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When it comes to achieving a positive outcome for his clients, Geoffrey Platnick is passionate. Often meeting him under emotionally devastating circumstances, clients rely on Geoff to assess their specific family circumstances and goals, and then formulate and execute a strategy to achieve a desirable outcome for them and their families. His experience and training provides him an insightful perspective into the field of family law and its complex needs. He presents clients with strategic, thoughtful and zealous representation, providing solutions for both their immediate and long-term concerns.

A highly accomplished trial lawyer and *Managing Shareholder* of the prominent family law firm of **Strickler, Platnick & Hatfield** in Potomac, Maryland, Geoff's areas of practice include all aspects of complex family law matters, including divorce and litigation, complex custody litigation, child support and alimony issues, property distribution and business valuations, settlement agreements, custody agreements, pre-nuptial agreements, post-nuptial agreements, grandparent visitation issues, contempt/enforcement actions, modification actions, domestic violence matters, as well as legal issues faced by same-sex couples.

Geoff frequents the Maryland courts and is often appointed by the trial courts to represent the needs of children as a trained and experienced Best Interest Attorney. A Best Interest Attorney is an attorney that makes independent assessments of what is in the child's best interest and advocates for these assessments in court.

Geoff is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland, the United States District Court of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS AND NOTABLES

Best Lawyers in America

Best Lawyer, 2018 to Present

Martindale-Hubbell

AV Preeminent Rated, 2012 to Present

Montgomery County Bar Association, Bar Foundation

Bar Leader, 2012 to Present

Super Lawyers 2010

Rising Star and Super Lawyer 2010 to Present

Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Co-Chair, Family Law Section, 2009 to 2010

Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Co-Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee, 2007 to Present

Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Member, 2005 to Present

American Inns of Court, Montgomery County

Barrister, 2008 to 2018

Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

Inclusion, 2009 to Present

Maryland Collaborative Practice Association

Member, 2006 to Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Strickler, Platnick & Hatfield, Potomac, MD

Managing Shareholder - Attorney (Summer 2021 to Present)

- Litigate, mediate, arbitrate, and collaborate cases primarily involving divorce, custody, child support, alimony, property division, domestic violence, and contempt

Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, Potomac, MD

Shareholder - Attorney (Summer 2009 to Summer 2021)

- Litigated, mediated, arbitrated, and collaborated cases primarily involving divorce, custody, child support, alimony, property division, domestic violence, and contempt

Strickler, Sachitano & Hatfield, Bethesda, MD

Senior Associate Attorney (Summer 2007 to Summer 2009 [Law Firm Ceased to Exist])

- Litigated and mediated cases primarily involving divorce, custody, child support, alimony, property division, domestic violence, guardianship and contempt

Gimmel, Weiman, Ersek & Blomberg, Gaithersburg, MD

Associate Attorney (Spring 2005 to Summer 2007)

- Litigated and mediated cases primarily involving divorce, custody, child support, alimony, property division, domestic violence, guardianship, contempt and general civil litigation

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Trial Attorney, Legal Services Section, Office of Child Support Enforcement (Summer 2003 to Spring 2005)

- Performed all functions related to case and calendar management for civil and criminal dockets including: pretrial, motions and trial scheduling; preparation of case transfers; case entry logs; documentation of action taken or orders issued; preparation and service of filings; timely issuance of subpoenas; discovery; mediation; negotiation and trial

City Court of Buffalo — Honorable Thomas P. Franczyk, Buffalo, NY

Judicial Law Clerk (Fall 2001)

- Drafted legal documents including: briefs, final orders, legal memos and memoranda of law

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Maryland Court of Appeals

Admitted, December 2002

United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Admitted, January 2003

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Admitted, September 2003

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University at Buffalo Law School — State University of New York

Juris Doctor, 2002

West Virginia University

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies, 1991

Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia

Assistant United States Attorney — Three Week Intensive Basic Training Course, 2004

Certified Mediator, MICPEL

Training and Certification, 2008