

Family Law

Whether you are considering filing for a divorce, negotiating alimony agreements, or traversing the complicated and challenging adoption process, we understand that confronting legal proceedings involving your family can be an emotionally charged and draining process. Our attorneys recognize the significance of what lies ahead for you and your loved ones and will serve as your trusted advisor, offering compassionate and experienced guidance while tenaciously advocating for your rights along the way.

With over 20 years of experience, our attorneys handle nearly every aspect of family law. From straightforward prenuptial agreements to contentious negotiations of custody and parenting time, there is virtually no family law matter that we cannot undertake. While our goal is to resolve issues outside of court, should a dispute become litigious, our trial lawyers are standing ready to advocate in a strong and effective manner on behalf of our clients to ensure the best possible outcome.

In addition, our family law attorneys are supported by a full complement of legal resources supplied by the Firm, including attorneys that can address issues that pertain to estate planning, elder care, tax, and real estate expertise, to provide strategic and holistic solutions.

Finally, at the heart of our practice is our commitment to personalized service and effective, tailored solutions. We appreciate the sensitivities that surround each matter we encounter and approach each client with compassion and understanding. Whether resolving disputes amicably or advocating vigorously in court, we are here to support you every step of the way.

We assist our clients in all areas in family law, including:

- Alimony Negotiation: We assist our clients in the negotiation of temporary and permanent spousal support agreements. Our attorneys advocate on behalf of our clients in negotiations and in trial proceedings in New Jersey Family Court. We are well versed in all factors considered by the judicial system, including financial need, earning capacity, work experience, and marriage duration.

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Adoption & Guardianship: Navigating the legal complexities of adoption and guardianship can be challenging and at times, overwhelming. We help guide individuals and families through every step of the process, from initial filings to final court approvals, ensuring complete compliance under state and federal law.

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Child Custody, Parenting Time & Support: The well-being of your children is our priority. We work with you to establish custody arrangements and parenting time agreements that prioritize your child's best interests while also protecting your rights. In addition, our attorneys are highly experienced in ensuring financial support by each parent under New Jersey Child Support Guidelines or above-the Guidelines cases. We are

also well versed in dealing with exceptional circumstances such as ensuring support for children with disabilities or in cases where trusts and other instruments need to be established to ensure a child's welfare now and in the future.

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College Expenses & Emancipation: When these issues arise in a divorce proceeding or post-judgment manner, our attorneys are well versed in the division of expenses for the child's post high school education as well as when there should no longer be an obligation to contribute to a child's support. They will work efficiently and effectively for you to resolve how college will be paid for and when child support should end.

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Cohabitation: When the issue is termination or reduction of support due to factors such as cohabitation, our attorneys will work expertly to assist you in obtaining the best outcomes possible in a fair and efficient manner.

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DCP&P: It can be very upsetting and scary to have the Division of Child Protection and Permanency involved with your family. Their involvement can have significant and serious repercussions. It is essential that you retain an attorney who will not only strongly advocate for you, but has the background and experience to protect your rights and your family.

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Divorce, Separation & Annulment: We provide compassionate and comprehensive support and strategic advocacy during divorces, legal separations, and annulments. We handle every aspect of divorce arrangements, from initial filings to final settlements, with a core focus on minimizing conflict. In addition, we also handle the effects of marriage that has ended, including alimony, equitable distribution, and child custody and support.

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Domestic Partnership & Civil Union: We represent clients in domestic partnerships and civil unions with respect to relevant laws including their legal rights and obligations, prenuptial agreements, powers of attorneys and in dissolutions, ensuring fair and equitable outcomes.

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Domestic Violence: Our attorneys offer swift and effective legal representation for clients impacted by domestic violence, helping them to secure restraining orders and navigate related family law proceedings. Our attorneys are well-versed in New Jersey's Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and will work with you through the range of issues stemming from domestic violence, including child custody and support.

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Equitable Distribution: The equitable division of marital assets can often be contentious and uncomfortable. Our attorneys aim to achieve fair property distribution through

careful consideration of assets including financial documents, valuations, and negotiation. It is important that you retain an attorney who has experience with the valuation of businesses, real estate, pensions, annuities, brokerage accounts, IRAs and 401(k)s, assets held in trust, and other complex financial matters.

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International Custody Disputes: Our attorneys are well versed in questions of jurisdiction both between states inside of the US and in international issues.

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Mediation & Arbitration: As alternatives to litigation, mediation and arbitration can serve as less adversarial and often more successful options for resolving family law disputes. Our attorneys are highly experienced in representing our clients in mediation and arbitration and also act as a mediator or arbitrator in often complex cases to resolve issues quickly and amicably.

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Parenting Coordinator: Our attorneys are adept at not only handling custody and parenting time disputes when parenting coordinators are appointed, they also are appointed or chosen as parent coordinators in other matters, to assist parties with navigating their roles as co-parents and to protect the best interests of the child(ren) involved.