

Williams Family Law Firm and Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2019

Jeff Williams, Susan Smith and Lynelle Gleason have been selected for inclusion in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the area of family law. Additionally, the firm itself was given a “Tier 1” ranking in Family Law in the Philadelphia region.

First published in 1983, Best Lawyers uses peer reviews to select the top-rated attorneys in their fields in each geographic area. Receiving a tier designation reflects the high level of respect a firm has earned among other leading lawyers and clients in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism and their integrity.



Melanie Wender Presents Custody CLE at Bucks County Bar Association



Melanie Wender presented a continuing legal education program entitled "Litigating Child Custody with Special Needs Children" on March 19 at the Bucks County Bar Association. Melanie is experienced in all issues surrounding the complexities of a divorce, such as equitable distribution, custody, spousal support, child support, and settlement agreements.

She has successfully resolved complex custody cases ranging from unmarried same-sex couples to custody agreements between long-distance parents. She is also experienced in adoption issues and has assisted many clients in making the process and paperwork as seamless and smooth as possible. Other members of the CLE panel included Judge Kelly C. Wall of Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas and Judge James M. McMaster of Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.

AROUND TOWN:

BUCKS COUNTY BAR ST. PATRICK'S EVENT

Williams Family Law sponsored the Bucks County Bar Foundation's 2019 St. Patrick's Day party to benefit the Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. and William Penn Scholarship Funds.

As the charitable arm of the Bucks County Bar Association, the foundation works to support programs, organizations and individuals who work toward social justice in Bucks County.

The group's activities include contributions to such organizations as Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Doylestown FISH, Tabor Home, Network of Victims Assistance and the Lenape Valley Foundation. The BCBF has also presented programs on the law in local elementary schools and provided scholarships to area students.

Photo: Susan Smith, Bob Salzer and Jeff Williams celebrate the wearin' of the green with the Bucks County Bar Foundation



Williams Family Law Now Offering Mediation Services

Williams Family Law is now offering customized mediation services in divorce and custody cases through Lynelle Gleason, who received accreditation through the Good Shepherd Mediation Program in Philadelphia.

Mediation is a confidential process where the mediator does not take sides, but instead serves as a neutral third party to ensure both sides in a dispute have a voice and together reach a mutually-agreeable solution. Topics that may be effectively addressed by mediation include parenting arrangements, property division, alimony/spousal support, taxes, equitable distribution and other financial concerns.

“Mediation can often be less time consuming and less expensive than going to court,” said Williams Family Law founder Jeff Williams. “We have found that couples who are able to communicate and are willing to work together really benefit from this personalized approach. When that happens, the divorce process is significantly less stressful, because each party is empowered to be part of the solution.”

Lynelle handles a variety of family law matters, including divorce, child support, alimony, spousal support, equitable distribution and child custody. She is also experienced in estate law, such as the drafting of wills and trusts, and the administration of estates. She is a member of the Attorney Psychologist Group, a select group of child custody evaluators and domestic relations attorneys that focuses on best practices regarding important child custody issues such as the use of a psychologist and therapist during the family law process.

From our Family Law Blog

Our Family Law Blog is where we share legal insights, legal news and much more. Some of our recent posts covered:



Two Thoughts for 2019

As we entered a brand new year, two thoughts resonated in Jeff Williams' mind that he felt worth sharing...



New PA Laws Help Custodial Grandparents

An estimated 80,000+ grandparents are raising their grandchildren in Pennsylvania, in part due to the opioid crisis. In response, the state passed legislation to help.



Almost Half of U.S. Babies Born to Unmarried Parents

There's a growing trend in the United States for babies to be born out of wedlock. What are the factors contributing to these growing numbers?



America's Newest Domestic Unit: The "Grandfamily"

Custodial grandparenting isn't new, but the numbers have grown so significantly that the trend has prompted a new descriptor: the "grandfamily."



What Month has the Highest Divorce Rate?

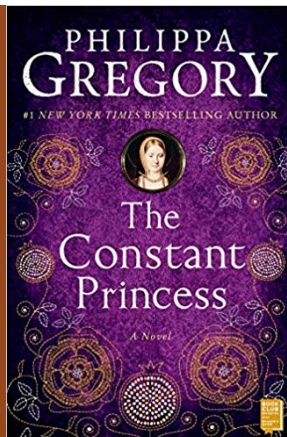
Did you ever wonder what month has the highest divorce rate?

ON THE BOOKSHELF

Our clients and colleagues already know the capability of our attorneys in their work. But what are they reading at home?



This month's featured attorney: Shauna Quigley



What I'm reading:

"The Constant Princess," by Philippa Gregory

Do I recommend it? Yes

Why? It's a historical novel about Katherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife, and the Tudor Dynasty. This book is the basis for the upcoming series "The Spanish Princess" on Starz, which is a follow up to "The White Queen," and "The White Princess." Very entertaining read!