

# Curriculum Vitae of Gunnar J. Gitlin



**Professional Background:** Practice Limited to Family Law. Partner of Gitlin & Gitlin: 1991-2002. Principal: The Gitlin Law Firm, P.C., 2002-24. Fellows–American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and International Academy of Family Lawyers. President of Illinois Chapter of AAML 2022-23.

**Licensed to Practice:** Illinois (practicing in the collar counties) and Wisconsin.

**Best Lawyers in America:** Chosen by his peers for inclusion in [\*Best Lawyers in America\*](#) in 2007 through 2025 editions in the area of family law. Gitlin Law Firm listed in **Best Law Firms in America** for past 17 years.

**Awards:** In 2007, Attorney Gitlin received the Michael S. Cohen award “for continuing commitment and contribution to the professional education of matrimonial lawyers.” That year he also received the President’s Special Recognition Award by the IL Chapter of the AAML.

## Main Publications.

- Author: [\*Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Family Law\*](#), 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2015-21); *Gitlin on Divorce*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2022-2024), Lexis. Author of 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. (July 2025).
- Editor: [\*Gitlin’s Illinois Annotated Family Practice Desktop Code\*](#), (2017-25) Editions, Lexis.

## Lecturer.

### Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Columbus Day Program for Experienced Illinois’ Family Lawyers:

- Co-chair–13<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar 2018.  
Presentation: “Collaborative Process Act 2018.”
- Co-Chair–12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar 2017.
- Co-Chair for 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar 2016: “Practice and Implementation of the IMDMA Changes: How’s That Working for You?”
- Co-Chair–10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar 2015: The 2016 Rewrites.  
Presentation: “A View from Above: Caselaw Update 2015.”
- Co-Chair–9<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar 2014.  
Presentation: “A View from Above: Caselaw Update 2014.”
- 2013: A View from Above – Caselaw Update 2013
- Co-Chair–6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar 2011: Oak Brook, IL  
Presentation: “New Supreme Court Rules / Caselaw and Ethics Update for 2011.”

- Co-Chair–5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Lawyers 2010: Oak Brook.  
Presentation: “A View from Above: Caselaw and Supreme Court Rule Update 2010.”
- Co-Chair–4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar 2009: Oak Brook.  
Presentation: “A View from Above: Caselaw Update 2009.”
- Co-Chair–3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seminar 2008: Oak Brook.  
Presentation: Collaborative Divorce 101 and the Ethics of Collaborative Law.
- Chair for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seminar 2006. Oak Brook.
- Chair–AAML Illinois’ 1<sup>st</sup> Columbus Day Seminar, 2005.  
Presentation: Statutory, Supreme Court Rules and Caselaw Update. Oak Brook.

**Martin Luther King Day Program (co-sponsored by Bruce Richman):  
Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce**

- 2025. [Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce](#): Caselaw Update 2025. (Excluding Justice Davenport, Attorneys Friedman and Gitlin were the two highest presenters for their caselaw update).
- 2024. [Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce](#): Caselaw Update (Highest reviewed other than Chief Judge Cook County, Domestic Rel. Div).
- 2023. [Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce 2023: Caselaw Update](#). (Highest reviewed of 25 presenters–4.84 of 5).
- 2022–[Caselaw Update: A View from Above](#).

**Martin Luther King Day Program (co-sponsored by Bruce Richman Mazars and AAML): Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce**

- 2021. Business Valuation, Financial & Tax Issues in Divorce: Defining & Understanding Income 2021 Presentation: [Financial Caselaw Update](#).
- 2020. “Maintenance Calculating Using Complex Tax Returns.” Jan. 20, 2020 - Hyatt Schaumburg, Live Webcast.

**Joint Program: Illinois Chapter, AAML / IICLE – Martin Luther King Day Program** (also sponsored by Bruce Richman): Business Valuation, Financial and Tax Issues in Divorce:

- 2019, Caselaw update.
- 2018, Caselaw update.
- 2017, “Double dipping in business valuation cases involving issues of spousal support and property distribution.”
- 2016, “Property and Business Ownership Issues in Light of the Family Law Rewrite 2016.” Presentation with Don Schiller, Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck.
- 2015, “Ethics: Financial Topics in Mediation & ADR.”
- 2014, “Caselaw Update 2013.”

