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Professional Experience

Susan J. Smith, a partner at Williams Family Law, P.C., concentrates her practice on family law matters, including divorce, child custody, child and spousal support, alimony, equitable distribution of marital property, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, business valuation issues and asset investigation issues impacting high net worth clients.

Recognized by ALM publications as a "Woman Leader in the Law" for 2015, Ms. Smith has been practicing family law for nearly a quarter century and has long since established herself as one of the top divorce and child custody attorneys in both Bucks County and southeastern Pennsylvania. The Bucks County Bar Association presented her with the "Woman of the Year" award in 2010 and she has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters multiple times. No more than 5 percent of attorneys 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.

Ms. Smith is both a keen legal tactician and a stalwart courtroom advocate; her trial experience has earned her a reputation as force to be reckoned with in family courts in Bucks and Montgomery counties.

Prior to joining Williams Family Law in 2016, Ms. Smith was a partner in the Philadelphia office of a national law firm. She has been admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and is a member of both the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Bucks County Bar Association.

Ms. Smith earned her undergraduate degree at Gwynedd-Mercy University before going on to earn her Juris Doctor from the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University.

When she is not practicing law, Ms. Smith enjoys spending time with her family, doing CrossFit and enjoying the outdoors. She is also a member of the board of trustees of the Bucks County Historical Society, the private non-profit organization that operates the Mercer Museum, Spruance Library and Fonthill Museum.

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bucks County Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- "Things We Do Wrong in Custody Litigation," 2018 Family Law Institute, PBI/Pennsylvania Bar Association
- "Six Keys to Winning a Custody Case," 2018 Winter Meeting, Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section

From the Family Law Blog

- Parental Alienation – Still a Thing?
November 8, 2019
- America's Newest Domestic Unit: The "Grandfamily"
February 18, 2019
- More Women Paying Support
July 25, 2018
- Handling an Inheritance During a Divorce in Pennsylvania
June 2, 2016
- Why It's Important to Move Quickly to Hire a Good Divorce Attorney
March 31, 2016



Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania Bar

Education

- Gwynedd-Mercy University
- Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University

Honors & Awards

- Ten Leaders of Greater Philadelphia - Divorce Law
- "Best Lawyers in America," 2020
- "Best Lawyers in America," 2019
- Suburban Life Magazine "Top Attorneys", 2018
- "Best Lawyers in America," 2018
- Suburban Life Magazine "Top Attorneys", 2017
- "Woman Leader in the Law" ALM publications, 2015
- "Woman of the Year" Bucks County Bar Association, 2010
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2008
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2007
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2006
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2005
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Community, Civic & Charitable Activities

- Bucks County Historical Society
(Member, Board of Trustees)

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 Pendente Lite

Family Law ADR

- Family Law Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Collaborative Law

Publications

- "Does Christmas Have to Be on December 25th?," The Legal Intelligencer, July 16, 2019

- Mediation

Related News & Events

- Williams Family Law Attorneys Named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America
- Susan Smith Article: Does Christmas Have to Be on December 25th?
- July 2019 Newsletter
- May 2019 Newsletter
- Susan Smith Appointed to Bucks Historical Society Board
- Williams Family Law Sponsors Bucks County Bar St. Patrick's Event
- December 2018 Newsletter
- Williams Family Law celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Michener Art Museum
- June 2018 Newsletter
- Smith, Salzer Serve as Faculty for 2018 Family Law Institute
- Smith, Salzer Present at PA Bar Family Law Section Winter Meeting
- 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
- Bucks County Family Attorneys Named Among 2018 'Best Lawyers in America'
- Bucks County Family Law Attorney Susan J. Smith Named Among Ten Leaders in Divorce Law
- 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
- Bucks Family Lawyers Featured in Suburban Life Magazine
- February 2016 E-Newsletter
- Bucks County Divorce Lawyer Susan J. Smith Joins Williams Family Law