



CAPABILITIES / FAMILY LAW

Name Change

Obermayer's Family Law attorneys help clients complete and submit all the necessary documents to facilitate a name change for themselves or their child.

OVERVIEW

"There is no 'wrong' decision about changing a name. It is whatever makes the client happiest and most comfortable."

— Amy Rokuson

Skilled Name Change Lawyers serving New Jersey, PA, DE, CT, & NY

Many adults who are getting divorced choose to retake and reuse their prior name or maiden name. The procedure for doing this is fairly simple.

Changing a child's name, however, is more complicated. A request to change a child's name is within the discretion of the court and may be changed if it is proven that the proposed name is in the child's best interests. Our New Jersey name change lawyers are here to help you through this process.

Our Value

We ensure that at the final divorce hearing, an individual is able to resume his or her previous last name (or the last name of his or her choosing). We also assist clients obtain a last name change for a minor or for themselves if they are over 18 years old, outside of the divorce process.

Our highly experienced NJ name change attorneys are trained to ask at the outset of a case whether a name change is something that the client is seeking on his or her behalf or on behalf of a minor. For name change cases involving minors, we thoroughly explain the law to our clients and review with them their chances of success.

Our Clients

Some clients cannot wait to resume their former names, while others are hesitant because they have

made a life for themselves with their spouse's last name or because they do not want a different last name from their children. Even in the divorce context, however, a name change may not be granted if the client's purpose in seeking a name change is questionable. For example, the client may be seeking a name change to avoid creditors or criminal prosecution. Before filing any such application, our knowledgeable New Jersey name change lawyers will review this law with the client to ensure that his or her motives are sound.

Our Focus

Unless both parents agree, a minor child cannot change his or her last name without the court's permission. The standard is whether the name change is in the "best interests" of the child. Obermayer's Family Law attorneys understand precisely which arguments to make in order to prove that a name change is (or is not) in the best interests of a particular child.

We will review with our clients the pros and cons of changing their last name or the name of a child. While a name change after a divorce is liberally granted by the court, it is not as simple when it comes to the change of a minor child's name. We will help our client decide whether it would be best to move forward with the name change of the minor during his or her minority or simply encourage the child to file a name change application on his or her own upon reaching the age of majority.

Get in Touch with Our New Jersey Name Change Lawyers

If you need to discuss a name change matter contact our highly experienced New Jersey name change attorneys. Please contact our firm using our [contact us form](#). The Obermayer name change lawyers represent clients in NJ, PA, DE, CT, and NY.

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