- 2013, “Caselaw Update 2012.”
- 2011, “Caselaw Update 2010: A View from Above.”
- 2010, Panel Discussion: “Premarital Business Interests, Reimbursement Issues Involving non-Marital Businesses and the Retained Earnings.”
- 2009, “Valuation Discount Refresher. Control Premiums and Minority Discounts, Discounts for Lack of Marketability and Key Person Discounts.”

**Martin Luther King Day Business Valuation Seminar:**

- Presenter–Judge's Panel. “Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce.” 2005. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the AAML, IICLE and Trenwith Valuation.
- Jan. 2004, Deerfield, Illinois Program: Business Valuation, Financial and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce 2004. “Caselaw Update Regarding Sophisticated Issues Regarding Property, Maintenance and Other Financial Issues in Divorce Cases.” Program associated with the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

**DuPage County Family Law Section**

“The Revolution that Wasn’t—Leveling Two Years Later.” Oct. 1999.

**Kane County Bar Association**

- Caselaw Update 2024: A View from Above. Nov. 2024.
- Caselaw Updates 2014: A View from Above. Nov. 2014.
- Lead Speaker: “Identifying and Determining Income for the Purpose of Child Support and Maintenance.” May 2003.

**Northwest Suburban Bar Association:**

- “Removal Trends: An Analysis and Update of Original Illinois Bar Journal Article regarding Removal,” Jan. 1999.
- Written materials used for presentation on joint custody including updated article by Gunnar J. Gitlin reviewing each Illinois appellate court case involving an award of joint custody and joint parenting agreement of the Gitlin Law Firm—2003.

**Winnebago Bar Association:**

- “Child Support Presentation—New Legislation Re Child Support and Income Withholding” Joint Presentation with Dennis Casty of FinPlan, Nov. 1999.
- “Trends in Maintenance Award: The Trend Toward Reviewable Maintenance and Permanent Maintenance” and “Trends in Custody Cases: A Comprehensive Analysis Joint Versus Sole Custody Awards,” April 1999.
- “An Overview of the Recent Statutory Changes and Caselaw Update for Guardians ad Litem.” May 2016.

### **Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE):**

- March 20, 2024. Co-moderator and Presenter: “[Child Support and Maintenance: Master Teachers’ Seminar 2024](#).” 9<sup>th</sup> Biannual Program, 2024, “On the Nature of Presumptions: Hard and Soft.” Available On Demand.
- Co-moderator and Presenter: “Child Support and Maintenance: Master Teachers’ Seminar 2021.” 8<sup>th</sup> Biannual Program, 2021, Virtual program.
- Co-moderator and Presenter: “Child Support and Maintenance: Master Teachers’ Seminar 2019.” 7<sup>th</sup> Biannual Program, Sept. 2019, Chicago.
- Co-moderator and Presenter: “Child Support and Maintenance: What’s on the Horizon? Income Shares and the Future of Maintenance and Child Support.” May 2017, Chicago. & Springfield, Illinois.
- 2015 Master Teacher Program: “Chaos on the Homefront - Child Support and the New Illinois Laws on Maintenance Guidelines with Gunnar Gitlin”: April 2015 - UBS Tower & Conference Center: All day program.
- 2013 Master Teacher Program: “Gunnar Gitlin on Child Support and Maintenance Litigation 2013,” June 2013. UBS Conference Center, Chicago.
- 2011 Master Teacher Program: “Child Support and Maintenance Litigation 2011,” Chicago. April 2011.
- 2007 Master Teacher Program: “Child Support and Maintenance Litigation 2007,” Chicago and Peoria Illinois.
- 2004 Master Teacher Program: “Gunnar Gitlin on Child Support and Maintenance.” Aug. 2004. Presented in Springfield and in Chicago.
- First Master Teacher Programs: “Child Support and Maintenance: Using the Law, the Facts and Savvy Planing to Get the Best Awards for Your Clients,” Jan. 2003, Chicago, Illinois. Full day program presented by Gunnar J. Gitlin–“Master Teacher.” Additional full-day program presented in Champaign and Chicago 2002.
- “Caselaw Update 2001-02 and Trends in Illinois Family Law Cases.” April 2002, Chicago Illinois and Springfield Illinois for “First Annual Family Law Conference.”
- One of five Illinois family lawyers selected as Master Teacher for the Twenty-First Century Master Teacher Project by the IICLE – June 2000.
- Moderator of Key Issues in Child Custody Seminar - Springfield and Chicago, Illinois programs. Lecturer: Preparing Your Client for Mediation and Custody Evaluation - March 1998.
- “The Shrinking of Child Custody Cases: The Use of Mental Health Experts–Preparing Your Client for the Contested Custody Case.” 1996. Springfield, Illinois program (first lecture for IICLE).

