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## EDUCATION

2012 - 2016

**Juris Doctor, cum laude**

The John Marshall Law School (n/k/a University of Illinois - Chicago) - Chicago, IL

Member of THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW

2008 - 2011

**Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude**

Carthage College - Kenosha, WI

Majors: Honors Political Science & Philosophy

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present

*President*

**Adrikos®, LLC**, Oak Brook, IL

Developed an online academy for aspiring life coaches; designed curriculum; taught course materials and presented remote lectures; authored workbooks; designed templates and educational tools; and provided one-on-one Christian and divorce life coaching services.

2016 - Present

*President and Founding Attorney*

**Sarantakis Law Group, Ltd.**, Oak Brook, IL

Created and managed all aspects of family law firm; Represented clients in family law litigation including divorce, orders of protection, premarital and postnuptial agreements, parenting time disputes, maintenance calculations, child support matters, and the enforcement and/or modification of post-decree judgments. Additionally, mediated disputes and served as a Guardian ad Litem, Child Representative, and Parenting Coordinator; Licensed in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Texas.

2013 - 2019

*Of Counsel - Attorney at Law (Former Law Clerk)*

**The Law Offices of Umberto S. Davi, P.C.**, Western Springs, IL

Advocated for clients in matrimonial and parentage matters in Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, and Will counties.

2015

*Judicial Extern*

**The Honorable Thomas L. Kilbride**, Supreme Court of Illinois

Drafted bench memoranda for civil and criminal cases before the Illinois Supreme Court for oral argument; Conducted comparative and qualitative research to assist the Access to Justice Commission.

2014

*Student Instructor*

**The John Marshall Law School**, Chicago, IL

Assisted first-year law students in navigating course materials in Professor Scott Shepard's Property class; Hosted mid-term and final review sessions; Graded assignments. (*Volunteer Position*)

2013 - 2014

*Research Assistant*

**The John Marshall Law School**, Chicago, IL

Aided in preparing Professor Diane Kaplan's American constitutional law textbook, "*An Introduction to the American Legal System*", formerly published by The People's Republic of China, for publication in the United States and edited an academic article published in the Wisconsin Journal of Law, Society, & Gender.

2010 - 2012

*Research Assistant*

**Carthage College**, Kenosha, WI

Collaborated with Professor Wayne Thompson in conducting original research on "*The Social Ecology of Congregations*" by interviewing congregation leaders and laypersons, performing ethnographic field research, and analyzing survey data; Presented respective findings at academic conferences.

2009 - 2012

*Student Instructor*

**Carthage College**, Kenosha, WI

Served as a student instructor for two courses, Sociological Research Methods and Constitutional Law; Tutored students by assisting them with interpreting case law and utilizing S.P.S.S software for regression analysis, cross-tabs, indexing, univariate frequency distributions, ANOVAs, and T-Tests to assess potential policy directions using public opinion data.

2009

*Undergraduate Judicial Extern*

**The Honorable Mary Wagner**, Kenosha County Courthouse

Observed criminal case proceedings in the courtroom of the Chief Judge in the 2nd Judicial District.

2008 - 2009

*Undergraduate Extern*

**Kenosha County District Attorney's Office**, Kenosha, IL

Attended preliminary hearings, managed case files, performed clerical duties, and reconstructed old file library.

2007 - 2008

*Undergraduate Extern*

**Kenosha County Public Defender's Office**, Kenosha, IL

Conducted legal research in LexisNexis; assisted attorneys with trial preparation; performed mock trial role-play exercises with attorneys and clients; prepared witnesses; and drafted motions.

