

Hon. Arnold F. Blockman (ret.) presided over the family law division in Champaign County, Illinois from 2000 to September 16, 2016. He received his B.S. in History and Political Science from the University of Memphis in 1968 and his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1973. He served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Leland Simkins, Illinois Appellate Court Judge for the Fourth District, from 1973 to 1975. From 1975 to 1996 he was an associate and partner in the Champaign law firm of Hatch, Blockman & McPheters, P.C., concentrating in civil litigation. In November of 1996, he was elected as a Circuit Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. He was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to be a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and served on that committee from 1979 to December of 1996. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as a faculty member for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Illinois Judicial Conference Seminar Series and the 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2018 Judicial Education Conference. He is a frequent speaker at various Illinois State Bar Association seminars on family law issues. He has published articles on various legal issues in a number of publications, including the Illinois Bar Journal and the Southern Illinois Law Journal. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law teaching a course entitled "Family Law Practice."

Jami M. Buzinski received her Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School in 2008, and a B.A. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2005. Jami practices exclusively in the area of family law, both on the trial and appellate court levels. Jami's wide-ranging family law experiences enable her to be an effective advocate and resource for her clients.

Prior to joining Kamerlink, Stark, Powers & McNicholas, LLC, Jami developed her passion for legal advocacy as a law clerk in the Cook County Public Defender's office, where she interned for two summers. While at the Public Defender's office, Jami researched complex state and family law issues, and observed seasoned attorneys on the Office's murder task force and juvenile delinquency divisions. Also, while in law school, Jami clerked for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney, Child Welfare Division.

Jami has a unique perspective on family law, having experienced both private and public sector approaches to family law issues. Jami concentrates her practice in contested family matters, including, custody, visitation, child support, maintenance, distribution of marital estates, defense of DCFS reports, appeals of DCFS indicated reports and other marital and parental rights. Jami has co-authored the second edition of the Child Custody Chapter for the Illinois State Bar Association. Jami is also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association and Justinian Society.

Kathleen Curtin began her legal career after more than two decades of working at an international chemical manufacturing company. While Kathleen was offering pro bono services to Prairie State Legal Services and Metropolitan Family Services Legal Aid Society, she identified the need for dedicated QDRO support. Curtin Law was then launched to concentrate on this area of family law. Kathleen continues to volunteer her time to local legal aid organizations. She also serves as the immediate past president of the Association of Women Attorneys of Lake County, Illinois. She is a member of the Lake County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Chicago Bar Association, and Illinois State Bar Association.

Kathleen frequently presents at legal conferences and meetings where she offers guidance on the QDRO process and the division of retirement accounts. Kathleen obtained her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Fairleigh Dickerson University, a Masters in Business Administration from Long Island University, and her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

Hon. Rodney W. Equi served as the Presiding Judge for the DuPage County Domestic Relations Division from 1999-2008 and from 2011 until his retirement on December 31, 2014. He also served as a Domestic Relations Trial Judge from August 1992 to June 1995 and January 1999-retirement. His prior assignments include Chancery (1995-1996) and Law/Jury (1996-1999).

Judge Equi is a member of the DuPage County Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association. He is a past member of the Elmhurst College Mentoring Program, the Federal Trial Bar, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the American Bar Association. Judge Equi received the Justinian Society of Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" award in 2008, the DuPage County Bar Association "Lawyer of the Year" award in 2009, and the Michael S. Cohen Award for the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 2010.

Judge Equi has lectured on various subjects (including domestic relations, trial advocacy, and pre-trial procedure) at the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Illinois State Bar Association, DuPage County Bar Association, and private seminars. He has also authored articles for the DuPage County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Aurelija G. Fitzpatrick earned her B.A. at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (History, Political Science) in 2007, and her J.D. at Loyola University Chicago in 2010, where she was a Civitas ChildLaw Fellow. She is currently an Associate at Marilyn Longwell & Associates, P.C., located in Chicago, Illinois, where she has worked since 2012, where she concentrates her practice on domestic relations proceedings, including child and spousal support, allocation of parental responsibilities for minor children, parenting time, and the division of marital estates. She currently practices in Cook, Lake, DuPage, and Will Counties. Her *pro bono* work includes accepting *pro bono* child representative appointments through Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has published several articles, including on the topics of grandparent custody and parenting time rights, defining income for the purposes of support, and legal rights of unaccompanied minors.

Ms. Fitzpatrick is the Co-Chair of the Domestic Relations Committee of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and is on the Chicago Public Library Foundation Junior Board. She is also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois.

Kelli E. Gordon earned her B.S. in Business Administration at the University of Illinois in 1995 and her J.D. at Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1998. She completed the “40 Hour Custody and Visitation Mediation” training at the University of Illinois in Springfield in 2007. Ms. Gordon is admitted to practice in Illinois, the U.S. District Court Central District of Illinois, and the U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit. She is a Partner at Feldman Wasser. Her experience covers a wide range of family law matters, from the protection of adult disabled children and the division of family businesses, to international kidnappings and unique estate issues, to paternity and adoptions.

Ms. Gordon’s family law skills have also been recognized by *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, which designated her a Leading Lawyer® in Family Law. Leading Lawyers are nominated through a poll of the 60,000 attorneys in *Sullivan’s Law Directory* and represent the top five percent of attorneys in the State of Illinois. Thomson-Reuters™ has named Kelli a Super Lawyer in Family Law. Super Lawyers has a rigorous national selection process that recognizes only the top five percent of lawyers in each state.