- **Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements Workshop, IICLE:**
  - [Chair. Upcoming seminar fall of 2025.](#)
  - Co-Chair–Ninth Seminar: [Sept. 2022](#), Chicago.
  - Co-Chair–Eighth Seminar: Sept. 2018 and Updated for Normal, IL program. [June 2019](#).
  - Program Chair–Seventh Seminar: Nov. 2013, Chicago.
  - Program Chair–Sixth Seminar: May 2012, Chicago.
  - Program Chair–Fourth Seminar: Chicago, Sept. 2006; Urbana, Sept. 2006; Chicago, Nov. 2006.
  - Third Chicago program - Feb. 2000.
  - Springfield, Illinois program - Mar, 1999.
  - Second Chicago program - Feb. 1999.
  - First Chicago Program - Nov. 1998 (drafted written materials for original program).

**Faculty—American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Institute for Training New Lawyers:**

- 2003 Chicago Illinois Program: Pension Plans and Drafting of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders; Business Valuation 101/102; Use of Spreadsheets and Other tools for the Family Lawyer.
- 2002, Chicago, Illinois Program: Pension Plans and Drafting of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Co-chairman–2002 program.
- 2001, Chicago, Illinois Program: Business Valuation 101/102 (a primer on business valuation issues in divorce cases). Co-chairman for 2001 program.
- 2000, Chicago, Illinois Program: Preparation for Trial Preparation: The Trial Notebook. Co-chairman for 2000 program.
- 1999, Fort Worth, Texas Program: Presentation for Trial Preparation: Preparing the Client for Mediation and Custody Evaluation.
- 1997 - Chicago Program: Presentation for “Common Assets Program” Retirement Benefits and How to Effectively Draft QDROs” and “Business Valuation Primer.”

**Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association**

Using QDROs to Collect Child Support. Oct. 2012.

**American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – HotTips from the Experts - Sanibel, Florida, March 4, 2002 Program**

“Minority Interest Discounts and Lack of Marketability Discounts - 101.”

**Law Education Institute, Inc, National CLE Conferences - Colorado:**

- “Settlement of the Child Custody Case.” Jan. 2015, Conference – Vail, Colorado, Jan. 8, 2015.
- “QDROs 102: A Primer on Advanced Issues Re QDROs – Drafting and Qualification” Jan. 2003 Conference – Aspen, Colorado.
- “Business Valuation Premiums and Discounts.” Jan. 2001 Conference, Vail, Colorado.
- “Preparing the Client for Mediation and the Custody Evaluation – Understanding How Psychologists Use the MMPI-2 in Custody Evaluations. Jan. 1999 Conference, Vail, Colorado.

**Illinois Attorney General Seminar**

May 2007. Springfield, Illinois. Child Support Enforcement Issues Unique to Illinois Law.

**Strafford Publications: A BARBRI Company.**

- Former Member, Strafford Publications Family Law Advisory Board.
- [“Business Valuation in Divorce: Methods, Applications, Challenges, Key Strategies,”](#) March 18, 2025. 1.5 hrs CLE credit.
- [“Navigating High-Conflict Divorce Cases: Litigation Tactics, Negotiation Strategies and Mitigating HCP Impact on our Divorce Cases,”](#) Nov. 2024. 1.5 hrs CLE credit.
- [“Double-Dipping and Business Valuation in Divorce: Strategies to Avoid Twice Distributing the Same Income.”](#) March 2023. 1.5 hrs CLE credit.
- Strafford webinar: “Divorce: Adding Third Parties to your Divorce Case.” Aug. 2022.
- Advanced Divorce and Business Valuations Webinar: “Divorce and the Impact of Business Valuations on Support and Equitable Distribution.” May 2015. Addresses the application of personal goodwill discounts in divorce valuations.
- Divorce and Business Valuations Webinar: “Navigating Complex Valuation Issues and Methodologies and Analyzing Valuation Impact on Support.” March 2012.

**NIU Law Review Symposium: Current Issues in Child Custody Law**

Member Symposium Faculty: Panel Discussion: “Have Kids, Might Travel: A Guide to Successfully Litigating and Resolving Illinois Relocation Cases” March 2005. DeKalb, Illinois. Other Members of Panel included: Joseph DuCanto, Steven Peskind, and Hon. Stephen Sullivan.