## **AWARDS / HONORS**

- 2025 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2025 – Best Lawyers in America® - Best Lawyers Recognition
- 2024 – Greek America Foundation – Forty Under 40 Awards
- 2024 – Wilmot Union High School – Inducted into Hall of Fame
- 2024 – Best Lawyers in America® - Best Lawyers Recognition
- 2023 – Illinois State Bar Association – Young Lawyer of the Year Award
- 2023 – American Bar Association – On the Rise Award - Top 40 Young Lawyers

- 2023 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2022 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2021 - Amazon.com Top 10 Best Selling Author in Divorce and Separation, Family Law, Et al.
- 2021 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2020 – Illinois State Bar Association – Newsletter Service Award (5 Year Editor for YLD Newsletter)
- 2020 - American Institute of Family Law Attorneys - 10 Best Female Attorneys in Illinois
- 2020 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2019 – Attorney & Practice Magazine – Top 10 Family Law Attorneys in Illinois
- 2019 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2018 – National Association of Distinguished Counsel - Fellow
- 2018 – Rising Star - Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2017 – National Family Law Academy – Top 10 Family Law Attorneys Under 40 (Illinois)
- 2016 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – White Collar Crime
- 2015 – Public Interest Advocate Award, Diversity Scholarship Foundation
- 2015 – Anthony J. Fornelli Emerging Leaders Award, Justinian Society of Lawyers
- 2014 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Constitutional Law
- 2014 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Evidence
- 2010 – Wingspread Fellow of the Johnson Foundation
- 2010 – Wisconsin Sociological Association Undergraduate Student Paper Award
- 2010 – American Criminal Justice Association Undergraduate Student Paper Award
- 2007 – Clausen Scholar – Full Academic Undergraduate Scholarship, Carthage College
- 2007 – Patterson Leadership Award, Lake Forest College
- 2006 - Southeastern Wisconsin DECA Fashion Merchandising Management Award
- 2005 & 2006 - President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

## MEMBERSHIPS

### American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators, 2019 - 2021

- **Attorney Member**, Certified Financial Litigator (CFL™) 2019 - 2021

### American Bar Association, 2012 - Present

- **Chair**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division, Family Law Committee, 2020 – 2021
- **Board Member**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Membership Board, 2020 – 2022
- **Task Force Liaison**, Task Force of Lawyer Well-Being to ABA YLD Wellness Team, 2020 - 2021
- **Vice-Chair**, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice – Automobile Litigation Committee, 2018-2019
- **Appointed Member**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Technology & Resource Center Committee, 2020 - 2021
- **Vice Chair**, ABA Young Lawyers Division | Family Law Committee, 2020 – 2021
- **Appointed Member**, ABA Wellness Committee, 2020 -2021
- **Appointed Member**, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, New Lawyer Steering Committee (and Programming Subcommittee), 2020 – 2021
- **Appointed Member**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Pro Bono and Public Service Committee, 2019 – Present
- **Vice Chair**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Family Law Committee, 2019 - 2020
- **Vice Chair**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Technology & Resource Center Committee, 2019 - 2020
- **Co-Chair**, ABA Young Lawyers Division, Solo, Small Firm, & Gen Practice Division, 2019 - 2020
- **Chair**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Family Law Committee, 2018-2019
- **Chair**, ABA Young Lawyers Division Child & the Law Committee, 2018 – 2019
- **Committee Liaison**, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice – Automobile Litigation Committee, 2018 – 2019

- **Young Lawyer Representative** Appointment to the Outreach to Young Lawyers Standing Committee, 2018 – 2019
- **Committee Liaison**, GP Solo/Fam Law Section Working Group on Alimony Deductibility, 2018
- **Co-Chair**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division Family Law Committee, 2017 - 2018
- **Fellow**, ABA Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division, 2017 - 2018
- **Co-Chair**, ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Committee, 2017 - 2018
- **Vice Chair**, ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Committee, 2016
- **Content Editor**, Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, 2016- 2017
- **Member, State & Local Bar Outreach (Executive Appointment)**, 2016
- **7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Lieutenant Governor**, Law Student Division, 2015

**Association for Conflict Resolution, 2015**

- **Member**, Chicago Chapter, 2015

**Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2020**

- **Member**, 2020

**Carthage College Alumni Association, 2019 – 2020**

- **150 Years of Women Career Development Committee**, 2019 – 2020
- **Annual Scholarship Donor “Marie Sarantakis Scholarship”**, 2020 -2021

