

FROM THE DESK OF

Susan Smith



Hoping that the summer of 2021 was a memorable one for you! Part of what made it special for us was Jeff Williams' daughter, who is also my stepdaughter, got married. In a picture from the wedding you see the bride and groom and three sets of "parents" for the bride: Jeff (father of the bride) and his significant other; the bride's mother (Jeff's first ex wife) and her husband; and the bride's stepmother (me – Jeff's second ex-wife) and my beau of many years. If you are following along, this wedding ceremony brought together our modern family for one very joyous occasion.

Days after the ceremony, I saw a feature story on TV about the friendship between singer Katy Perry and model Miranda Kerr. Perry is the current wife of actor Orlando Bloom, while Kerr is his ex. The moms have been quoted several times talking about how they treasure each other's friendship, and how it all started because the adults involved simply wanted what was best for the children. The newscaster praised the friendship, saying "this is how life should be." When I look at this picture, I see nothing but people I love and cherish. We may not be celebrities, but I do agree... this is how life should be.



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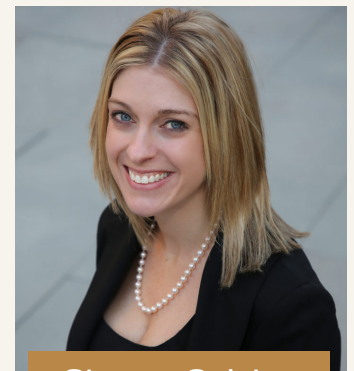
Jeffrey Williams, Susan Smith, and Shauna Quigley from Williams Family Law have been named to the 2021 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list.



Jeffrey Williams



Susan Smith



Shauna Quigley

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DIVORCE DURING A PANDEMIC: ARBITRATION AS A POTENTIAL ANSWER.

By Maris Weiner

COVID-19 had a tremendous and challenging impact on the court system. In a special column for *The Legal Intelligencer*, Maris Weiner reviewed options for alternative dispute resolution that divorcing parties can consider in the face of those issues, as well as their benefits.



THE MANY BENEFITS OF PRO BONO FOR YOUNG LAWYERS.

By David Hamilton

To many, “pro bono” reads as “without payment.” However, its true meaning – and the opportunities it offers - is in the critical aid & rewards it provides to attorneys. Read more in David Hamilton’s “Young Lawyer” column for *The Legal Intelligencer*.

Facts and Stats

A QUICK LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST CURRENT TRENDS AND FIGURES IN FAMILY LAW.

What jobs have the highest and lowest divorce rates?

The American divorce rate is reportedly 2.9% per 1,000 people. While several factors, of course, can influence the decision to end a marital union, a statistician analyzed divorce statistics from a U.S. Census Bureau Survey to calculate the professions with both the highest and lowest divorce rate.

LOWEST DIVORCE RATE	17%	Actuaries	HIGHEST DIVORCE RATE	52.9%	Gaming managers
	18.9%	Physical scientists		52.7%	Bartenders
	19.6%	Medical scientists and life scientists		50.5%	Flight attendants
	19.8%	Clergy		50.3%	Gaming service workers
	20.3%	Software developers		50.1%	Rolling machine setters, operators, and tenders

Source: *monster.com*

Online Reviews

“ I felt sorry for the opposing attorney, who appeared to be out-manuevered at every step of the way by Mr. Salzer. He came prepared, confident, and with a great deal of expertise. Nonetheless, he and his colleagues are compassionate and realistic; they consistently advise and make decisions with the best interests of the children in mind.”

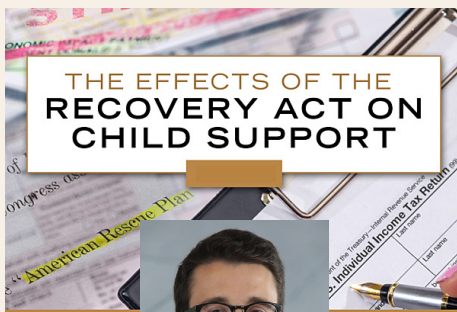
From Avvo.com, anonymous review



FROM OUR

Family Law Blog

From legislative alerts to tips and tactics, the attorneys of Williams Family Law regularly share information and insight on legal issues they see every day on our Family Law Blog. Some of our recent posts covered:



The Effects of the Recovery Act on Child Support

David Hamilton, in a four-part series, broke down the Recovery Act and its impact on divorced parents sharing custody.

Part 1:

“How will stimulus payments affect my child support order?”

Part 2:

“How will the Child Tax Credit and affect my child support order?”

Part 3:

“How will the Child Care Credit and Dependent Care Exclusion affect my child support order?”

Part 4:

“How will the Unemployment Exemption affect my child support order?”



When is a Prenup a Good Idea?

Contrary to popular belief, a prenuptial agreement is not the death knell of romance. Maris Weiner explains how it often helps couples better understand their joint fiscal standing.

Online Reviews

“ Shauna listened to all of my concerns and addressed them. She is not only an amazing lawyer, she is also a very kind and understanding person. Thank you so much for everything that you’ve done and continue to do for me.”

From Avvo, review by “Eileen”