**Effective Solutions:**

Litigation Issues 1997—Business Valuation Caselaw Update, 1997.

**DePaul University Graduate School of Taxation:**

Overview of Business Valuation Caselaw and Issues in Divorce, Feb. 1997.

**Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section:**

- Feb. 2021 as part of Guardian ad Litem Training 2021. “Primer for guardians ad litem: UCCJEA, the Hague Convention, and Relocation of Children.”
- 2016 Program, “The Revolution is Here – Do you know what has changed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act?” June 2016, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Program, “Attorney Education in Child Custody and Visitation Matters in 2015.” Presentation: “Removal and Custody Trends for 2015.” Chicago, IL.
- Mid-year meeting 1997: “Leveling the Playing Field Legislation - Contribution Petitions and Final Fee Hearings.”
- May 2014 Program, “Attorney Education in Child Custody and Visitation Matters in 2014.” Presentation: “Removal and Custody Trends for 2014.” Carbondale, IL.
- March 2010 ISBA Program, “Attorney Education in Child Custody and Visitation in 2010 and Beyond.” Presentation: “Dealing with Other Jurisdictions and Allowing Children to be Removed from Illinois: Removal, the UCCJEA and the Hague Convention.” Chicago.

**American Bar Association Family Law Section:**

Mid-year meeting 1997: Hot-Tips by the Experts program - “Key Books in Every Divorce Lawyer’s Library.”

**Illinois Chapter American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers -**

**Numerous presentations including:**

- Chapter Meeting: Caselaw update 2022. Nov. 16, 2022.
- Chapter Meeting: Caselaw Update 2002. Presented in April, 2002.
- Chapter Meeting: Caselaw Update 2002. Presented in Feb. 2002.
- Financial Matters in Divorce 2002: Martin Luther King Day 2002 Program: “Business Valuation Discounts and Other Issues Affecting Valuation of Closely Held Businesses.”
- “Top Cases Year 2000,” Nov. 2000.
- “Treatment of Depreciation and Business Expenses in Determining Net Income According to the Child Support.”
- “Venue in Divorce Cases: What is Residency,” June 1998.
- “Top Ten Cases 1998 - A Caselaw Review 1998.”
- “Qualified Domestic Relations Orders and the Department of Labor’s QDRO Handbook; Analysis of the *Marriage of Wenc* decision and Issues in Drafting QDROs regarding defined benefit plans.” May 1998.

- “Joint Custody in Illinois / 1998 Tax Worksheets;” Feb. 1998.
- “Top 10 1997 Cases,” Jan. 1998.
- “Maintenance and Property Spreadsheets: Illinois Caselaw Analysis,” Dec. 1997.

**Member Planning Committee for Business Valuation, Financial and Tax Issues Program: (with IICLE)**

- Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce. Jan. 2005. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the IICLE and Trenwith Valuation.
- Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce. Jan. 2004. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the AAML, IICLE, and Trenwith Valuation.
- Member Planning Committee–2008 through 2018 programs: Joint Programs with Illinois Chapter AAML, IICLE and UHY Advisors
- Member Planning Committee–2012-15 programs: Joint Program with Illinois Chapter AAML, IICLE and Reznick Group.
- Member Planning Committee–2018-19 programs: Joint Program with Illinois Chapter AAML, IICLE and Mazars.
- Member Planning Committee–2020-22 programs: Joint Program with Illinois Chapter IICLE and Mazars.

**Joint McHenry County and Lake County Bar Association Family Law Sections:**

Basic and Advanced Training for Guardians *ad Litem*: "Custody Jurisdiction: A Primer on the UCCJEA and the Hague Convention." March 2008.

**Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois:**

“The Illinois Maintenance Guidelines: Legal, Emotional and Financial Implications For Collaborative Practice,” Nov. 2014. Des Plaines, IL

**McHenry County Bar Association: Chair of Family Law Section 2014-15.**

**Presentations:**

- Family Law and Federal Taxation, 1990.
- Attorney's Fees under §508 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, 1992.
- Tips re Drafting Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, 1994.
- Family Law Form Changes in Light of Amendments to the Supreme Court Rules, 1996.
- Caselaw update 1997-98: Review of Top Ten Cases 1997.
- “Leveling the Playing Field, 5 Years Later – The Revolution that Wasn’t.” Oct. 2002.
- Caselaw Update. April 2005.

