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As a partner in the firm, Stephanie Tang represents individuals in all aspects of family and matrimonial law proceedings. She strives to provide personalized attention to all of her clients and walk them through each step of the litigation or settlement process. Her effective communication and organizational skills help clients feel comfortable and prepared through one of the most stressful times of their lives. As a certified mediator and Fellow with the Collaborative Divorce Illinois, Stephanie is able to offer clients alternative processes to resolve their divorce outside of the courtroom. Stephanie is also a Certified Financial Litigator with the American Academy for Certified Financial Litigators, uniquely positioning herself to assist clients with complex financial issues.

Language Skills: Mandarin Chinese

INTERVIEWS

- *Impact Makers Radio* – “Let’s Talk Divorce!”
- *Heather’s Detours* – “Legal Counsel”
- *Divorce Shield* – “Get Divorced Without Getting Screwed: The Cultural Issues in Divorce Men Need to Know”
- *She’s On Top* – “She’s On Top with Stephanie Tang”

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *The Spike in Silver Splitters: Examining Special Considerations for Graying Divorces*, 28(1) *Elder L.J.* 101 (2020).
- *Arguing Affidavits of Support*, 105(8) *Illinois Bar Journal* (2017).
- *Stress-Free Divorce Volume 02: Conversations with Leading Divorce Professionals* (2017).
- *Increasing the Role of Agency Deference in Curbing Online Banking Fraud*, 91(2) *N.D. L. Rev.* 329 (2016).
- *When “Yes” Might Mean “No”: Standardizing State Criteria to Evaluate the Capacity to Consent to Sexual Activity for Elderly with Neurocognitive Disorders*, 22(2) *Elder L.J.* 449 (2015).

EDUCATION

Stephanie graduated from University of Illinois College of Law, *Magna Cum Laude* with pro bono notation. While in school, Stephanie received CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Family Law and Regulations of Financial Institutions. Stephanie also received the Marguerite L. Rickert Award for Excellence in both Legal Writing and Service as one of the top eight students in her graduating class in both areas.

Stephanie served as Managing Editor and Executive Administrative Editor of *The Elder Law Journal* and received “Best Note” distinction for her student note. Stephanie also won “Best Overall” and “Best Oralist” at the HNBA Internal Moot Court Competition. Stephanie now serves on the University of Illinois’ Family Law Advisory Board, providing input into the school’s family law curriculum and events for law students.

Stephanie received her Bachelor’s Degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where she graduated with a double major in psychology and legal studies. She received departmental honors in Legal Studies and earned “Thesis with Distinction” honors for her thesis, “Examining the Legal Legitimacy of False Light Claims.”

EMPLOYMENT

Prior to joining Kogut & Wilson, Stephanie completed judicial externships for the Honorable Debra B. Walker (Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division), the Honorable Holly F. Clemons (Champaign County Circuit Court, Family Law Division), and the Honorable Michael J. Chmiel (McHenry County Circuit

Court, Civil Division), wherein she researched and advised the judges on issues in complex divorce proceedings. Upon graduating from law school, Stephanie worked as an attorney at a prominent family law firm in Chicago, specializing in high net worth divorce proceedings.

AWARDS

Since 2016, Stephanie has been selected annually to receive the Avvo Clients' Choice Award in Divorce for outstanding client reviews from clients she represented through divorce proceedings. In support of this award, clients described Stephanie as a "professional, patient, hard worker", "excellent communicator", and an attorney who helped clients "feel calm and prepared in court because of her in-depth preparation."

In 2017, Stephanie was selected among over 2,300 volunteer attorneys to receive the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding pro bono services by the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Chicago's first and pre-eminent legal aid organization. In 2019, Stephanie was recognized as "Young Lawyer of the Year" by the Illinois State Bar

Association.

Since 2018, Stephanie has been selected annually as a "Rising Star" attorney by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine, an award only given to less than 2.5% of lawyers under 40 years old in Illinois.

Since 2017, Stephanie has been recognized annually as an Emerging Lawyer for being a top family law attorney under 40 years old who has been practicing for less than 10 years.

Stephanie has also been selected by her peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list in the area of family law since 2021.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Stephanie is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and Family Law Section Councils. As chair of the case law committee for the Family Law Section Council, Stephanie briefs and presents on recently published family law cases to practitioners and judges on a monthly basis.

Stephanie is the current Secretary of the Center for Disability and Elder Law's Young Professionals Board. In this capacity, she helps plan Senior Center Initiatives through which members help seniors prepare durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Property to avoid potential abuse and financial exploitation.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Stephanie volunteers for the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services' Chinese American Service League Legal Clinic on a monthly basis. In this role, she helps members of the Chinese community increase their access to legal services by translating and completing legal forms on their behalf, in addition to providing them with legal advice. Stephanie is also a member of Pro Bono Network's Advisory Council. As a member, she helps the Board plan and promote fundraising events and organize educational seminars and

outreach for pro bono attorneys and clients.

Outside of her involvement in these legal organizations, Stephanie is also an Adjunct Professor in Legal Writing for Loyola University School of Law. She teaches first-year law students effective legal writing techniques for formal legal memoranda and trial briefs, and helps them develop their writing skills for future legal practice..