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Licensed to Practice Law in Illinois, Texas, and Wisconsin

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, GPA 3.75

2008 - 2011
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*
Carthage College - Kenosha, WI
Majors: Honors Political Science & Philosophy, GPA 3.76

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present
President and Founding Attorney
Sarantakis Law Group, Ltd., Oak Brook, IL
Created and manage all aspects of a family law firm; Represent clients in family law litigation including divorce, orders of protection, premarital and postnuptial agreements, parenting disputes, maintenance and child support calculations, and the enforcement and/or modification of post-decree judgments. Additionally, mediate disputes and serve as a Guardian ad Litem, Child Representative, and Parenting Coordinator.

2021 - Present
President
Adrikos®, LLC, Oak Brook, IL
Developed an online academy for aspiring Christian life coaches; designed curriculum; taught course materials and presented remote lectures; authored workbooks; designed templates and educational tools. Currently provide one-on-one faith-based divorce coaching services.

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, Springfield, IL
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.

2005 – 2014
Marketing & VIP Director
People's Choice Entertainment, Inc. (Family Fun Center and Video Express), Waukegan, IL
Managed a team of employees, created and implemented a loyalty and rewards program, maintained and analyzed databases in Access and Excel, designed marketing materials, responsible for branding and public relations, developed newsletters and advertisements, created and maintained social media accounts, and collaborated with co-managers to develop innovative promotions across departments.

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, WI
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, WI
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

- 2027 - 2018 - Rising Star| Super Lawyers of Illinois by Thomson Reuters
- 2027 - 2024 – Best Lawyers in America® - Best Lawyers Recognition (Family Law & Collaborative Law)
- 2024 – Greek America Foundation – Forty Under 40 Awards
- 2024 – Wilmot Union High School – Inducted into Hall of Fame
- 2023 – Illinois State Bar Association – Young Lawyer of the Year Award
- 2023 – American Bar Association – On the Rise Award - Top 40 Young Lawyers
- 2021 - Amazon.com Top 10 Best Selling Author in Divorce and Separation, Family Law, Et al.
- 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
- 2019 – Attorney & Practice Magazine – Top 10 Family Law Attorneys in Illinois
- 2018 – National Association of Distinguished Counsel - Fellow
- 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 – 2022
- **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
- **7th Circuit Lieutenant Governor**, Law Student Division, 2015

American Criminal Justice Association (Lambda Alpha Epsilon)
- **Founding Member and President**, Carthage College Chapter, 2009 – 2011

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
- **Leadership Giving Society,** 2019 - 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 - 2025
- **Board of Directors**, 2019 - 2025

DuPage Legal Assistance Foundation, 2018
- **Judges' Night Committee**, 2018

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois, 2011 – 2016, 2020 - 2024
- **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 7th 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
- **Board of Governors,** 2026 – Present
- **Board Liaison,** Standing Committee on Legal Education, Admission, and Competence, 2026 – Present
- **Board Liaison,** Employee Benefits, 2026 - Present
- **Board Liaison,** Energy, Utilities, Telecommunications & Transportation Section Council, 2026 - Present
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President),** Food Law Section Council, 2026 – Present
  - **Board Liaison,** 2026 – Present
  - **Legislative Chair,** 2026 - Present
- **Member,** Standing Committee on Artificial Intelligence & the Practice of Law, 2024 - 2025
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President),** ARDC Commission, 2021 – 2023 and 2025 – Present
- **Committee Member (Appointed by the President),** Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, 2023 - 2024
- **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

Orthodox Christian Attorney Network, 2025 - Present

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)
- The 1958 Lawyer, "Ron Bockstahler's Interview with Marie Sarantakis" (December 10, 2021)
- Divorce Court, FOX Television "Prenups & Assets" (November 1, 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)

PRINT AND ONLINE MEDIA COVERAGE

ISBA ADR Section Council Member Profile: Marie Sarantakis, Illinois State Bar Association, ISBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter, April 2024, Vol. 30, No. 4.

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

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.

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

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", 11th 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, "How to Build 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, Fond du Lac, WI (2009)

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Family Law: Child-Related Issues in Dissolution Actions (2026 Edition), Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Chapter 1, Parentage, November 2025.

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)

Family Law: Dissolutions of Marriage Court Proceedings 2021 Edition, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Chapter 3, Obtaining Orders of Protection, March 2021.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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 Its 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

- *DuPage County Bar Foundation (Wheaton, IL),* **Board of Directors,** 2019 – 2025
- *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**, 2018 and 2019
- *Carthage College Mock Trial Competition (Kenosha, WI),* **Volunteer Judge,** 2019
- *Chicago Volunteer Legal Services,* **Pro Bono Guardian ad Litem**, 2019 and 2020
- 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 Courts*, **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