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Professional Experience

Melanie Wender concentrates her practice in all aspects of Pennsylvania divorce and family law in Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. She is experienced in all issues surrounding the complexities of a divorce, such as equitable distribution, custody, spousal support, child support, and settlement agreements. Ms. Wender 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.



Outside of her professional work, she welcomes opportunities to support nonprofit and charitable work that is important to the community at large. She has volunteered her time and expertise for such causes as Protection from Abuse actions in Bucks County, the Mazzone Legal Center, which provides health care and legal services to members of the LGBT community, and the Montgomery Child Advocacy Program, where she represents abused and neglected children.

Ms. Wender has successfully handled complex custody cases ranging from unmarried same-sex couples to custody agreements between long distance parents. Involved in the community, Ms. Wender volunteers regularly for Protection from Abuse actions in Bucks County, the Mazzone Legal Center, and the Montgomery Child Advocacy Program, where she represents abused and neglected children.

After graduating *cum laude* from Kenyon College with a bachelor's degree in English, Ms. Wender continued her education at Villanova University School of Law. She served as the environmental hearing board editor for the *Villanova Environmental Law Journal* and managing editor of the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. She also participated in Villanova's Civil Justice Clinic, a law office staffed by students. Her work there was recognized with the Joseph R. Wenk Award, which is presented to the graduating student who made the greatest contribution to the clinic.

While at Villanova, Ms. Wender published an article for the Villanova Environmental Law Journal entitled, "Goodbye Family Farms and Hello Agribusiness: The Story of How Agricultural Policy is Destroying the Family Farm and the Environment." She authors for legal industry publications whenever possible.

When not practicing law, Ms. Wender enjoys reality television (and tweeting about it); listening to podcasts; reading, spending time with her family and friends; and eating her husband's cooking.

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Bucks County Bar Association Member (2014 - present)
- Bucks County Inn of Court, Member (2018-present)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Member (2011 - present)
- Philadelphia Bar Association Member (2011 - 2013)
- Montgomery County Bar Association Member (2012 - 2014)

From the Family Law Blog

- Money Surprises That Can Happen in a Divorce
July 16, 2019
- My Ex Won't Pay His Share! (There's an app for that.)
June 21, 2019
- Divorce is Declining Among Millennials
November 27, 2018
- Finances After Divorce
February 15, 2018
- Is My New Spouse Required to Contribute to My Child's Costly College Expenses?

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 2011
- Kenyon College, B.A. English and Concentration in Women's and Gender Studies, 2006

Honors & Awards

- Suburban Life Magazine "Top Attorneys", 2017
- Joseph R. Wenk Award for making the greatest contribution to the Civil Justice Clinic at Villanova University School of Law

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
- Matrimonial Taxation
- Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- Separation Agreements
- Spousal Support / Alimony
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Related News & Events

- Williams Family Law Sponsors the 2019 Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run
- Williams Family Law Attorneys Named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America
- Williams Family Law Attorneys Honored by 2019 Super Lawyers
- July 2019 Newsletter
- May 2019 Newsletter
- Melanie Wender Speaks at Family Law Institute
- Melanie Wender to Present Custody CLE at Bucks County Bar Association
- December 2018 Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Sponsors the Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run
- June 2018 Newsletter
- Williams Family Law Attorneys

- Is My New Spouse Required to Contribute to My Child's Costly College Expenses?
May 18, 2017

- Now Let's Fight About School Districts
January 12, 2017

- Therapy Dogs Bring Comfort to Bucks County Dependency Court
September 23, 2016

Named 2018 Super Lawyers

- Melanie Wender Becomes
Trustee of the Bucks County Bar
Foundation

- 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 Sponsors
Kathleen M. Rotz Lung Cancer
Research Fund 5K

- 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

- August 2016 E-Newsletter

- Williams Family Law Welcomes
Attorney Melanie J. Wender