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Professional Experience

Jeffrey M. Williams, the Founder and Managing Partner of Williams Family Law, P.C., concentrates his practice on domestic relations, primarily handling complex divorce, high-income alimony/spousal support, complex child support, and high-conflict child custody cases. Having been named repeatedly among the Best Lawyers in America®, Mr. Williams is widely regarded as one of the top divorce attorneys in Bucks County and one of the leading family law attorneys in Pennsylvania. Mr. Williams' courtroom instincts and honed litigation skills have made him a fixture in Philadelphia area divorce law for more than three decades. He is the immediate past president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is a Diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, whose membership is limited to 100 attorneys nationally. He has been selected by his peers as one of the "Ten Leaders of Greater Philadelphia for Matrimonial & Divorce Law" since 2004.

As the legal representative for a non-birth mother, Mr. Williams successfully litigated one of the first significant same-sex child custody cases in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While serving as the Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section, Mr. Williams played an instrumental role in a 10-year-long effort to improve and implement new child custody laws in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Prior to establishing his own family law practice in 2004, Mr. Williams was a partner of an established Bucks County law firm. Two of his former law partners currently serve as Bucks County Court of Common Pleas judges. Having served as an Assistant/Deputy District Attorney in Bucks County from 1981-1985, Mr. Williams has gained outstanding courtroom experience and litigation skills.

Mr. Williams is an active member of several professional organizations. Having previously served as the Secretary, First Vice President, and Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section, Mr. Williams is currently a member of the Association's Executive Committee. In 2011, he was awarded a special achievement award by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for his work on the New Custody Act. He is also an active member of the Bucks County Bar Association and formerly served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Association's Family Law Section, as well as a member of the Association's Board of Directors. He is a frequent speaker for various continuing legal education programs, particularly on matters related to domestic relations litigation and trial strategy. Mr. Williams has held several leadership positions within the Bucks County community as the Past Chair and Member of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors, Past Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County and Past Director of A Woman's Place Domestic Violence Shelter of Bucks County.

Mr. Williams represents military veterans through his participation in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Lawyers Saluting Veterans Program, which is coordinated through the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee. Mr. Williams is also currently working *pro bono* for the People's Justice Center, interviewing and representing asylum-seeking families detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Since 2005, Mr. Williams has been consistently named a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters, published annually in Philadelphia Magazine and Law and Politics Magazine, Super Lawyers editions. Only five percent of lawyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are recognized on this annual list, which is based on a rigorous, multi-phase rating process of peer nominations and evaluations combined with third-party research. Mr. Williams is also rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®, the highest legal ability and ethical standards rating. In addition, Mr. Williams was featured in Suburban Life magazine as one of the region's 2012 Awesome Attorneys.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of The Haverford School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College and a

Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law.

In addition to his legal career, Mr. Williams is the proud father of a daughter and two sons.



Professional Associations & Memberships

- American College of Family Trial Lawyers, Diplomate (2009 - Present)
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow; Member of Board of Examiners of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1997 - Present); Pennsylvania Secretary (2013 - 2014); Pennsylvania President (2017 - 2018)
- American Bar Association, Member (1981 - Present)
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, (2011 - Present)
- Bucks County Bar Association, Member (1986 - Present); Former Chair, Family Law Section (1987 - 1988); Board of Directors (1990 - 1994); Treasurer (1992 - 1993)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Family Law Section, Member (1986 - Present); Chair (2009 - 2010); Chair Elect (2008 - 2009); First Vice Chair (2007 - 2008); Second Vice Chair (2006 - 2007); Secretary (2005 - 2006); Treasurer (2004 - 2005)

Speaking Engagements

- "Family Law Practice in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery Counties" – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2004 – 2018 (Biennial Presentation)
- "Double Dipping: Income/Assets in Support/Divorce" – Pennsylvania Bar Association – 2018
- "Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements" – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2014
- "Identifying and Valuing Unique Marital Assets in Divorce Litigation," – National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts, 2013 Advanced Matrimonial Litigation Symposium
- "Update on New Guidelines" – Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's – Foundation for Education and Research – 2010 (Divorce Conference)
- "Custody Trial, Appeals & Case Law" – Pennsylvania Bar Association – Family Law Section – 2009
- "High Rollers Support Cases" – Pennsylvania Bar Association – Family Law Section – 2007
- "Trying a High Income Support Case" – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2007
- "All You Need to Know About Trying a High Income Case" – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2007
- "Equitable Distribution Update" Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2006
- "Family Law Update" Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 2005

From the Family Law Blog

- Two Thoughts for 2019
January 3, 2019
- What are the Divorce Statistics in Pennsylvania?
October 30, 2018
- Pennsylvania Shortens Waiting Period for No-Fault Divorces
December 1, 2017
- Supporting Children of the Fallen
October 26, 2017
- Understanding Uniform Laws and Their Impact on Family Law
June 22, 2017
- 3 Takeaways from the ABA Family Law Section 2016 CLE Conference
December 29, 2016
- Pennsylvania Reduces No-Fault Divorce Waiting Period to 1 Year
October 5, 2016
- 3 Reasons Why Postnuptial Agreements are on the Rise
September 1, 2016
- On Cancer, the DA's Office, and Never Living Scared

