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I practice exclusively in the area of family law, including but not limited to, prenuptial agreements, post-nuptial agreements, child support matters, child custody, parenting time/visitation, property division, domestic violence, post-divorce issues such as enforcement and modifications, and complex litigation.

I am committed to helping my clients achieve the best possible results in their personal circumstances. I educate clients on the different approaches available to best meet their unique needs and help clients understand the benefits, risks, and costs of different divorce process approaches and how their unique family challenges may be resolved and what each path may look like for them.

Many of my clients prefer to stay out of court, and I believe that the collaborative process is a good alternative to the traditional divorce process. Applying my litigation experience, supported by on-going education, I see a consistent pattern: a less painful settlement process truly helps clients move forward to where they want to be and not to an arrangement imposed upon them by an impartial judge.

I am also a trained mediator and believe that mediation can be an effective process for resolving divorce and family law issues in a manner that allows clients to maintain control over the process.

I began my career in the demanding and litigious area of personal injury law. I was instrumental in helping clients negotiate settlements while becoming well versed in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice.

I speak fluent Polish, serving Chicago's extensive Polish-speaking community in addressing all their family law issues.

EDUCATION

After graduating from The University of West Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology (1997), I earned my Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School (2001).

I served as the Associate Editor (1999 – 2000) and the Editor-in-chief (2001) of The John Marshall Law School Ethics Case Notes and Comments, and I have been published in the area of ethics, clerked in the field of domestic relations and served a judicial externship.

During my judicial externship, I gained valuable experience in family law, being asked to research and advise the judge on matters involving divorce proceedings.

AWARDS

I'm proud to have been named to the **Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars** list in 2017. This exclusive industry list is reserved for attorneys who have already distinguished themselves early in their careers. Only 2.5% of practicing attorneys in each state are named to the annual Rising Stars lists.

In 2015, I was also recognized by the Chicago Law Bulletin for the "**40 Under Forty: 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch.**" Each year, the publication evaluates hundreds of peer nominations from the Illinois legal community to identify the most talented and well-respected counselors working in the industry. I was selected as a featured attorney from more than 1000 nominations submitted from lawyers throughout the state.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

I currently serve on the board of the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois as the Secretary for attorneys, and I am a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. I'm also a fellow of the Collaborative Law

Institute of Illinois, which requires additional training and continued education classes in the collaborative process to maintain the ability to practice this particularly dynamic form of divorce.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I served as the past president of the Young Professional's Group of Between Friends formerly known as Friends of Battered Women and Their Children, a Chicago-based organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

I was also a presenter of Divorce 101: Basic Understanding of All Aspects of Divorce Law in Illinois and I remain committed to educating the public about the collaborative process as a viable option in addressing a couple divorce or legal separation.