

## *Ex Ante*

they do know but are afraid that a judge or jury will disagree with them. But even those calamities would have a benefit: everyone would be able to measure the level of commitment law firm partners who are members of the ABA really have to the adequate preparation of law students for the practice of law.



*Left to right: George Washington Parke Custis, George Washington, Eleanor (“Nelly”) Parke Custis, Martha Washington, and William Lee.*

### A FOUNDING TIGER MOTHER

“As to the story of Nelly Custis, my sister, practising very long and very unwillingly at the harpsichord, that . . . is true. The poor girl would play and cry, and cry and play, for long hours, under the immediate eye of her grandmother, a rigid disciplinarian in all things.” GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKE CUSTIS, *RECOLLECTIONS AND PRIVATE MEMOIRS OF WASHINGTON, BY HIS ADOPTED SON* 408 n.\* (1860); *see also* RON CHERNOW, *WASHINGTON: A LIFE* 421, 615 (2010) (describing the “informal adoptions” of Eleanor (“Nelly”) Parke Custis and George Washington Parke Custis by Martha and George Washington, and Martha’s tigerish parenting).