- Collaborative Practice 101 for McHenry County lawyers in light of the Supreme Court 900 Series Rules. 2006.
- Caw Law Update 2007. April 2007.
- Caw Law Update 2008. Oct. 2008.
- Caw Law Update 2009. April 2009.
- Case and Statutory Law Update. Oct. 2009.
- “Impact of Case and Statutory Law on Proposed Local Rule Changes.” Jan. 2012.
- Caselaw updated 2018: “A Review of 2017 and 2018 Important Cases.”
- Caselaw Update 2019: “A Review of our 2019 Caselaw Including Post-Decree Maintenance Review / Modification Cases.” Jan. 2020.
- [“IRMO Solecki, 2020 IL App \(2d\) 190381](#), Hard Lessons & Unexpected Consequences From Well-intentioned, Poorly-drafted MSAs.” Oct. 2020, Presentation co-presented with Judge Jeffrey Hirsch.
- New Supreme Court Rules / Orders, Legislation, and Caselaw Update, Jan. 2022.

**"Gitlin on Divorce" Family Law Seminars:**

- “Case and Statutory Law Update 2006," July 2006, Bull Valley Golf Club, Woodstock, Illinois
- “Case and Statutory Law Update 2007," April 2007, Woodstock, Illinois.
- April 2008, Settlement of Your Child Custody Case. Chicago. DePaul Law School.

**Webinar for National Child Support Enforcement Association:**

Feb. 2013, Presenter Regarding Child Support Enforcement in a IV- D World: “Enforcement of Child Support and the Interplay with Bankruptcy Proceedings.”

**Author.**

- \* [“\*Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Family Law\*”](#), 4th, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6th Editions. Supporting the original publication, Attorney Gunnar Gitlin read and briefed the then extant Illinois’ caselaw since the enactment of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act in 1977.
  - **2016 through 2021:** Substantially rewrote *Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Family Law* based on the overhaul to Illinois family laws.
  - **2022-23:** 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Updated and edited the book to fully integrate the impact of the 2015-2019 changes to all of Illinois’ divorce law.
  - **2025-26:** 6th Edition. Submitted to the publisher and available July 2025. This edition continues the comprehensive update and editing to the entire book.

- IICLE *Child Custody Litigation Handbook*, “Settlement of the Child Custody Case: The Art of Custody Warfare.” 2004, 2006, and 2010 Editions. Updated 2022-25 in house.
- IICLE *Illinois Family Law Practice Handbook’s – Property and Financial Aspects: – Business Valuations*. 2000, 2003 Editions, updated 2006 and 2010. (Further updated 2025 with an Illinois and national guidebooks on advanced issues in business valuation divorce cases). Co-Author with Bruce Richman, CVA, ABV.
- Co-author: IICLE *Child Custody Litigation Handbook*, “The Illinois Supreme Court Rules Effecting Custody Cases.” 2006, 2010.
- “Appellate Review in Domestic Relations Cases: The Elusive Final and Appealable Order,” Ill. B. J., Aug. 2000. Vol. 88, No. 8. Co-Author.
- Co-Author: “Post-*Eckert* Trends in Child Removal: A Review of Appellate Cases,” Ill. B. J., Feb. 1996.
- Author: “Business Valuation in Divorce - What is Double-Dipping and How is it Quantified?” *American Journal of Family Law*, Volume 11, Number 2, Summer 1997. Cited in Bibliography in *Valuing Small Business & Professional Practices*, Marital Dissolution Chapter.
- Author: “Bull Market Raises Stakes in Marital Property Splits,” Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Lawyer’s Forum, Aug. 23-24, 1999—two-part article.
- Chapter Author: *Tax and Financial Planning Strategies in Divorce*, Business Valuation in Divorce, Second Edition by Bruce Richman.
- “Hot Tips by the Expert” titled, “Family Lawyer’s Short Reference List, included in “101+ Practical Solutions for the Family Lawyer: Sensible Answers to Common Problems – Second Ed. ABA, Section of Family Law, 2003. This has led to the family lawyer’s recommended reading list, available in *Gitlin on Divorce*.
- “Penalties of \$100 Per Day Due for Failing to Withhold Child Support, the Illinois Supreme Court’s *Miller* Decision, and 2012 and 2015 Amendments.” Updated through 2025.
- Classification of Retained Earnings of a Premarital Business in Illinois Divorce Cases, Updated 2025
- Dissipation in Illinois Divorce Cases: When Does the Clock Start Ticking for Dissipation Claims, Updated 2025.
- Support Arrearage Qualified Domestic Relations Orders—Collecting Arrearage through QDROs in light of *Thomas*.

