

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake

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

R. Berfanger
K. Flood

Recent Developments in Indiana Family Law

- Legislative update
- Case law update
- Current issues in family law

P. Schaefer

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information

- Identifying relevant information on assets, debts, income and expenses
- Obtaining financial information
 - Using financial information questionnaires
 - Using interrogatories, requests for production, deposition testimony, private investigators
 - Valuing assets
- Evaluating the information you have obtained
- Working with accountants and financial experts
- Preparing financial statements

R. Berfanger

Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues

- Recent developments in Indiana custody law
- Obtaining relevant information
 - Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, formal discovery
- Working with guardian-ad-litem
- Working with experts
- Drafting and reviewing parenting plans

K. Jacobucci

Preparing Marital Settlement Agreements

- Assisting with different types of agreements
 - Property agreements
 - Child-related agreements
 - Support agreements

T. Jarrett

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice

- Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Maintaining client confidentiality
- Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law
- 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

J. Lacy

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You'll be able to:

Assist with family law case intake, including performing conflict checks and assisting with initial client interviews.

Understand recent legislative and case law developments in family law.

Obtain, identify, and evaluate financial information, including assets, debts, income, and expenses.

Assist with child custody and visitation issues.

Identify ethical issues in family law practice and understand how to comply with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals.

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Assist in alternative dispute resolution

Review legislative changes and recent case law

Work on custody and visitation issues

Obtain and evaluate financial information

Explore ethical issues in family law practice

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Faculty

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Paula J. Schaefer is a partner in the law firm of Ruppert & Schaefer, P.C. where she practices exclusively in the area of family law. She received her Juris Doctorate from the IU McKinney School of Law. She also has a bachelor of science degree from Ball State University in Legal Administration and an associate degree from Vincennes University in Paralegal Studies. Ms. Schaefer is a certified family law specialist as certified by the Family Law Certification Board. She is a member of the AFCC as well as the Indianapolis and Indiana Bar Associations and their family law sections. She currently serves on the Pro Bono Standing Committee for the IBA and was formerly chair of this Committee. She has been named as a Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters since 2007 has been named in the top 25 Women for the past seven years. Ms. Schaefer is also actively involved at her church and currently serves on the pastoral council.

Kristina Jacobucci is a partner at Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones, LLP, located in La Porte, Indiana, where she has practiced family law since 2004. Since her admission to the bar, she has handled various types of family law matters, including but not limited to, divorces, paternity cases, third party custody cases, guardianships, adoptions, and prenuptial negotiations, and regularly addresses issues related to legal custody, physical custody, child support, parenting time, property valuation, division of the marital estate, spousal maintenance, and other issues that arise in the context of family law. In addition to her role as an attorney in various family law matters, she has routinely served as a guardian-ad-litem in complex custody and parenting time proceedings. Ms. Jacobucci is a certified family law specialist, certified by the Family Law Certification Board, and practices exclusively in the area of family law. She has served or is serving as a board member for various non-profit organizations that provide services for families and/or children in her area, including but not limited to Dunebrook, Inc., and Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.

Tonisha M. Jarrett is an attorney with Boren, Oliver & Coffey, LLP. She is a Martinsville High School graduate who has since spent her entire professional career practicing in Morgan County. Ms. Jarrett attended Indiana University-Bloomington and Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. During her law school career, she spent time as an intern for the federal and public defender’s agency; earned a certificate in criminal law; and spent time teaching law and public policy to students at Shortridge High School. In 2019, Ms. Jarrett was named Top 40 Under 40 Family Law Attorney by the American Institute of Trial Lawyer as well as Top 40 Young Lawyer by the National Alliance of Women in Law. In 2018, she was named Top 40 Under 40 by the Association of American Trial Lawyers. In 2017, Ms. Jarrett was named National Ranked Top 10 Under 40 by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys. She was selected as a Rising Stars Honoree from 2020-2023 by Super Lawyers. Ms. Jarrett focuses her work primarily in family law, guardianships, protective orders, and criminal defense, and has been known for her compassion for victims of domestic violence. As one of the attorneys for Morgan County, she spends a lot of her time advocating for juvenile rights, CHINS cases, and handles numerous adoptions, both private and through the Department of Child Services.

Jessica Lacy is the founder and CEO of Lacy Law Office, LLC. She has more than 20 years of experience in family and probate law. As a trained guardian ad litem, domestic relations mediator, family law arbitrator, and parenting coordinator, she has helped many families resolve their legal problems. In 1997, Ms. Lacy earned her bachelor of arts degree from Hanover College, double majoring in English and Secondary Education, and her juris doctor degree from the South Carolina School of Law in 2000.

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