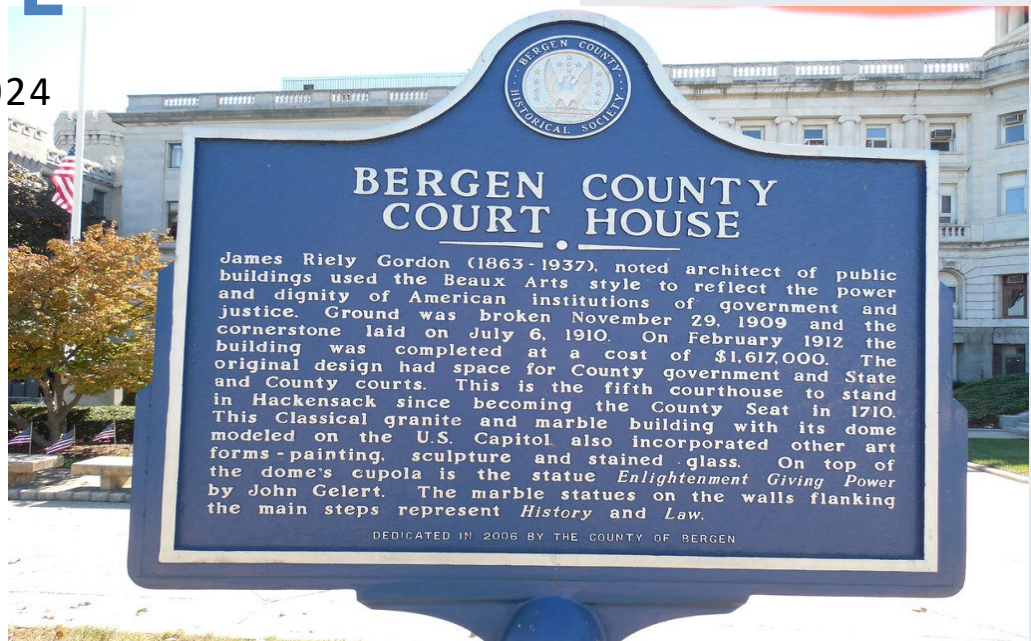


BERGEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2024



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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GET INVOLVED!

SIGN UP TO BE A MEMBER
It's never too late to join the
Family Law Committee!

Sign up today at

www.bergenbar.org.

ATTEND UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your calendar and join us
at our next event!

LEAD A PROJECT
Share your ideas and lead a
project. We would love to hear
from you!

BLUE RIBBON PANEL

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be Blue Ribbon Panelists in May and June.

We are pleased to announce that of the 36 cases listed, 13 cases settled by June 30, 2024 (36% settlement rate).

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FD SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PILOT PROGRAM

Special thanks to Co-Leaders **AARON COHEN, ESQ.** and **KRISTI INTORRE, ESQ.**, who spearheaded this BCBA Family Law Committee Project with Family Division Manager **LIANA DINALLO** Assistant Family Division Manager **JOY SHEA.**

Thank you to all of our attorney volunteers too!

FAUDIA A. HAMEED CLEMENZA. ALEXANDRA COGLIANESE. ASHLEY TATE COOPER. SAVVY DARRAGH. KERDESHA DESIR. NATALIA DIRATSOVIAN. MARA DOOSKIN. JACQUELINE DUGAN. GRACE EISENBERG. JENNIFER FLATOW. KERI GREEN. HON. JAMES J. GUIDA, J.S.C. (RET.). ROSEMARY GUSHIKEN. EMILY INGALL. IRA KAPLAN. MARY PAT KERRIGAN. SHERYL KOOMER. JACQUELINE LARSEN. CORINNE MALONEY. ALEXANDRA MAGINI. EVELYN NISSIRIOS. ALEIDA PICCINI DE VELAZQUEZ. CARMELA NOVI. FRANCES OLIVERI. LINDA PICINIC. AMANDA RASHEED. MARITZA RODRIGUEZ. MATTHEW ROSEN. AMY SAUTER. BRIAN SHEA. HON. RONNY JO SIEGAL, J.S.C. (RET.). GAIL WEINBERG. EMMA WEINER. AMANDA YU.

02.06.2024 IN-PERSON BLITZ DAY STATISTICS

- Total of 22 matters handled
- 5 resolved by way of consent order
- 4 out of the five 5 consent orders completely closed the matter, one of which was the oldest FD case in the docket
- 5th consent order settled 75% of the issues in dispute and what remains no longer requires a week-long plenary hearing
- 3 cases with attorneys to submit consent orders

NEXT IN-PERSON BLITZ DAYS:

October 25, 2024 | November 18, 2024



We need more attorney volunteers. Please email Aaron Cohen, Esq. at acohen@pricemeese.com or Kristi Intorre, Esq. at kintorre@hdrbb.com if you are interested in volunteering!

2024-2025 FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

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Hon. Ronny Jo Siegal * Hon. Edward V. Torack

UPCOMING EVENTS

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

[OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024]

MEET + GREET | JUDGES + LAW CLERKS

[MARCH/APRIL 2025]

SPRING HAPPY HOUR MIXER

[MAY/JUNE 2025]

STATE OF THE FAMILY LAW BENCH



FAMILY LAW REASSIGNMENTS

PRE-JUDGMENT – Dissolution (FM) Motions + Trials

01-15 Hon. Jane Gallina-Mecca, P.J.F.P.
16-43 Hon. Natalie R. Capano, J.S.C.
44-71 Hon. Julie Lee Kim, J.S.C.
72-00 Hon. Robert E. Landel, J.S.C.