### **Board of Directors IICLE.**

- Appointed Board of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2021-24.
- Member Budget & Investment Committee.

## **Developed.**

- *Maintenance Caselaw.* Comprehensive spreadsheets analyzing every significant post-Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act maintenance case prior to the Illinois “maintenance guidelines.”
- *Relocation Caselaw.* Comprehensive spreadsheet analyzing the post-*Eckert* Caselaw regarding removal/relocation. Updated to include the 10-plus factors in IMDMA §609.2(g).
- *Shared Parenting Awards.* Comprehensive spreadsheet analyzing all Illinois caselaw focused on shared parenting awards.
- *Maintenance Termination due to Cohabitation.* 2023-25 comprehensive spreadsheet analyzing all Illinois caselaw following the Illinois’ Supreme Court’s Sappington decision involving maintenance termination due to resident, continuing, conjugal cohabitation.

## **Bar Membership.**

McHenry County, Lake County, Kane County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

## **Bar Activity:**

- Co-editor, ABA’s Family Law News Update, 1999-2004.
- Chairman, McHenry County Bar Association Legal Aid Committee (1993-96).
- Chairman, McHenry County Bar Association, CLE Committee (2007-08).
- Non-mediator Member 22nd Judicial Circuit’s Family Mediation Advisory Council (2005-11).

## **American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Activity:**

### **National:**

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Admissions Procedures Committees: (1997-2001, 2003-04, and 2005-06).
  - Member: National Test Committee (2011-12).
  - Institute for Matrimonial Law Associates (1998-03).
  - AAML Journal Committee (2003-05).
- Co-Dean:** Institute for Matrimonial Law Associates (1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02).

### **Illinois Chapter American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers:**

- **President** (2022-23); President Elect (2021-22);
- Vice President of the Illinois Chapter (2008-11).
- First Vice President Illinois Chapter 2020-21;
- Board of Directors: 1997-2003, 2006 - 2007, 2011-12, 2017-20, 2023-25.
- Chair: New caselaw committee (1997-98; 2001-02).
- Chair: CLE Committee (2005-07) ; Co-chair (2008-11 and 2014-19).

- Chair: Website Committee (2008-13).
- Co-Chair: Legislation Committee: 2020-23.
- Chair: First and Second Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers (Oct. 2005 and Oct. 2006).
- Co-chair Oct. 2008-2011 and 2013-2018 programs: Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers (Columbus Day 2008-11 and 2013-18).
- Member: CLE Committee 1998-2001, 2012 and 2013; Legislation Committee, 1998-99 and 2017-19.

**Other Recognitions:**

- **Leading Lawyers Network and Super Lawyers:** Selected by Leading Lawyers Network since 2003 by survey of peers in the area of Family Law through Law Bulletin Publishing Company. Selected by his peers by Illinois SuperLawyers® in the area of Family Law.\*
- **A-V – Martindale-Hubbell®:** Received A-V Peer Review Designation through Martindale-Hubbell®.\*
- **AVVO:** AVVO rating 10/10.\*

**Trained Collaborative Lawyer:**

- Fellow Collaborative Divorce Illinois (formerly Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois).
- Fellow International Academy of Collaborative Law Professionals.
- Chairman: McHenry County Collaborative Divorce Practice Group 2007-11.

**Collaborative Divorce Illinois**

- Web-site committee chair. 2007-12.
- Faculty and member of Training Committee for 2011 Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training. Chicago.

**Mediation Training:** Certificate of Professional Achievement in Family and Divorce Mediation Training, DePaul University Center for Dispute Resolution, 2005.

**Published Opinions Include:**

- *IRMO Brackett*, 309 Ill.App.3d 329 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 1999). Case of first impression prohibiting a maintenance award in lieu of a property interest in a pension plan. Also, key case addressing rehabilitative versus indefinite maintenance.
- *IRMO Hines*, 356 Ill.App.3d 197 (2d Dist. 2005).

*\* The Supreme Court of Illinois does not recognize certifications of specialties in the practice of law and that the certificate, award or recognition is not a requirement to practice law in Illinois.*

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