**Chicago Bar Association, 2012 - 2018**

- **Chair**, Law Students Committee, 2016 – 2018

**Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois, 2018 - Present**

- **Fellow**, 2018 - Present

**Cook County Bar Association, 2017 – 2018**

**Decalogue Society of Lawyers, 2017 – 2019**

**DuPage Association of Women Lawyers, 2016 – 2017**

**DuPage County Bar Association, 2015 - Present**

- **Editorial Board for *The DCBA Brief***, 2020 - 2023
- **Judge William Bauer Scholarship Recipient**, 2015

**DuPage County Bar Foundation, 2019 - Present**

- **Board of Directors**, 2019 - Present

**DuPage Legal Assistance Foundation, 2018**

- **Judges’ Night Committee**, 2018

**Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois, 2011 – 2016, 2020 - Present**

- **Law Student Scholarship Recipient**, 2014

**Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2017 – 2018**

**Illinois Bar Foundation, 2017**

- **Lawyers Rock Event Committee**, 2017
- **Bronze Fellow**

**Illinois Legal Aid Online, 2013 - 2019**

- **Young Professionals Board Member**, 2013 – 2019
- **Host Committee Member**, ILAO 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala, 2017

**Illinois Lawyers Assistance Program, 2016 - 2020**

- **Chair**, ALT-NET group, 2018 – 2020
- **Associate Board Member**, 2016 – 2020
- **Trained Intervention Volunteer**, 2016

**Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association, 2017 – 2018**

**Illinois State Bar Association, 2012 - Present**

- **Member**, Standing Committee on Artificial Intelligence & the Practice of Law, 2024 - Present
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President)**, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, 2023 - 2024
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President)**, ARDC Commission, 2021 - 2023
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President)**, Young Lawyers Division, 2014 – 2020, 2021 – 2024
  - **Committee Member, Health & Wellness Committee**, 2022 - 2023
- **Assembly Member (Elected)**, 2017 – 2020
- **Co-Chair**, Exploratory Committee on Fundraising Efforts, Young Lawyers Division, 2017 – 2019
- **Co-Chair**, YLD Speed Networking Planning Committee, 2017
- **Delegate**, ISBA Representative to the ABA YLD, 2017 – 2020
- **Mentor**, Young Lawyers Division, 2017
- **Volunteer, Law Related Education Committee**, Lawyers in the Classroom, 2017 -2018
- **Volunteer, Law Related Education Committee**, Mock Trial Tournaments, 2016 - 2018
- **Newsletter Editor**, Young Lawyers Division, 2015 – 2020
- **Law Student Committee Co-Chair**, Young Lawyers Division, 2016 – 2018
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President)**, Task Force on Rule 711, 2015 - 2017
- **Social Media Content Editor**, ISBA President's Page - Facebook, 2015 - 2016
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President)**, Family Law Section Council, 2015-2016
- **Law Student Representative**, The John Marshall Law School, 2014 – 2016

**Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 2016 – 2017**

- **Winter Social Committee**, 2017

**International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, 2017 – 2018**

**The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, 2015 – 2019**

- **Director** – 2017 - 2019
- **Board of Trustees - Student Liaison Committee**, 2015 – 2016
- **Freedom & Distinguished Service Award Committee**, 2015

**The John Marshall Law School Children & Family Law Society, 2017 – 2018**

- **Alumni Relations Chair**, 2017 - 2018

**Justinian Society of Lawyers – Cook County, 2013 - 2019**

- **JMLS Law Student Chapter President**, 2014 - 2015
- **Law Student Scholarship Recipient**, 2013 & 2014

**Justinian Society of Lawyers – DuPage County, 2016 – 2017**

**Kane County Bar Association, 2016 – 2017, 2020 - 2021**

**Lake County Bar Association, 2014 – 2016**

**National Association of Women Lawyers, 2014 – 2015**

**National Italian American Bar Association, 2016 - 2017**

**Northwest Suburban Bar Association, 2013, 2016, 2019– 2024**

- **Co-Chair**, Ethics Committee, 2020 – 2023
- **Co-Chair**, Holiday Party, 2021 - 2023
- **Co-Chair**, Judges Night, 2021 - 2023

