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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland (admitted 2009), District of Columbia (admitting 2018), Supreme Court of the United States of America (2017), District Court of Maryland (2017)

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Z FAMILY LAW, LLC**

*Owner and Founder*

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1501, Rockville, Maryland

November 2018-Present

Execute domestic relations litigation including: divorce, custody, modification, post-judgment issues, relocation, child support, alimony, international parental kidnapping; Serve as a Mediator; Serve as a Parenting Coordinator; Serve as Counsel for Children; Draft and Argue Family Law Appeals

- Prepare documents for litigation matters including drafting interrogatories, drafting requests for production of documents, preparing discovery responses, drafting pleadings, drafting motions to the court including motions to compel and motions to dismiss, drafting appropriate appellate memoranda
- Argue Motions and Pleadings before the bench and participate in Interest-Based Negotiations, Settlement Negotiations, Collaborative Resolution
- Serve as a neutral in dispute resolution methods including mediation and parenting coordination

### **AVERY & UPTON**

*Associate Attorney*

51 Monroe Street, Suite 701, Rockville, Maryland

May 2012-October 2018

Execute domestic relations litigation including: divorce, custody, modification, post-judgment issues, relocation, child support, alimony

- Prepare documents for litigation matters including drafting interrogatories, drafting requests for production of documents, preparing discovery responses, drafting pleadings, drafting motions to the court including motions to compel and motions to dismiss, drafting appropriate appellate memoranda
- Argue Motions and Pleadings before the bench and participate in Interest-Based Negotiations, Settlement Negotiations, Collaborative Resolution
- Execute appointments as a Child Privilege Attorney

### **THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN S. WEAVER**

*Contract Attorney*

51 Monroe Street, Suite 701, Rockville, Maryland

Fall 2011-Spring 2012

- Research various family law issues for appellate briefs including modification of physical and legal custody in relocation matters
- Assist with litigation matters including drafting interrogatories, drafting requests for production of documents, and preparing responses to discovery requests

### **THE HONORABLE SHERRIE L. KRAUSER**

*Judicial Law Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland*

14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Summer 2009-Fall 2011

- Conducted legal analyses and drafted memoranda on cases involving a variety of civil motions
- Drafted orders and opinions in civil, family and criminal post-conviction matters
- Corresponded with both attorneys and *pro se* litigants regarding scheduling and other matters
- Assisted the Judge in courtroom and other proceedings including sentencing hearings, administrative agency appeals, District Court appeals, civil trials, criminal appeals, Child in Need of Assistance proceedings, pre-trial and other conferences and emergency proceedings
- Trained and supervised judicial interns

*Judicial Intern*

Summer 2007

- Drafted bench memoranda concerning summary judgment motions and administrative agency appeals
- Aided in updating Judge's personal sentencing guide notebook

### **PROFESSOR NAOMI CAHN**

*Research Assistant, The George Washington University Law School*

2000 H Street, NW, Washington, District of Columbia

Winter 2008-Spring 2009

- Assisted in editing and indexing book, *Test Tube Families: Why the Fertility Market Needs Legal Regulation*
- Updated the Alimony and the Domestic Violence chapters of Professor Cahn's Family Law Casebook

**BELLI, WEIL & GROZBEAN, P.C.**

111 Rockville Pike, Suite 980, Rockville, Maryland

*Law Clerk*

Summer 2008

- Drafted complaints, answers, discovery requests and responses and motions in a variety of domestic cases
- Researched and drafted memoranda of law on issues such as satisfying judgments and personal injury matters

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT**

2000 H Street, NW, Washington, District of Columbia

*Participant*

Fall 2007

- Conducted legal research for practicing attorneys, filed court documents and summarized intake forms for WEAVE: Women Empowered Against Violence (now Washington Empowered Against Violence)
- Completed an advocacy presentation arguing that attorneys should be required to report child abuse

**THE HONORABLE CATHY H. SERRETTE**

14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

*Judicial Intern*

Summer 2007

- Drafted several bench memoranda and orders concerning attorney's fees, civil dispositive motions, motions for sanctions, appeals from district court decisions, family law matters and garnishments
- Researched and collaborated on a memorandum for an In Banc Review of a Final Protective Order

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Maryland State Bar Association—Family Law Section

Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland—Family Law Section

Co-Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee (2018-Present)—Co-Chair of Annual Advanced

