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Jeffrey M. Williams, the founder and managing partner of Williams Family Law, P.C., concentrates his practice on domestic relations, primarily handling complex high asset divorce, high income alimony/spousal support, complex child support, and high-conflict child custody cases. Having been named annually among the Best Lawyers in America, Mr. Williams is widely regarded as one of the top high-net-worth 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 high-net-worth divorce law for more than four decades.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), a prestigious honor reserved solely for skilled negotiators and experienced litigators in family law; there are just 1,600 fellows nationwide. He is also a past president of AAML's Pennsylvania chapter and is called to share his expertise at AAML conferences around the country each year. He 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" annually 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. In 2011, he received a special achievement award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for his work on that legislation.

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 went on to become judges in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. Having served as both an assistant and deputy district attorney in Bucks County from 1981-1985, Mr. Williams has gained outstanding courtroom experience and litigation skills.

Mr. Williams maintains active involvement in several professional organizations. Having previously served as the secretary, first vice president, and chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section, he went on to become a member of the association's executive committee.

He is 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 its board of directors. He is a frequent speaker

Practice Areas

- Family and Matrimonial Law

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1981
- 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

- Best Lawyers in America, 2008 - Present
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, 1994 - Present
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2005 - Present
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Top 100 in Philadelphia, 2020

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for various continuing legal education programs, particularly on matters related to domestic relations litigation and trial strategy.

Since 2005, Mr. Williams has been consistently named to the list of Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania, an honor bestowed on just 5% of lawyers in the commonwealth. Additionally, Mr. Williams has also been named to the list of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in Philadelphia. He also maintains an AV "Preeminent" rating with Martindale-Hubbell, the highest legal ability and ethical standards rating. In addition, Mr. Williams has been repeatedly featured in Suburban Life magazine as one of the region's Awesome Attorneys.

On a community level, Mr. Williams has held several leadership positions in the Bucks County region: he is a past chair and member of the Doylestown Township board of supervisors, a past director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County and a 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 Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He has also spent time working pro bono for the People's Justice Center, interviewing and representing asylum-seeking families detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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 (Current); Member of Board of Examiners of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Chapter (1997 - 2021); Pennsylvania Chapter Secretary (2013 - 2014); Pennsylvania Chapter President (2017 - 2018); Chair of Nominating Committee for Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Managers (2019)
- 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)

Honors & Awards Continued

- Ten Leaders of Greater Philadelphia - Matrimonial & Divorce Law, 2004-Present
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Family Lawyers, 2020-Present
- Suburban Life Magazine "Top Attorneys," 2014, 2016, 2017
- Best Lawyers in America "Lawyer of the Year," 2016
- Best Lawyers in America "Lawyer of the Year," 2015
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Special Achievement Award, 2011

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), Chair (1990, 1991, 1999)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association/Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, Lawyers Saluting Veterans Program, pro bono representation
- People's Justice Center, pro bono representation of asylum-seeking families detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (2018-present)