**McHenry County Bar Association, 2014 – 2015**

**Phi Delta Phi International Honor Society, 2013 - 2016**

- **Chief Magister**, Stevens Inn, 2014 – 2015
- **Balfour Scholarship Recipient**, 2015

**State Bar of Texas, 2022 - Present**

- **Member**, 2022 – Present

**State Bar of Wisconsin, 2014 – 2015 and 2020 - Present**

- **Member**, 2020 - Present
- **Family Law Executive Board Liaison (Law Student)**, 2014 – 2015

**West Suburban Bar Association, 2017 – 2019**

- **Board of Governors**, 2017 - 2019

**Will County Bar Association, 2014 – 2015**

**Women's Bar Association of Illinois, 2013 - 2020**

- **Committee Member**, Top Women Lawyers in Leadership Awards, 2016
- **Committee Member**, Community Outreach and Access to Justice, 2016
- **Social Media Content Editor**, Facebook, 2015 - 2016
- **Lead Co-Chair**, Communications & Social Media Committee, 2015 – 2016

## **TELEVISION , RADIO , AND PODCASTS**

- Crave Brooks, Crave Cast Podcast, "[Interview with Author and Divorce Attorney Marie Sarantakis](#)" (February 12, 2022)
- Divorce Court, FOX Television "[Prenups & Assets](#)" (November 1, 2021)
- The 1958 Lawyer, "[Ron Bockstahler's Interview with Marie Sarantakis](#)" (December 10, 2021)
- American Bar Association, Judicial Division, Gavel Talks Podcast, "[They're Successful, Professional, Calm, Convincing and Perilously Narcissistic: What Family Court Judges Need to Know about Narcissistic Personality Disorder](#)" (October 27, 2021)
- Divorce MD, Apple Podcasts, iTunes, Castbox, Spotify, "[Colleen Honquest's Interview with Family Law Attorney Marie Sarantakis](#)" (October 26, 2021)
- Life, Love, and the Grind Radio Program, "[Is Coronavirus Making You Sick of Your Spouse: Tips from a Divorce Attorney](#)" WCPT 820 AM (April 26, 2020)

- Impact Makers Radio, "[Let's Talk Divorce](#)" Marie Sarantakis' Tips for Spouses Preparing for Litigation (April 27, 2017)
- Featured guest on Fox News Radio – The Dr. Don Show (2014)

## **LECTURES AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Adrikos Academy Devotional Coach Training Program, Instructor for Ten-Week Online Christian Life Coach Training (March 17, 2023)
- Trinity Church, "Lawsuits Amongst Believers: What Does Corinthians Tell Us About Litigation", Guest Lecturer for Bethel Bible Study, Pell Lake, WI (October 11, 2022)
- Northwest Suburban Bar Association, "Ethical Trial Practice in the Digital Age", Ethics Committee Co-Chair and Moderator (December 1, 2021)
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, "[Representing Professional Athletes in Divorce and Paternity Suits](#)" (June 2, 2021)
- American Bar Association, GP Solo and Small Firm Division, "Benefits of Committee Fellowship" (March 4, 2021)
- DuPage County Bar Association, Professional Responsibility Committee, "Ethical Considerations in Family Law" (January 25, 2021)
- Northwest Suburban Bar Association, "The New Normal: Ethically Practicing Law During the Pandemic", Ethics Committee Co-Chair and Moderator (January 14, 2021)
- Kane County Bar Association, "When Facebook Enters the Courtroom: How to Introduce Social Media Evidence at Trial", 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Seminar (online only due to pandemic) (June 2020)
- Northwest Suburban Bar Association, Rolling Meadows Courthouse, Using Social Media Evidence in Family Law Trials CLE (November 20, 2019)
- ISBA Quick Takes Video, [Five Tips for Handling Your First Divorce Case](#) (May 1, 2019)
- ISBA Quick Takes Video, [Social Media Marketing for Attorneys](#) (April 20, 2019)
- DuPage County Bar Association, Law Day, Presentation at Glenn Westlake Middle School (April 17, 2019)
- The John Marshall Law School, MELSA, Sisters-in-Law Female Career Panel (March 5, 2019)
- ISBA Senior Lawyers CLE, Computers for Seniors: The Next Step, College of DuPage (May 18, 2018)
- DCBA Young Lawyers Committee, Building Your Book of Business, Wheaton, Illinois (May 17, 2018)
- ABA National Teleconference Family Law, Shared Parenting Time Legislation - Does Fair Mean Equal? (April 23, 2018)
- College of DuPage Paralegal Program, Generational Differences and Shifting Employer Needs in Law Firms (April 4, 2018)
- ISBA Family Law CLE Roundtable, Session 5 on Property Division, Chicago, IL (May 18, 2017)