June 30, 2016

- Bill to Reduce Waiting Period for No-Fault Divorce in Hands of PA Senate
March 18, 2016

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1981

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1982
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1982
- United States Supreme Court, 1991

Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1981
- Dickinson College, B.A., 1978
- The Haverford School, 1974

Honors & Awards

- Suburban Life Magazine "Top Attorneys", 2017
- Best Lawyers in America 'Lawyer of the Year,' 2016
- Best Lawyers in America 'Lawyer of the Year,' 2015
- Best Lawyers in America® by U.S. News and World Report (2008 - Present)
- Martindale-Hubbel® AV® Preeminent Rating, (1994 - Present)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, (2005 - Present)
- Special Achievement Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2011
- Ten Leaders of Greater Philadelphia - Matrimonial & Divorce Law, (2004 to Present)

Community, Civic & Charitable Activities

- A Woman's Place Domestic Violence Shelter, Bucks County, Former Director
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County, Former Director
- Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors, Member (1986 - 1999), Director of Public Safety (1987 - 1999) and Chair (1990, 1991, 1999)
- People's Justice Center, pro bono representation of asylum-seeking families detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (2018)

Practice Areas

Family Law / Matrimonial Law

- Family Law / Matrimonial Law
- Alimony
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Custody Relocation
- Divorce
- Domestic Partnerships and Cohabitation Agreements
- Equitable Distribution
- Grandparents' Custody Rights
- Marital Settlement Agreements
- Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- Separation Agreements
- Spousal Support / Alimony Pendente Lite

Related News & Events

- December 2018 Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Firm and Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2019
- Williams Family Law Sponsors the Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run
- Williams Family Law celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Michener Art Museum
- Jeff Williams Discusses “Double Dipping” in Divorce At Pennsylvania Bar Association Summer Meeting
- June 2018 Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Attorneys Named 2018 Super Lawyers
- Jeff Williams to Participate in CLE on Drug and Alcohol Issues in Civil Litigation
- Williams Introduces Keynote at PA Bar NOLA Event
- Jeff Williams Presides over NOLA Meeting of AAML PA
- November 2017 E-Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Proud to Sponsor Central Bucks Kiwanis Event
- U.S. News - Best Lawyers Names Williams Family Law a 2018 'Best Law Firm'
- Williams Family Law Sponsors 'March for the 22' in Bucks County
- Williams Family Law Supports Marine Corps–Law Enforcement Foundation Gala
- Williams Family Law Sponsors Kathleen M. Rotz Lung Cancer Research Fund 5K
- Bucks County Family Attorneys Named Among 2018 'Best Lawyers in America'
- Jeffrey M. Williams Named President of AAML Pennsylvania Chapter
- Jeffrey M. Williams Again Named Among Top Pennsylvania Divorce Lawyers
- Williams Family Law Supports Scholarship Fundraiser for Children of Deceased Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Personnel
- Williams Family Law Named 'Top Attorneys' for 2017 by Suburban Life Magazine
- Williams Family Law Sponsors BARC Developmental Services Formal Dance
- Jeffrey M. Williams Organizes AAML PA Spring Retreat
- February 2017 E-Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Founder and Managing Partner Honored by Martindale-Hubbell
- Bucks County Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams Speaks at PBI Seminar
- Bucks County Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams Named a 'Best Lawyer in America' for 10th Straight Year
- August 2016 E-Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Founder Named 2016 PA Super Lawyer
- Bucks Family Lawyers Featured in Suburban Life Magazine
- Bucks County Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams Named to 2016 'Best Lawyers in America'
- 2 Williams Family Law Attorneys Named 2015 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Williams Family Law Featured in Suburban Life Magazine
- Jeffrey M. Williams Named Best Lawyers 2015 Family Law 'Lawyer of the Year' in Region
- Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams Presents at Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams to Speak at Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Bucks County Family Lawyer Jeffrey Williams Named by U.S. News & World Report to 2015 'Best Lawyers in America'
- Family Law Attorney Jeffrey M. Williams Marks Five Years as a Member of Elite American College of Family Trial Lawyers
- 2 Williams Family Law Attorneys Named as 2014 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Star
- Bucks Family Lawyer Speaks at Matrimonial Litigation Symposium
- Williams Family Law Named 2014 'Best Law Firm' by U.S. News - Best Lawyers
- Bucks County Family Lawyer Jeffrey Williams Selected by U.S. News & World Report as 2014 Best Lawyers in America
- Divorce Attorney Jeffrey M. Williams Speak at Advanced Matrimonial Litigation Symposium on Valuing Marital Assets
- Divorce Attorney Jeffrey M. Williams Named Secretary American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Williams Family Law Attorneys Named to 2013 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
- Jeffrey M. Williams of Williams Family Law Named 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Family Law by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Williams Family Law Attorneys Educate Greater Philadelphia Community on Pennsylvania Family Law Matters
- Bucks County Family Law Firm Williams Family Law Ranked as U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers 2013

'Best Law Firm'

- Bucks Family Lawyer Jeffrey M. Williams Represents Bucks County in Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE
 - Jeffrey M. Williams Presents at the ABA's Family Law Fall Conference
 - Bucks County Family Law Firm Williams Family Law Selected as U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers 2012
- 'Best Law Firm'