

Experience in Delivering Results-Oriented Service in Challenging Times

Our attorneys have decades of experience in all areas of Family Law. We assist our clients in aggressively pursuing and defending all aspects of a divorce including custody, support, equitable distribution and alimony. Our presence in the Central Pennsylvania region has given our attorneys familiarity with the judges and court personnel of the Family Courts and has provided our firm with the ability to efficiently execute our client's objectives. Clients involved in family law matters face challenging decisions. Navigating the legal intricacies of the divorce process adds another element of uncertainty to dealing with the already apparent changes taking place due to the initiation of a divorce. Our practical approach to each client's unique situation allows them to make informed decisions about their future based upon the legal principles applicable to their situation. As is the case with all of our clients, we strive to provide the personal attention our clients deserve throughout their case.

Preparation for All Stages of Divorce

Every client and case is unique, and our firm has the ability and experience to guide our clients through the various stages of planning, filing, negotiation and, if necessary, divorce litigation. In addition, we will assist with the enforcement of postnuptial agreements. Regardless of where you are in the process, our experienced attorneys will help you sort through the issues and circumstances of your particular case and provide you with a clear picture of the road ahead.

Guidance in Valuing Your Marital Estate

Our experienced attorneys will guide you through the process of distinguishing marital from non-marital assets and valuing those assets. In valuing the assets, we often collaborate with other professionals such as actuaries, accountants and appraisers. Our attorneys will provide you with a clear understanding of your property subject to division and the strategy which maximizes your interests in the equitable distribution process.

Advocating for Our Clients

Our attorneys will explain the factors Pennsylvania courts use in determining a division of your marital estate that is equitable under your specific circumstances and will evaluate whether distribution can be achieved through settlement or litigation. We will advise you of the costs and benefits of pursuing every option available to you. Regardless of which course of action you choose, our attorneys will fight aggressively to protect your property interests and achieve the best possible result either through vigorous negotiation or effective representation during litigation.

Working Toward the Best Method to Obtain a Favorable Outcome

Our attorneys work closely with clients to determine the best method to obtain the desired resolution. This is sometimes achieved by utilizing the Family Law Court system, while other divorces are resolved outside the courtroom through skilled negotiation. We advise our clients about appropriate settlement terms and work with them to craft resolutions that meet their goals and are consistent with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Divorce Code.

Our firm offers clients the traditional methods for divorce as well as the emerging family centered dispute resolution process called Collaborative Law. This is a process that provides clients an opportunity to solve their distribution issues outside of court, through a series of meetings between the parties and their attorneys. Our firm values the opportunity to go beyond what is expected and present our clients with as many solutions as possible.

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- [What Should I Do Before I Separate From My Spouse?](#)

Family Law: Divorce & Equitable Distribution

There are many misconceptions about what happens in a divorce matter, and everyone seems to have a friend, relative or co-worker who has had some terrible experience, which most likely was innocently exaggerated for effect. That being said, in order to avoid the fear and speculation of inaccurate, anecdotal advice, it is always best to see an attorney first and learn your true rights and responsibilities in a divorce situation.

Making the most of your Initial Consultation with a Divorce Lawyer

Meeting with a lawyer for the first time about a divorce can be overwhelming for a number of reasons. Obviously, clients most likely are experiencing emotional trauma over the loss of their relationship and uncertainty about their future. Navigating the legal intricacies of the divorce process adds yet another element of uncertainty to the situation. For a client who is unfamiliar with the legal process, learning about options and discussing ways in which to proceed during the most stressful time of their life can be confusing. However, it is a critical meeting – one at which the lawyer can assess the client's situation and priorities, and one at which the client can become comfortable with the lawyer.

Divorce: An Eight-Year Old's Perspective

My son is a pretty typical eight-year old boy, rough and tumble, sports orientated, lots of fun, but he is also still only eight and is sweet and sensitive at times. My husband and I did not consider this side of him when we stupidly argued during a hectic morning before work and school.

Pet Custody in Pennsylvania

If you have ever had a pet, you know that almost immediately they become an integral part of your family, and are treated just like (or maybe even better!) than children. But what happens to our four-legged kids when a marriage falls apart? Some may find it hard to believe, but people do fight over their pets. And unfortunately, in 49 of the 50 states, courts will refuse to step in to help.

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Range of Services

- Divorce Master Hearings
- Postnuptial & Property Settlement Agreements
- Protection from Abuse (PFA)
- Alimony
- Support and Alimony During the Divorce Action (APL)
- Business Valuations
- Appraisals
- Appeals to the Superior Court
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Exclusive Possession
- Special Relief/Interim Relief (Freezing Assets, Listing Real Estate, Accounting of Assets, Non-Dissipation Orders, etc.)
- Enforcement of Postnuptial Agreements

Related Services

- Family Law
- Support & Alimony
- Custody
- Estate Planning & Wills
- Real Estate - Residential
- Real Estate - Commercial
- Taxation - Individuals, Families & Estates
- Complex & High Asset Divorce
- Collaborative Law