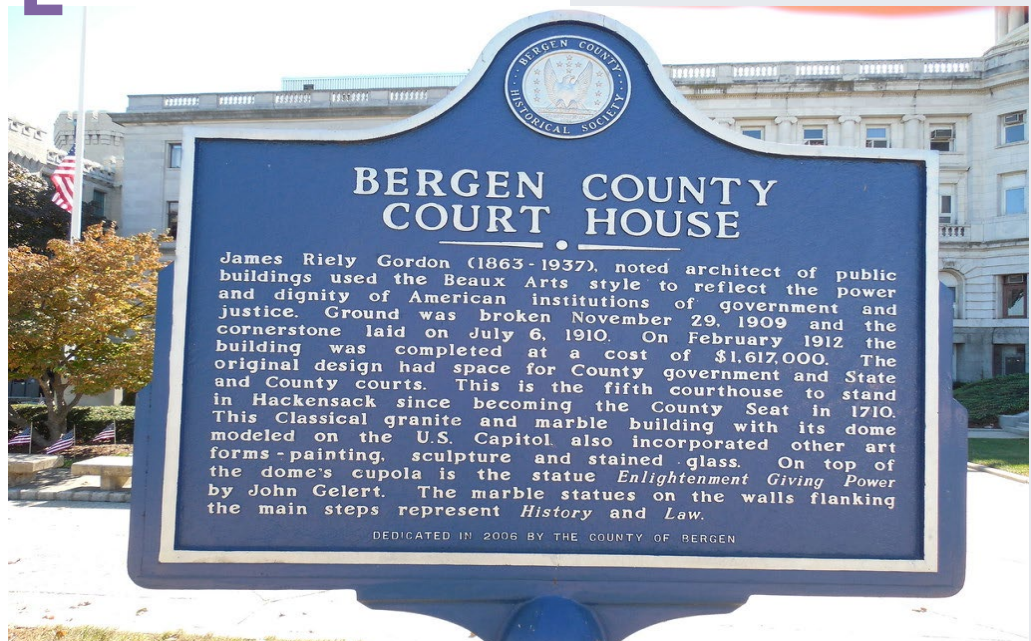


BERGEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE UPDATE

APRIL 2026



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 has volunteered to be Blue Ribbon Panelists. We need more certified matrimonial attorneys and/or attorneys who have been practicing family law for more than 15 years to serve as panelists. Please email Jhanice V. Domingo, Esq. at jdomingo@pashmanstein.com if you are interested in volunteering.

UPCOMING BLUE RIBBON PANEL DATES

April 27, 2026
May 11, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 1, 2026
June 15, 2026

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS MONTHLY OFFICE HOURS

The Family Law Committee Co-Chairs will be holding monthly office hours every first Monday of the month from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. This is an opportunity for members to “drop in” and ask questions, provide comments, and/or offer feedback on our family law practice in Bergen County. Whether you need a referral, are looking for a specific form, have a comment regarding a recent Court experience, or have suggestions, we value your feedback and welcome your participation.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83323636906>

Meeting ID: 833 2363 6906

Questions: Email Evelyn Nissiriois, Esq. at enissirios@mfmclaw.com.

FD SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PILOT PROGRAM

UPCOMING IN-PERSON FD SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

April 17, 2026
May 15, 2026
June 12, 2026



Please email Aaron Cohen, Esq. at acohen@pricemeese.com or Kristi Intorre, Esq. at kintorre@mfmclaw.com if you are interested in volunteering!

NJSBA'S FAMILY LAW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADR SURVEY

The NJSBA'S Family Law Executive Committee is asking all family law practitioners to complete the survey below so that we may gather data on Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”). The survey includes questions about mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, and the Court Rules governing ADR. It also addresses our Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel system. They have prepared this survey to provide the benefit of the community-at-large's wisdom. The data gathered from this survey will inform our strategies and recommendations for implementing change. We encourage all family law practitioners to participate in this survey and thank you for your time. Please click on the link below to participate in the survey.