- The John Marshall Law School, ISBA Law Day, Bar Leaders Panel (March 30, 2017)
- ISBA Family Law CLE Roundtable, Session 4 on Defense of Allegations of Serious Child Endangerment, Chicago, IL (March 2, 2017)
- The John Marshall Law School Children & Family Law Society, Funny Business: Effectively Using Humor in Lawyer Marketing, Chicago, IL (February 27, 2017)
- ISBA Family Law CLE Roundtable, Session 3 on Impeachment of Expert Witnesses, Chicago, IL (January 26, 2017)
- ISBA Family Law CLE Roundtable, Session 2 on Admissions Offered Prior to Trial, Chicago, IL (November 17, 2016)
- Wilmot Union High School Career Panel, Wilmot, WI (October 14, 2016)
- ISBA Family Law CLE Roundtable, Session 1 on Pleadings, Chicago, IL (September 14, 2016)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI (2011)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (2011)
- Wisconsin Sociological Association Joint Conference, La Crosse, WI (2011)
- Wisconsin Political Science Association, Milwaukee, WI (2011)
- Wisconsin Institute of Peace & Conflict Resolution Studies Annual Conference, Fon du Lac, WI (2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

[\*How to Successfully Manage a Remote Law Practice\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, May 2024, Vol. 68, No. 9.

[\*Getting to the Heart of the Matter: The Role of Mediation in Divorce\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter, April 2024, Vol. 30, No. 4.

[\*ISBA ADR Section Council Member Profile: Marie Sarantakis\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter, April 2024, Vol. 30, No. 4.

[\*Six Tips to Automate Your Law Practice: How to Increase Efficiency and Profitability\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, April 2023, Vol. 67, No. 7

[\*Eight Tips to Avoid Burnout in the Legal Profession\*](#), DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief Magazine, January/February 2023, Vol. 35, Issue 4

[\*Eight Tips for Starting Your Own Law Practice\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, April 2022, Vol. 66, No. 8

[\*Top Lawyers: Marie Sarantakis On The 5 Things You Need To Become A Top Lawyer In Your Specific Field of Law\*](#)  
[\*An Interview with Chere Estrin\*](#), Authority Magazine, October 7, 2021

[\*How to Divorce a Narcissist and Win\*](#), Adrikos, LLC, July 21, 2021 (Reached #1 Best-Selling Book in the categories of Divorce and Separation Family Law and Marriage Law on Amazon.com)



[Spotlight on Judge Richard Felice](#), DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief Magazine, July/August 2021, Vol. 34, Issue 1

[Family Law: Dissolutions of Marriage Court Proceedings 2021 Edition](#), IICLE, Chapter 3, Obtaining Orders of Protection, March 2021.

[Eight Reasons Why the Pandemic Has Increased the Demand for Divorce Attorneys](#), DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief Magazine, October 2020, Vol. 33, Issue 2

[Seven Considerations for Divorce Attorneys When the Opposing Party Exhibits Signs of Narcissistic Personality Disorder](#), DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief Magazine, September 2020, Vol. 33, Issue 1

[Seven Ways to Reduce the Cost of Your Divorce](#), DivorceMagazine.com, June 25, 2020.

