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

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 also serves as a neutral assessor, mediator and 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 became a lawyer 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 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

### When "I Do" Becomes "Adieu" – What About The Ring?

May 02, 2019

### Viewpoint: Taxes No Longer a 'Sure Thing' in Divorce

February 14, 2019 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Unusual Marital Assets – Delaware License Plates

December 11, 2018

### Obermayer Partner Leslie B. Spoltore Presented "How to Handle Custody & Visitation in Delaware"

November 16, 2018 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### Obermayer Partner Leslie B. Spoltore to be Panelist at Delaware Pro Bono CLE

October 19, 2018 by Leslie B. Spoltore

### From The Archives: Standby Guardianship Can Be An Important Part Of Estate Planning

October 17, 2018

## 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 a decorated attorney. She has a 10-star rating on Avvo, has been recognized by Best Lawyers in Delaware, was named one of Delaware's top lawyers in Delaware Today magazine (2012, 2013), and was selected for inclusion in "Women Leaders in the Law" by ALM in 2015. Recently, 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 that demonstrates outstanding commitment to children in the provision of legal or community service.

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

**CAPABILITIES**

**Family Law**

- Adoption
- Child & Spousal Support
- Custody
- Divorce
- Domestic Abuse
- Mediation
- Name Change
- Paternity

**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