



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 MEDIATION

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

Custody of Rover? A Pet Custody Bill is Pending in the Pennsylvania Legislature

May 27, 2019

Partner Julie Colton to Speak at Pitt Law's "The Media, The Courts & Counsel™"

May 24, 2019 by Julie R. Colton

Obermayer Attorneys Named To 2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® And Rising Stars Lists

May 07, 2019 by Maria L. Panichelli, Michael V. Phillips, Gary Samms, William J. Leonard, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Katherine M. Robinson, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Samantha J. Koopman, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Julie R. Colton, Qiwei Chen, Michael E. Bertin, Ivo J. Becica

Obermayer's Pittsburgh Location to Host Upcoming CLE, "Aging America's Challenge to the Law"

April 01, 2019 by Marcelina R. Policicchio, Peter B. Lewis, Andrew J. Horowitz, Michael E. Hooper, Bruce C. Fox, Julie R. Colton, Qiwei Chen, Jeffrey B. Cadle

Partners David Ladov, Hillary Moonay, Michael Bertin, and Julie Colton to Present at Family Law Institute

March 26, 2019 by Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

Julie Colton to Host Web-Based CLE on the Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Enforcement Act

February 20, 2019 by Julie R. Colton

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 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.

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

Individuals & Private Clients