[Six Tips for Newly Separated Parents During Father's Day Weekend](#), DivorceMagazine.com, June 16, 2020.

[The Trend of Virtual Paralegals](#), American Bar Association, (co-authored with Lori Swanson) ABA GpSolo Magazine, March/April 2020 Edition, Vol. 37, No. 2.

[Five Ways the Collaborative Process Gives You Greater Control Over Your Divorce Than Traditional Litigation](#), Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois, CLII Blog, April 14, 2020.

[Divorce Firm Built on Ambition and Drive: How Sarantakis Ended Up Ahead of the Curve](#), by Lindsay Soberano-Wilson, My Business Magazine, February 24, 2020.

[Falling in Love with Justice, Leadership, and the Community \(Marie Sarantakis 11'\)](#), Carthage College, 150 Years of Carthage Women, February 2020.

[ISBA YLD Member Marie Sarantakis Interviews Leading Author and Acclaimed McHenry County Family Law Practitioner Gunnar Gitlin](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, February 2020

[Introducing Social Media Evidence in Illinois Divorce Cases](#), DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief Magazine, January 2020, Vol. 32, Issue 5

Marie Sarantakis' [Book Review of 'IICLE Child Support and Maintenance Calculation Guide' by Nancy Chausow Shafer and Margaret Bennett](#), Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, January 2020, Vol. 64, No. 2

Marie Sarantakis Quoted in [Are pets assets or part of the family? States are passing laws that give judges a longer leash in divorce custody proceedings](#), By Pamela Babcock, American Bar Journal, June 2019 edition

Marie Sarantakis Quoted in [Doggie Divorce: Who Gets the Pet When Couples Split?](#), By Elaine Povich, Pew Research Center, January 15, 2019

[Alleging and Defending Dissipation: Cheating, Gambling, and Jet-Setting – Oh My!](#), Illinois State Bar Association ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, September 2018, Vol. 62, No. 3

[Are Young Lawyers Less Civilized?](#), Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Vol. 164, No. 48, March 7, 2018 also featured on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, 2Civility Blog, May 18, 2016 and in ["The Lawyer" Magazine by the Winnebago County Bar Association](#), March 2018

[Who Keeps the Family Pet When Parties Obtain a Divorce](#), Illinois State Bar Association

ISBA Animal Law Division Newsletter, February 2018

[\*Alaska: The New Frontier of Pet Custody\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Spring 2018, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Five Tips for New Lawyers Starting Their Own Practice\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, June 2017, Vol. 61, No. 6

[\*What Family Law Practitioners Need to Know About Cyberstalking\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Family Law Division Newsletter, May 2017, Vol. 60, No. 10

[\*Five Traits of a Successful Family Law Attorney\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association (co-authored with Umberto Davi)  
ISBA Family Law Division Newsletter, April 2017, Vol. 60, No. 9

[\*Understanding the Fundamentals of Pet Trusts\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Winter 2017, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Five Shocking Divorce Statistics\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Winter 2017, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Comparing Child Support Formulas Throughout the United States\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Summer 2017, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Marie Sarantakis Interviews Celebrity Divorce Attorney Randall Kessler\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, February 2017, Vol. 61, No. 3

[\*Eight Quick Tips for Drafting Family Law Complaints\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Fall 2016, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Five Ways to Enhance Your Credentials as a Family Law Practitioner\*](#), American Bar Association  
ABA Young Lawyers Division Family Law Newsletter, Fall 2016, Vol. 1, No. 1

[\*Announcing the New ISBA Website for Young Lawyers\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, October 2016, Vol. 61, No. 2

[\*A New Option for New Lawyers: Your New Downtown Office\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, August 2016, Vol. 61, No. 1

[\*Remembering Justice Thomas Fitzgerald\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Bench & Bar Newsletter, June 2016 Vol. 46, No. 9

[\*ISBA BOG & Assembly Approve Proposed Amendment to Rule 711\*](#), Lake County Bar Association  
The Docket, Volume 23, May 2016