Morris Lane Harvey earned his B.S. in Political Science and Speech at Murray State University in 1973 and his J.D. at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1974. He is admitted to practice in Illinois, the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, and the U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit. Mr. Harvey served as an associate attorney at Hanagan and Dousman from 1975-1977 and was a Partner at Feiger, Quindry, Molt and Harvey from 1977-1985. Mr. Harvey opened his own law practice in Fairfield, Illinois in 1985 and in Mount Vernon, Illinois in 1997. His practice concentrates in civil litigation with special emphasis on family law.

Mr. Harvey has been rated “AV Preeminent” by Martindale-Hubbell since 1993. He is chair of the Family Law Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association and a member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, and American Association for Justice. Mr. Harvey engages in several civic and pro bono activities, including Rotary International, Rotary Club of Mount Vernon, and United Way Illinois.

Bethany M. Hearn is a Principal of CliftonLarsonAllen LPP in Champaign, Illinois. She has over twenty-five years of experience in public accounting including audit, tax, business valuation, litigation support, and transaction services. She has extensive experience in providing valuation and forensic accounting services to a variety of privately-held companies. Bethany performs valuations of businesses, intangible assets, and various other investments for value planning, financial reporting, marital dissolutions, mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, bank financing, and tax purposes. She also has experience in damages calculations, lost profits analysis, lost business value, and forensic investigation.

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Ms. Henderson earned her B.S. at Northwestern University in 2001 and her J.D. at The George Washington University Law School in 2004. She is admitted to practice in Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Mr. Kirsh is the Principal at Kirsh & Associates, Ltd. in Chicago where he concentrates on family law matters. Prior to this, he was a Partner at Colky & Kirsh, Ltd (2001-2012), a Sole Practitioner at the Law Offices of Matthew A. Kirsh (1998-2001), an Associate Attorney at Kirsh & Berman, Ltd. (1992-1998), and an Associate Attorney at Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, Ltd. (1989-1992). He is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Illinois State Bar Association where he serves as the Editor for the Family Law Newsletter.

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Before concentrating in Family Law, she practiced in the areas of personal injury, school law and civil rights law. She has tried cases in federal court in Chicago and Benton, Illinois and in the Circuit Courts of Cook, Will and DuPage Counties as well as downstate Illinois. She has twice been a finalist for Associate Judge in Cook County. Ms. Longwell a member of the Illinois State Bar Association as well as the Chicago, DuPage County, and Women's Bar Associations and is a member and past president of the West Suburban Bar Association. She speaks and writes on legal topics regularly.

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Ms. Nyuli is active in the Illinois State Bar Association as a member, served two terms on the Board of Governors, and was Treasurer of the Board. She is past chair of the Judicial Advisory Polls Committee and has served for many years on the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Family Law Section Council. Ms. Nyuli is on the Assembly, and was the Chair of both the 2011 and the 2012 ISBA Solo and Small Firm Conference. Ms. Nyuli is currently on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Bar Foundation and is a Gold Fellow.

Ms. Nyuli is involved in a number of professional organizations, and has been a frequent seminar speaker for the ISBA and the Kane County Bar Association on various areas of practice, including family law, bankruptcy, practice management, GAL training and ethics/civility. She is a past President of the Kane County Bar Association and the Kane County Bar Foundation. She received the Family Law Achievement Award from the Kane County Bar Association in 2003 for her work in establishing a Children's Waiting Room at the Kane County Judicial Center. She also received the pro bono award from the Kane County Bar Foundation in 2006. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Ms. Nyuli received her B.S. in business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1986 and her J.D. from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1989. She was honored with the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2005 from NIU College of Law. She has been chosen by her peers as a Leading Lawyer in Family Law every year since 2010, and as a SuperLawyer in family law every year since 2011.

Masah S. Renwick is the founder of The Renwick Firm, in Homewood, Illinois. She is highly experienced in managing family law cases, including complex child support, custody, visitation and divorce.

As one of The National Black Lawyers—Top 100, Atty. Renwick received both her Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University—Bloomington. She is licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Atty. Renwick is a Co-Founder and current Board Member of the Black Bar Association of Will County. She is a member of the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. and the 2015 and 2016 Co-Chair of the Small and Solo Firm Committee. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association- where she currently hold appointments to the Family Law Section Counsel, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Law Committee, and the Human Rights Section Council. She is also active in the Cook County Bar Association, where she is the 2016 Chair of the Family Law Committee.

Outside of the legal community, Atty. Renwick is very active in her community and holds a number of appointments for organizations with a focus on women, children, and underserved populations. Most recently Atty. Renwick was appointed by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner to the Board of Trustees of Governor's State University.

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He is a member of the Leading Lawyers Network, and has been recognized as an Illinois “Super Lawyer” and as one of the “Best Lawyers in America.” He has lectured at seminars sponsored by the Kane County Bar Association, the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE), the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the Illinois State Bar Association on many family law topics, both substantive and practical, including child custody litigation, analysis and cross examination of psychological experts in custody litigation, financial issues in divorce and trial practice. He has authored numerous articles on family law topics. He has written a book about family law practice, “Divorce Tools and Techniques,” which has been published by James Publishing Co., www.jamespublishing.com.

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Tim received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Iowa in 2002. He received his Juris Doctor in 2012 from the John Marshall Law School, where he was named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He was licensed to practice law in May of 2012. He is a member of the American Bar Association, The Illinois State Bar Association, the Kane County Bar Association.

Tim spends his free time with his wife and three girls in between sneaking out for rounds of golf. He is also an Ordained Minister and is available for solemnizing ceremonies of any kind in 50 states and all 16 United States territories.