POST-JUDGMENT – Dissolution (FM) Motions + Plenary Hearings

01-05 Hon. Julie Lee Kim, J.S.C.
06-10 Hon. Robert E. Landel, J.S.C.
11-15 Hon. Natalie R. Capano, J.S.C.
16-31 Hon. Magali Francois, J.S.C.
31-44 Hon. Jaclyn Medina, J.S.C.
45-58 Hon. Michael Antoniewicz, J.S.C.
59-72 Hon. Amy E. Lefkowitz, J.S.C.
73-86 Hon. Ian M. Silvera, J.S.C.
87-00 Hon. David V. Calviello, J.S.C.

- CIC, Dissolution, FC + Benchmark Hearings, ISC, Backup for All Dockets (**Gallina-Mecca | Room 265**)
- 2nd Juvenile Backup (**Kim | Room 113**)
- Juvenile, CIC (South), SIJ (**Francois | Room 152**)
- Non-Dissolution, CSE, SIJ, 2nd Backup Contempt (**Medina | Room 338**)
- Non-Dissolution, CSE (**Silvera | Room 336**)
- Domestic Violence, TPR, Weapons, Backup Contempt (**Antoniewicz | Room 108**)
- Domestic Violence, Contempt, Backup Weapons, 1st Juvenile Backup (**Lefkowitz | Room 262**)
- Non-Dissolution, Domestic Violence, Backup CSE (**Calviello | Room 161**)

ON RECALL: FM Default Calendar (**Janeczko | Room 501**)



Message from the Bench...

The Honorable Jane Gallina-Mecca, P.J.F.P.

On behalf of the Judges of the Family Division in Bergen County, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Bergen County Bar Association. Your support during our judicial vacancy crisis has been extraordinary. In particular, the members of the Family Law Committee have generously devoted their precious time and remarkable talent to address our unprecedented backlog.

Under the tutelage of committee chair, Jhanice Domingo, the young lawyers, headed by the co-chairs, Aaron Cohen and Kristi Intorre, implemented a pilot program of in-person settlement conferences, referred to as, “blitz” days in our non-dissolution (FD) docket. More than 20 attorneys and several of our retired family judges volunteered to mediate custody, parenting time and support issues for litigants, many of whom were unrepresented.

The program was so remarkably successful (over 30% settlement rate), that we implemented a dissolution docket (FM) blitz week in early June, with a blue-ribbon list of volunteers, including many retired family judges and seasoned matrimonial attorneys. Each and every participant of this illustrious group enthusiastically offered their valuable time and outstanding mediation skills to the project, which was met with remarkable success (over 50% settlement rate).

While the judges continue to address our considerable backlog and unprecedented numbers of new filings, we could not have concluded the past court year on a positive note without the tremendous support of the Bar. Undoubtedly, the relationship between the Bench and Bar in Bergen County is uniquely collegial, due in large measure to the commitment of each of you to this challenging, yet rewarding, profession. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to working with all of you and, particularly, the new members of the Family Law Committee in the upcoming year.

Thank You!

THE BARRY CROLAND FAMILY LAW AMERICAN INN OF COURT WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS.

WHO WE ARE: The Inn of Court is comprised of sitting and retired judges as well as new and experienced attorneys interested in learning about the practice of family law. We have monthly dinner meetings during the year. In addition to receiving ICLE credit, attendees have the opportunity to socialize, interact, and learn from each other.

COST: \$550 | ICLE CREDIT: 1.5

THE HIGHLAWN PAVILION | WEST ORANGE, NJ | 5:30 PM

October 16, 2024

November 19, 2024

February 19, 2025 (Zoom)

March 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

May 21, 2025

June 18, 2025

TO JOIN, PLEASE CONTACT:

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AARON COHEN, ESQ. is the Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at Price Meese Shulman & D'Arminio, P.C. He is a co-founder of the FD Settlement Conference Pilot Program and the Chair of the Bergen County Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel. He is a member of the Bergen County Bar Association and the Barry Croland Family Law Inn of Court. He also serves on the District Fee Arbitration Committee, District IIA, Northern Bergen County. He is also a member of the Volunteer Lawyers for Justice Generation Now Committee and has been serving on the Scholarship Committee of the NJSBA Foundation, which selects the recipients of various law school scholarships.



JHANICE V. DOMINGO, ESQ. is a Partner at Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C. and the Chair of the firm's Family Law Practice Group. She is a Trustee of the Bergen County Bar Association. She is also a member of the NJSBA Family Law Executive Committee and the NJ Supreme Court Family Practice Committee and Domestic Violence Working Group. She is a past President of the Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of NJ (APALA-NJ) and the National Filipino American Lawyers Association. She serves on the NJSBA Judicial & Prosecutorial Appointments Committee after serving as JPAC Chair of APALA-NJ for more than a decade.



MARA DOOSKIN, ESQ. is a Partner at Meyerson, Fox & Conte, PA. With over two decades of experience assisting clients with their family law matters Mara exclusively concentrates her practice in matrimonial and family law. She provides attentive, compassionate service in all matters related to divorce, child custody, child support, alimony, and asset division. Her masterful knowledge of family law gives her clients immediate peace of mind. Mara is a Bergen County Bar Association member and is currently serving as a co-chair of their Family Law Committee. She is also a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She also serves on the District II Ethics Committee.



NANCY HORTA, ESQ. has managed her boutique Family Law practice for 10 years. She clerked for the Honorable William R. Delorenzo, Jr., J.S.C. (Bergen County Family Part) and is a member of the NJSBA and the Bergen County Bar Association (BCBA). She is a past President of the Bergen County Young Lawyers Division and has served as a Young Lawyer Liaison Trustee and Ethics Committee Member for the BCBA. She is a member of the Justice Virginia Long Inns of Court, serves as a panel chair for the Bergen County Early Settlement Panel, and is a Court approved Family Law Mediator and Guardian *Ad Litem*.

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