[\*Justinians Donate Over \\$7,000 at Children's Endowment Dinner\*](#), Justinian Society of Lawyers  
Justinian Society Newsletter, Spring 2016

[\*ISBA Approves Proposed 711 Rules\*](#), Justinian Society of Lawyers  
Justinian Society Newsletter, Spring 2016

[\*Ten Changes in Family Law Practitioners Need to Know in 2016: A Brief Summary of Modifications to the IMDMA\*](#),  
ISBA Family Law Newsletter, December 2015, Vol. 59, No. 6

[\*Eight Tips for Law Students Taking the MPRE\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, December 2015, Vol. 60, No. 3

[\*How to Use LinkedIn to It's Maximum Potential\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association (co-authored with Erin Wilson)  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, December 2015, Vol. 60, No. 3

[\*Five Methods to Transcend from Zealous to Zen\*](#), Women's Bar Association of Illinois  
Women's Bar Association of Illinois Newsletter, Fall 2015

[\*Your Law Review Article was Rejected. Now What?\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, August 2015, Vol. 60, No. 1

[\*Is Law School Worth the Investment?\*](#), Illinois State Bar Association  
ISBA Young Lawyers Division Newsletter, Fall 2014

## CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- *American Mock Trial Association Undergraduate Competition (Racine, WI)*, **Volunteer Judge**, 2023
- *Monthly Legal Information Sessions at Trinity Lutheran Church (Pell Lake, WI)*, **Host**, 2022 and 2023
- *Marie Sarantakis Scholarship at Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)*, **Donor**, 2020 and 2021
- *Suburban Bar Coalition*, **Judicial Evaluation Committee**, 2020
- *Carthage College Aspire Program (Kenosha, WI)*, **Mentor**, 2020
- *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*, **U.S. Midwest Regional Volunteer Judge**, 2019
- *Carthage College Mock Trial Competition (Kenosha, WI)*, **Volunteer Judge**, 2019
- *Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program*, **Associate Board Member**, 2016 – 2020
- *Illinois Legal Aid Online*, **Young Professionals Board Member**, 2013 – 2019
- *Orphans of the Storm*, **Off-Site Adoption Event Volunteer**, 2012 – 2014
- *Daughters of Penelope*, **Member**, 2012 - 2013
- *Kenosha Public Museums*, **Paleontology Docent**, 2009 – 2011
- *Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Lake County*, **Mentor**, 2006 – 2008

## CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- *Cook County Domestic Relations Division*, **Court-Appointed Mediator**, 2021 – 2023
- *Kane County Bar Association*, **Court-Appointed Mediator**, 2020 - 2023
- *McHenry County Domestic Relations Division*, **Court-Appointed Mediator**, 2020 – 2023
- *Professional Christian Coaching and Counseling Academy* (accredited by International Christian Education Credentialing), **Certified Christian Life Coach (CCLC)** and **Certified Professional Life Coach (CPLC)**, 2021
- *Association of Family and Conciliation Counsel*, **Parenting Coordinator Training**, 2020
- *DuPage County Bar Association*, **Guardian ad Litem Training**, 2019, 2021
- *American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators*, **Certified Financial Litigator (CFL™)**, 2019
- *Chicago Volunteer Legal Services*, **GAL for Minors (Guardianship) Training**, 2019
- *Chicago Volunteer Legal Services*, **GAL for Minors (Family Law) Training**, 2019
- *DuPage County Bar Association*, **Joseph Mirabella, Jr. Domestic Relations Trial Advocacy Program**, 2019
- *DuPage County Bar Association*, **Comprehensive Arbitrator Training**, 2017
- *Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois*, **Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training**, 2017
- *Women's Bar Association of Illinois*, **Leadership Institute**, 2016
- *Lawyers' Assistance Program*, **Volunteer Training**, 2016
- *Center For Conflict Resolution*, **40-hour Mediation Training**, 2015
- *Junior Statesmen of America*, **Georgetown University Summer Institute**, 2007