

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake

S. Goldfarb

- Performing conflicts checks
- Assisting with initial client interview
- Preparing engagement letter, opening file
- Collecting information

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice

J. Spielberg

- Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Maintaining client confidentiality
- Working with the secretive or dishonest client
- Handling allegations of abuse or neglect
- Zealous (vs. over-zealous) representation
- Fee agreements, retainers, and collection of unpaid fees

Working With Divorce Clients and Opposing Counsel

A. Friedman

- Establishing and maintaining good communication with clients
 - Methods of communication and contents of communications
 - Guidelines for responding to client communications
- Working with difficult clients
- Working with the courts and opposing counsel
- Maintaining professionalism

Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues

J. Pappalardo

- Current status of custody law in New York
- Obtaining relevant information
 - Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, using formal discovery
- Working with guardian-ad-litem
- Working with experts
- Drafting and reviewing parenting plans

Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees

D. Gebhardt

- Implementing divorce decrees and orders
 - Preparing and filing the decree
 - Preparing other necessary documents
 - Enforcing judgments and orders
- Modifying decrees and orders
 - Determining which parts of a decree or order are subject to modification, deciding when to seek modification
- Assisting in modification actions

Assisting with Alternative Dispute Resolution

S. Hechtman

- Assisting in family law mediation
- Understanding and assisting in divorce arbitration
- Assisting in the collaborative divorce process

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Assist with initial client interviews, engagement letters, and conflict checks.

Understand how to assist with family law mediation and divorce arbitration.

Explore the current status of custody law in New York, and get tips on assisting with parenting plans.

Establish good communication with divorce clients while also working with the courts and opposing counsel.

Handle allegations of abuse or neglect and comply with rules of professional responsibility.

Prepare divorce decrees, enforce judgements, and learn when to seek modification of orders.



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Assist with child custody and visitation issues

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Work effectively with divorce clients and opposing counsel

Get tips on the enforcement and modification of family law orders and decrees

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Faculty

Shara Goldfarb *Attorney at Miller Law Group*

Ms. Goldfarb focuses her practice on parenting plans/child custody/access, child support, spousal maintenance, equitable distribution of assets, and prenuptial or postnuptial agreements. She provides compassionate, thoughtful counseling, mediation and legal representation during life's transitions while always focusing on the family's emotional, financial and psychological well-being. After receiving her J.D. degree and completing a clerkship at the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, she began her career as an associate at Rosenman & Colin, a large New York City firm where she practiced business litigation and matrimonial law. Since that time, her practice has focused exclusively on matrimonial and family law.

Jill Spielberg *Attorney at Harold Salant Strassfield & Spielberg*

Ms. Spielberg focuses her practice on matrimonial and family law, specializing in divorces, post- and pre-nuptial agreements, child support and custody cases. She also handles a variety of general litigation matters including construction litigation, brokerage commission cases and contract disputes. Prior to joining Harold Salant Strassfield & Spielberg, Ms. Spielberg practiced at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, one of the largest litigation law firms in the world. There she specialized in accountant malpractice defense and commercial litigation. Ms. Spielberg earned her J.D. degree from Brooklyn Law School in 2005 where she was a Carswell Scholar and a member and coach of the Moot Court Honor Society competition team.

Andrea Friedman *Attorney at Friedman & Friedman*

In her ten years at the firm, Ms. Friedman has distinguished herself as a leader in the area of matrimonial and family law. She has developed a well-respected reputation for her aggressive attitude humbled by her compassionate disposition. Ms. Friedman focuses her practice on preparation, insight into the law and advocacy for her clients. Practicing side-by-side with Sari M. Friedman, she handles all areas of matrimonial and family law from inception through trial. Ms. Friedman is a named partner at Friedman & Friedman PLLC, Attorneys at Law. Friedman joined Friedman & Friedman PLLC, Attorneys at Law, as an associate in September 2008, after receiving her J.D. degree from Hofstra University Law School, and a B.A. degree from George Washington University.

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John Pappalardo *Attorney at Farber, Pappalardo & Carbonari*

Mr. Pappalardo is a partner in the law firm of Farber, Pappalardo & Carbonari. He has been an active matrimonial practitioner for 32 years, handling moderate to very complex litigation involving matrimonial and family law cases. He oversees a very experienced matrimonial department. Mr. Pappalardo also has a private matrimonial mediation practice, is certified in matrimonial collaborative law, sits as a matrimonial arbitrator, and is New York State Certified as an attorney representing children. He has served as guardian ad litem in matrimonial proceedings and is admitted to the state and federal bars in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. He is a member of the Bar for the United States Supreme Court and the International Association of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Dolores Gebhardt *Attorney at McCarthy Fingar*

Ms. Gebhardt is a member of McCarthy Fingar's Appellate Practice, Collaborative Law and Matrimonial & Family Law groups. She concentrates her practice in matrimonial and family law, collaborative divorce, civil appeals and general litigation. Ms. Gebhardt's work in the matrimonial law field includes negotiating prenuptial, postnuptial and separation agreements; contested divorce actions; domestic violence; enforcement actions; child custody proceedings (including child relocation disputes); same-sex partnerships and appeals. She also is a trained mediator and a collaborative divorce attorney.

Sarah Hechtman *Attorney at Miller Law Group*

Ms. Hechtman focuses 100 percent of her practice on family law, including mediation, collaborative practice, and litigation. A graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Columbia Law School, she believes that "one size does not fit all" and seeks to help clients resolve their family disputes in the way that works best for them. Ms. Hechtman has handled complex divorce cases involving substantial financial assets as well as highly-contested child custody cases. She has extensive litigation experience, having begun her career as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office and later a civil rights lawyer prosecuting class action cases on behalf of children.

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