an author, speaker, lawyer, coach, and advocate for change. She went to Washington and Lee University School of Law. Since graduating in 1995, she has worked as a prosecutor of domestic violence and sexual assault cases, and then in private practice. Marcy is also a settlement expert and a conflict resolution advocate. Her passion and mission is to be an instrument of change in the way people divorce, in the legal system, and in the way lawyers represent clients in divorce.

Marcy felt from both her personal and professional experience with divorce that the system was broken and change was needed. Instead of leaving the law she wrote *Graceful Divorce Solutions*. In the often contentious field of family law, Marcy has adopted a uniquely holistic approach to the process of divorce. "Divorce is no different than people becoming more proactive in their health care. I encourage people to partner with their lawyer rather than turn over their case and therefore life to the lawyer with a "Whew! Glad I don't have to worry about that anymore." Instead, Marcy asks her clients, "What do you want your life to look like when this is over?" For comprehensive information and success strategies about divorce, visit www.GracefulDivorceSolutions

In between speaking engagements, lectures, and her private practice Marcy lives in Lynchburg, Virginia with her fabulous dog Grace Elizabeth Jones.