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Wilmington, DE



### MEET LESLIE

*"I listen carefully to my clients' goals and concerns. Then I take an efficient and cost-effective approach to achieve them."*

— Leslie B. Spoltore

### Delaware Family Law and Commercial Attorney.

Leslie focuses her practice on family law along with commercial and corporate litigation.

In her family law practice, Leslie assists clients with divorce, adoptions, child support and alimony, custody and guardianship, pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, litigation, and property division, including the valuation of closely-held businesses. In addition to her work as a family law litigator, Leslie is a Family Court certified mediator. She is also a Delaware State Bar Association Certified Domestic Relations Arbitrator.

In her commercial and corporate litigation practice, Leslie focuses on breach of contract actions, books and records demands, matters involving fiduciary duties and corporate governance, non-competition agreements, summary proceedings such as temporary restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions.

Leslie enjoys the intellectual challenge of litigation, particularly appellate practice. She is a skilled and supportive divorce lawyer and became an attorney to help families through difficult times. While she naturally brings a personal touch to family law matters, she also makes a point to bring the same attention to her commercial and corporate litigation practice. Leslie proudly serves the Wilmington area along with all of Delaware.

Leslie is an avid sports fan, following the Virginia Tech Hokies, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the

Philadelphia Eagles, the Philadelphia Phillies and NCAA basketball. She enjoys spending time with her family, baking, hiking with her dog, genealogy, and listening to U.S. Supreme Court and Delaware Supreme Court oral arguments.

## EXPERIENCE

Leslie has experience in all Delaware courts, including appellate practice in the Delaware Supreme Court. She has handled numerous cases involving the valuation of complex business assets, as well as complex analysis of income available for support. Some of Leslie's more notable cases include:

- Successfully appealing a custody decision and obtaining sole custody for the client;
- Serving as *amicus curiae* in support of the Family Court's conclusion that the rebuttable presumption of the Delaware Sex Offenders Act does not operate outside of Family Court custody proceedings;
- Obtaining sanctions for spoliation in a property division matter;
- Successfully establishing that a client's business was premarital in nature, thus excluding it from the marital estate;
- Successfully tracing seven years of funds dissipated during a marriage; and
- As guardian ad litem, successfully arguing that Delaware's guardianship statute requires the Court to consider a child's best interest in determining a petition for guardianship, even when a parent consents to the petition.

Prior to joining the firm, Leslie was a partner at a large Philadelphia law firm where she practiced in their litigation department. Prior to that, she served as the Director of Legal Affairs for the Family Court of the State of Delaware. As Director of Legal Affairs, Leslie served as a Special Master and conducted temporary contact and divorce hearings, provided counsel to the Chief Judge and Court Administrator, drafted Family Court rules of civil and criminal procedure, and drafted various legislation.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

### Leslie Spoltore Named to Delaware Today's 2025 Top Lawyers

July 24, 2025 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Leslie Spoltore to Present on Protection from Abuse Orders and Sexual Violence Protection Orders

April 25, 2025 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Leslie Spoltore Named to Delaware Today's 2024 Top Lawyers

November 06, 2024 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Leslie Spoltore Recognized in Chambers and Partners' 2024 Delaware Guide for Family/Matrimonial Law

July 29, 2024 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers 2025

July 17, 2024 by Trisha R. Hudkins, Darwin R. Beauvais, Rebecca A. Berger, Stephanie Steckclair Tarantino, Shaun Staller, Amanda C. Frett, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Michael A. Thom, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam H. Tanker, Alina Chuklin, Tara K. Burns, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Michelle

L. Ringel, Nicholas Poduslenko, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

## Leslie Spoltore to Present on Protection From Abuse and Domestic Violence issues at DSBA's Fundamentals of Family Law 2024

May 31, 2024 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Leslie serves as a board member and volunteer attorney for Delaware Volunteer Legal Services. She is also a volunteer attorney for the Office of the Advocate and has served as a coach for the Delaware Futures High School Mock Trial team.

Leslie is an accomplished attorney with numerous accolades in the field of family law. She holds a perfect 10-star rating on Avvo and has been consistently recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2019. In 2023, she was honored as the Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in the Wilmington area by *Best Lawyers*®. Additionally, Leslie has been recognized as one of Delaware’s top lawyers by *Delaware Today* magazine in 2012, 2013, 2019, and from 2023 to 2025. In 2015, she was selected for inclusion in *Women Leaders in the Law* by ALM. Leslie was awarded the Christopher W. White Distinguished Access to Justice Service to Children Award (2018). The award is given by the Delaware State Bar Association to a lawyer who demonstrates outstanding commitment to children in the provision of legal or community service. Leslie was recognized in the Chambers and Partners guide in the Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth category in 2023 and 2024.

Additionally, Leslie is an active blogger on Obermayer’s Family Matters blog, where she often reports on a variety of topics, including custody matters, adoption, divorce, and other updates in Delaware.

### Awards Won\*



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### EDUCATION

- Delaware Law School, JD
- Ursinus College, BA

## ADMISSIONS

- Delaware
- United States District Court for the District of Delaware

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## CAPABILITIES

### Family Law

Adoption  
Child & Spousal Support  
Custody  
Divorce  
Domestic Abuse  
Mediation

### Litigation

Appellate  
Commercial Litigation

### Labor & Employment

Employment Litigation  
Labor Arbitration

### Industry Focus

Financial Services  
Health Care  
Individuals & Private Clients  
International Businesses  
Local Governments & Municipal Authorities  
Nonprofit Organizations  
Real Estate & Construction  
Universities & Secondary Schools