

FROM THE DESK OF

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In my work, parents often claim they will do anything for their child's well-being, however, that claim can be tested when it requires a relinquishment of their control. I recently learned just how true that was during a family emergency of my own. When my 8-week-old daughter's weight gain began to slow and medication failed to help, our pediatrician encouraged us to head to CHOP for in-patient testing and monitoring; she wanted to make sure there weren't any lingering complications from issues identified at birth.

My wife and I desperately did not want to simply hand over our daughter to the staff at CHOP, but I had to remind myself to practice what I preach to parents daily and set aside my feelings for what was best for her. Fortunately, all tests were clear and she is back home with us, but the memory of the (temporarily) empty bassinet remains.

As parents, we are forced to make decisions every day that place our children's interests before our own. As family law attorneys, we are here to help you understand your options and which may be best for your children. Although the desired outcome involves difficult choices, we'll get through it together.



## Appointed

Shauna Quigley Named to New Hope-Solebury School District Policy Advisory Committee

Shauna Quigley has been appointed to the Policy Advisory Committee of the New Hope-Solebury School District, assisting in the review of operational and procedural recommendations given to the district and determining how best to formally adopt them.



## Appointed

Robert Salzer Appointed Co-Chair of Family Law Legislative Committee

Bob Salzer is now co-chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee for the Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The committee reviews proposed legislation related to marriage, divorce, support, custody, and domestic relations in Pennsylvania and takes positions based on a law's potential impact on family law practitioners.



FROM OUR

# Family Law Blog

From legislative alerts to tips and tactics, the attorneys of Williams Family Law regularly share information and insight on legal issues they see every day on our [Family Law Blog](#). Some of our recent posts covered:



## 2022 Child Support Changes: High-Income Divorce

On January 1, 2022, new Pennsylvania child support guidelines went into effect. Jeffrey Williams shares how this affects those in high-income divorces.



## Are Gray Divorces Harder on Men or Women?

One group of individuals are more likely to encounter financial hardship following a divorce, with the standard of living being cut almost in half. Jeffrey Williams shares who...and why.



## How Does the Child Tax Credit Affect Taxes?

Preparing income tax returns can be confusing enough. Maris Weiner reports that, for parents who share custody, the 2021 Child Tax Credit only created more questions.

## Online Reviews

**"** Susan ensured that my divorce was handled with my best interests in mind. I appreciated her knowledge and patience during the lengthy process."

Anonymous, from Avvo.com



## Facts and Stats

A QUICK LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST CURRENT TRENDS AND FIGURES IN FAMILY LAW.

**A study by the University of Washington indicated divorce filings spike in August. Why?**

Source: businessinsider.com

An unfulfilled belief that the summer season, with its warmer weather and relaxed pace, will rekindle a relationship.

Additional pressure put on a relationship due to summer's emphasis on family bonding and travel.

Couples unwilling to give bad news to kids during their school vacation wait until the end of the summer to communicate the decision.

August is when children leave for college, leaving empty nesters alone to reevaluate their relationship.

Parents believe August gives the family plenty of time to adjust to the news before the start of the holiday season.

Summer means events and activities in fun places, where someone unhappy in a relationship often meets someone new.