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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 Associate with the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois, Stephanie is able to offer clients an alternative to resolve their divorce outside of the courtroom.

Language Skills: Mandarin Chinese, Spanish.

RADIO INTERVIEW

Impact Makers Radio – To listen to the interview go to impactmakersradio.com/stephanie-tang-family-law-attorney-and-mediator-chicago-il

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Arguing Affidavits of Support, 105(8) Illinois Bar Journal (2017).

Stress-Free Divorce Volume 02: Conversations with Leading Divorce Professionals (2017)

Upcoming Changes to Illinois Child Support Law, 61(1) ISBA YLD News (2016).

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

In both 2016 and 2017, Stephanie was selected 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.

Also In 2017, Stephanie was selected 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.

In 2017, Stephanie was recognized as an Emerging Lawyer as one of the top family law attorneys under 40 years old who have been practicing for 10 or fewer years.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Stephanie is a board member of the Illinois State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. Within the Young Lawyers Division, she serves on the Networking and Young Lawyers Sub-committees, helping young lawyers connect with mentors and learn tips to apply in their daily practice.

Stephanie also serves as the Project Supervisor for the University of Illinois College of Law's Domestic Violence Project. In this role, Stephanie supervises students to

guide their research and data extraction in analyzing Order of Protection proceedings in the Illinois court system.

Stephanie is also a current board member of the Center for Disability and Elder Law's Young Professionals Board. In this capacity, Stephanie serves as the Board's Pro Bono/Advocacy Committee Chair and 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 founded the Attorney-to-Mentor Advanced Divorce Project for the Pro Bono Network, a pro bono organization that partners with existing legal aid agencies to expand pro bono representation. Through this project, Stephanie paired experienced family law attorneys with the organization's volunteer attorneys to provide training and resources for the organization's pro bono services.

Stephanie volunteers on a bi-weekly basis as a legal aid hotline attorney for CARPLS Legal Aid, Cook County's

largest provider of legal services. As a hotline attorney, Stephanie advises clients on a wide array of civil litigation issues including divorce and parentage matters.

Stephanie also volunteers for the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services' Chinese American Service League Legal Clinic on a monthly basis. In this role, Stephanie 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.