

Curriculum Vitae - Stephanie A. Kasten

Stephanie A. Kasten Since graduating from law school in 2000, Attorney Kasten has concentrated her practice in family law. From 2005 forward, her practice has been exclusively devoted to family law cases at The Gitlin Law Firm. In May 1997, Attorney Kasten received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English in the top of her class from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She went on to receive her J.D. with honors of *cum laude* from Northern Illinois University in May 2000.

She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois and a Fellow of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Leading Lawyers Network: Selected by Leading Lawyers Network in 2015 by survey of peers of Illinois' lawyers based upon experience, reputation and legal skills in the area of Family Law. Law Bulletin Publishing Company.

Bar Association Memberships and Positions Held:

- Member of the American Bar Association (including the Family Law section), the Illinois State Bar Association, and the McHenry County Bar Association (including the Family Law section).
- Served in 2005, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, as President of the Family Law Section of the McHenry County Bar Association
- Committee Chair 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the McHenry County Bar Association Destination Seminar (a sub-committee of the McHenry County Bar Association.)

AAML Fellowship:

- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - 2013.

Collaborative Law:

- Fellow, Collaborative Institute of Illinois (CLII) and International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Trained Collaborative Lawyer through Collaborative Practice - Silicon Valley presented by the CLII, 2006.
- Certified Mediator, Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin and Mediation Training and Consultation Institute, 2007.

Lectures:

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) Presentations for Program Exclusively on Child Support and Maintenance, June 2013:
 - Social Security and Maintenance: In What Situations is Consideration of Social Security Benefits Appropriate?
 - Qualified Domestic Relations Orders: How to Use QDROs to Enforce Child Support and Maintenance Obligations.

- IICLE “Starting Points - Divorce Boot Camp” on the topics of the costs of divorce and custody - February 2015, March 2010, February 2008 and February 2007.
- National Business Institute “QDROs and Other Legal Tactics to Ensure Your Client’s Financial Future” - October 2010.
- National Business Institute “Financial and Case Management for the Divorce Paralegal” - May 2009.
- National Business Institute “A Road Map Through Divorce Proceedings” - July 2006
- National Business Institute "Complex Issues in Divorce for the Illinois Practitioner," - January 2005.
- National Business Institute "Handling Illinois Divorce Cases from Start to Finish" - October 2004.
- McHenry County Bar Association, Family Law Section on case law updates - 2005 to present.

Author:

- “The Costs of Divorce: Support, Maintenance, and Other Fiscal Impacts,” section of IICLE seminar manual, 2015, 2010, 2008 and 2007
- “What About Children? Custody and Visitation,” section of IICLE manual, 2010, 2008 and 2007
- “Child Support Determinants and Procedure,” section of NBI manual, 2010
- “Child Support After the Initial Determinations,” section of NBI manual, 2010
- “Initial Interviews and Pleadings,” section of NBI paralegal manual, 2009
- “New Supreme Court Rules for Custody Cases - An Overview,” McHenry County Bar Association Journal, 2006.
- “Handling Custody, Visitation and Support Issues,” section of NBI manual, 2006.
- "Complex Issues in Divorce for the Illinois Practitioner," section of NBI manual, 2005.
- "Handling Illinois Divorce Cases from Start to Finish," section of NBI manual, 2004.

Co-Author:

- “Social Security and Maintenance: In What Situations is Consideration of Social Security Benefits Appropriate?” IICLE Manual, June 2013.
- “Qualified Domestic Relations Orders: How to Use QDROs to Enforce Child Support and Maintenance Obligations,” IICLE Manual, June 2013.

Other:

- Child Representative/Guardian *ad Litem* Training, 2007.