



MEET JULIE

*“My goal is to use my litigation, mediation, and collaborative law experience to find an outcome that fits the needs of the client.”*  
 — Julie R. Colton, Partner

PITTSBURGH FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY

Julie focuses her practice on family law matters including divorce, child custody, support, asset division, prenuptial agreements, and international custody. Julie also has experience in family law mediation and collaborative law in the Pittsburgh area.

Julie believes that clear, open communication with her clients regarding expectations and outcomes is one of her most important duties as a family lawyer and mediator. She helps her clients sort out the legal aspects of a case from the emotions that are invariably involved so they are able to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. When necessary, Julie will fight on behalf of her clients to achieve the best possible legal outcome in court.

In her free time, Julie enjoys baking, craft beer, and spending time with her family. A baseball fan, Julie’s idea of the perfect vacation is heading to Florida for the Pittsburgh Pirates spring training camp with a little beach time thrown in for good measure.

EXPERIENCE

Julie has represented clients in family law, mediation, litigation and collaborative matters and has argued cases before the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Some of Julie’s more notable cases include:

- Litigating family law matters comprising of; custody, support and divorce cases involving multiple states, including cases involving

questions of jurisdiction and application of law;

- Representing parents from different countries in international custody cases, including which country has jurisdiction to decide the case and what the custody schedule should be;
- Successfully litigating a complex divorce matter so that the dependent spouse received the assets needed to maintain the marital residence and pursue a career in the arts; and
- Family law mediation including complex divorce and custody matters so that both parties felt as though their needs were met throughout the process and the parties were able to avoid litigation.

Prior to joining Obermayer, Julie worked for boutique family law firms and clerked for the Honorable Kim D. Eaton in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Family Division.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

### [Julie Colton Appointed Co-chair of the Domestic Violence Taskforce of the AAML](#)

January 13, 2022 by Julie R. Colton

### [Obermayer Attorneys to Present at PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting 2022](#)

January 14, 2022 by Stephanie Steckclair, Amanda C. Frett, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### [Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America© 2022 and The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2022](#)

August 19, 2021 by Stephanie Steckclair, Shaun Staller, Melissa A. Scacchitti, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Lanique A. Roberts, Michelle L. Ringel, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Jennifer L. Iseman, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Lawrence J. Tabas, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### [Julie Colton and Stephanie Steckclair Elected to PBA Family Law Section Council](#)

August 05, 2021 by Stephanie Steckclair, Julie R. Colton

### [The Legal Intelligencer: The Facts and Fiction of Legal Parentage](#)

July 22, 2021 by Julie R. Colton

### [Obermayer Attorneys Chosen as 2021 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® And Rising Stars](#)

May 26, 2021 by Stephanie Steckclair, Shaun Staller, Amanda C. Frett, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Maria L. Panichelli, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Gary Samms, William J. Leonard, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Samantha J. Koopman, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin, Ivo J. Becica

## ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Julie is an Adjunct Professor teaching family law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She is also the Treasurer, Court Relations Committee Member, and Guidelines Committee Member of the Family Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA), as well as a Fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. Julie currently serves a three-year term as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section Council.

Julie has published articles relating to a variety of family law topics in the Legal Intelligencer, Pennsylvania Family Lawyer, The Journal of the Allegheny County Bar Association, and Jurist. She has also appeared on “Dealing with Divorce” on KDKA Radio, discussing divorce and custody issues.

Julie is a member of the board of the Neighborhood Legal Services Association, where she also volunteers time as

a pro bono advocate representing plaintiffs in Protection From Abuse (PFA) cases and providing consultations and service recommendations to low-income custody litigants. She is also a member of the Chatham University Center for Women’s Entrepreneurship.

Julie is a Fellow with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and currently serves as co-chair of its Domestic Violence Taskforce. She has also been selected for:

- Pennsylvania’s Rising Stars in 2019 and 2020;
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – 2021;
- and was recognized by *Best Lawyers*®(2019-2022).

Additionally, she was selected by Best Lawyers® as the 2021 “Lawyer of the Year” in Pittsburgh, PA.

#### Awards Won\*



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#### EDUCATION

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD
- Gannon University, BA, Psychology

#### ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Appellate

Family Law

Child & Spousal Support

Custody

Divorce

Domestic Abuse

Mediation

Name Change

Paternity

Industry Focus

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