<https://www.njfamilylawadrsurvey.com/>

**DEADLINE TO COMPLETE SURVEY
IS APRIL 30, 2026!**

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Hon. Harry Carroll (Ret.)
Hon. Bonnie J. Mizdol (Ret.)
Hon. Ronny Siegal (Ret.)
Hon. Edward V. Torack (Ret.)

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN?

Register

<https://bergenbar.org/committee-assignment-sign-up-2024-2025/>

Note: Reminder that you need to register annually to join/remain on the Family Law Committee. If your name does not appear above, please make sure that you have submitted your registration form. Any questions, please contact Jhanice V. Domingo, Esq. at jdomingo@pashmanstein.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE OF THE FAMILY LAW BENCH AND BAR: HOT TOPICS AND MORE

May 7, 2026 | 4:30 PM-5:45 PM
Bergen County Justice Center
10 Main Street, Room 425
Hackensack, NJ

This in-person seminar provides family law practitioners with a focused overview of the most pressing developments in Bergen County's Family Law Division, including recent legislative and case law updates. Attendees will hear directly from members of the judiciary offering valuable perspectives from the Bench.

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE MIXER

May 7, 2026 | 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Forte Ristorante
160 Prospect Avenue
Hackensack, NJ

Join your colleagues and members of the judiciary immediately after the seminar at Forte Ristorante, where you'll enjoy a buffet dinner and two drink tickets for beer, wine, and soft drinks.

NJSBA ANNUAL MEETING

May 13-15, 2026
Borgata Hotel – Atlantic City, NJ

Programming is slated to begin Wednesday, May 13th and continue through Friday, May 15th including the State of the Judiciary addresses that morning. Educational programming will cover a wide range of issues in practice areas and include bench-bar conferences. A Welcome Reception will kick off the social events on Wednesday and we will install the officers and trustees at a ceremony Thursday, May 14th where we will express our thanks to NJSBA 2025-2026 President Christine A. Amalfe and welcome NJSBA 2026-2027 President Norberto A. Garcia.



**GOING TO THE ANNUAL NEW JERSEY STATE BAR CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY?
DON'T MISS: CLE Presentations with our Bergen County Judges
 + Family Law Section Swearing-In Ceremony**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 1:30 PM-3:00 PM
Featured Panelist: Hon. Michael Antoniewicz, J.S.C.

**Emergency? What's the Emergency?
 Handling Emergent Applications + Issues**

Have you ever wondered whether an issue is emergent? Are self-created custody issues emergent? Are financial issues emergent? This panel of experienced attorneys and Judges will delve into what is actually an emergent issue in family court and the best practices for handling those emergent issues.

Friday, May 15, 2026 | 10:15 AM-12:00 Noon
Featured Panelist: Hon. Jane Gallina-Mecca, P.J.F.P.

Family Law Bench Bar

This is a can't miss opportunity to hear from experienced family law judges from around the state.

UPCOMING CLE'S ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
<https://njsba.com/njicle/cle-programs/>

Monday, April 27, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 12:35 PM
Domestic Violence 2026: A Trial Tactics Program
 Earn up to 4.0 credits

Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 12:00 noon to 12:00 PM
Handing Domestic Violence Contempt Matters in the Family Division: A Practical Roadmap for Assigned Counsel
 Earn up to 2.4 credits

Thursday, May 14, 2026
1:30 PM-3:00 PM
NJSBA Family Law Section Swearing-In Ceremony



***Congratulations to Christine C. Fitzgerald, Esq.
 Incoming Chair of the NJSBA Family Law Executive Committee!***

FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONER REMINDERS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRO'S

Please make sure that Temporary Restraining Orders that need to be amended are done so prior to the scheduled first appearance.

DIVORCE FILINGS

Please make sure that you are selecting the correct county on the JEDS drop down menu for filing of complaints.

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