Litigation Symposium (2015-Present); Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Foundation, Bar Leader (June 2016-

Present); Leadership Academy Fellow (August 2016-May 2017)

Bar Association of Frederick County, Maryland

District of Columbia Bar

American Bar Association—Family Law Section, International Law Section, Reproductive and Genetic Technology Committee

Montgomery County Inns of Court, Associate, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, Barrister 2018-Present

Women's Bar Association (2015-Present)

Hague Convention Attorney Network

**TRAINING**

- Completed the National Institute For Trial Advocacy's ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Program July 2017
- Completed 40-hours of Parent Coordination Training April 2016
- Completed required yearly continuing education in 2017 & 2018
- Completed 20 hour of Property and Financial Issues Mediation Training October 2015
- Completed 20 hours of Parenting and Child Access Issues Mediation Training June 2015
- Completed 40-hours of Basic Mediation Training February 2013
- Completed Representing Children in Contested Custody Cases in Maryland December 2012
- Completed Collaborative Three Day Core Interdisciplinary Team Training March 2012

**EDUCATION****THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**

Washington, District of Columbia

*Juris Doctor*

Spring 2009

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

College Park, Maryland

Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics, High Honors, May 2006; Bachelor of Arts in History

Spring 2006

Honors Thesis: *The Comfort Women Case: An Examination of Its Effect on International Law and a Demonstration of How the World's Attention was Grasped through Grassroots Movements Implemented by Women's Groups and Nongovernmental Organizations*

## TEACHING

- Speaker: 2019 Advanced Litigation Symposium; Topic: Communications With Your Clients Regarding ESI Spring 2019
- Speaker: Deposing Your Opponent: How to Win Your Case Before It Reaches Court Spring 2019
- Speaker: Social Media and Other Electronic Evidence—How to Get It, and How to Get it Admitted, In Criminal, Family Law, and Other Civil Cases Fall 2018
- Speaker: Rita Rosencrantz Basic Family Law Training, Section on Separation Agreements Spring 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

- “The State of Grandparents Visitation Rights in the United States,” for *Worthy.com* (September 2019)
- “Fighting Over Fido: What to Do When You Need A Custody Agreement For Your Pet,” for *Worthy.com* (August 2019)
- “5 Ways to Prep Your Kiddo For A New School,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi DuBois for *Worthy.com* (August 2019)
- “Shattering Gender Norms In The Courtroom,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi DuBois for *Worthy.com* (July 2019)
- “There’s An App for That: Co-Parenting Apps to Save Your Sanity,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi DuBois for *Worthy.com* (July 2019)
- “What To Bring To Your Initial Consultation With A Divorce Attorney,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi DuBois for *Worthy.com* (July 2019)
- “10 Tips for Avoiding Summer Vacation Custody Shenanigans,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi DuBois for *Worthy.com* (June 2019)
- “Preparing for a Child Custody Battle,” for *Worthy.com* (May 2019)
- “What You Need To Know If You Need To Leave Your Marriage Fast,” with Dr. Elizabeth Degi Dubois for *Worthy.com* (May 2019)
- “4 Things You’re Afraid To Tell Your Divorce Attorney That You Really Have To,” for *Worthy.com* (May 2019)
- “There Are As Many Ways To Get Divorced As There Are To Get Married,” for *Worthy.com* (April 2019)
- “Finding ‘The One’: How To Choose Your Divorce Attorney,” for *Worthy.com* (April 2019)
- “Frederick Family Law Practitioner Wins Beverly A. Groner Family Law Award,” in *Family Law News, Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.* (December 2011)

## MEDIA

- Guest on *The Law Entrepreneur* Podcast; Episode 168—Changing the Family Law Narrative & Creating an Office Environment That Supports Your Practice Area (July 2019)
- Guest on *The Tommy Show Starring Kelly Collis & Tommy McFly*—Segment Titled: Keeping Your Balance Through A Divorce (July 2019)
- Featured Interviewee for “A Divorce Attorney Weighs In On The Top Five Things That Lead To Divorce,” for *Madamemoire.com*, article by Keyaira Kelly (April 16, 2019)
- Featured Interviewee for “5 Things That Break A Marriage The Fastest, According To A Divorce Attorney,” for *Romper*, article by Lindsay E. Mack (April 15, 2019)