

FROM THE DESK OF

Susan J. Smith



Susan Smith with just one of many colorful characters at “The Linc” this season.

What a season this has been! As I write this, I am elated that on February 12th, we will be watching the Philadelphia Eagles play football in Glendale, Arizona at Super Bowl LVII. It has been an incredible year and we are just one win away from another Super Bowl ring.

One of my favorite parts of football games is at the beginning, when the defensive or offensive line is pictured, one at a time, stating their name and sharing where they attended school. They come from all over the country and all walks of life. They trained individually to be the best they can be and become a member of the team. The team, in turn, works together to achieve something great.

That is truly how I feel about our law firm. While our attorneys and the members of our administrative team all come from different places and backgrounds, we share one common goal: to work together and help our clients achieve their goals through what, for many, is the most challenging experience of their lives...*their* Super Bowl.

Go Birds!

Awarded

WILLIAMS FAMILY LAW RANKED IN 2023 BEST LAW FIRMS

The 2023 edition of “Best Law Firms” has been released, and Williams Family Law is again a top ranked law firm for divorce, custody and family law in the Philadelphia region.



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:



Prenups: Not just for the Rich Anymore

While stereotyped as unromantic, [Jeffrey Williams](#) explains why prenups are one of the strongest tools to guard against debt and protect one's earning potential.



Pennsylvania Protection from Abuse Orders Rise

Court orders that serve to protect victims of domestic violence are on the rise in Pennsylvania. [Robert Salzer](#) shares the statistics.



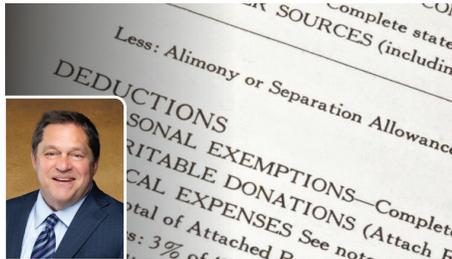
Do Women Need Prenups?

[Shauna Quigley](#) shares details of a new book that has lessons on how to stay financially solvent... based on the author's past mistakes.



Relocating with Your Child: How Do You Notify the Other Parent?

Planning to relocate with your child and are divorced or no longer with the other parent? [Susan Smith](#) explains the legal steps you must take.



The ABCs of Alimony

When is alimony awarded? When is it often NOT given? [Jeffrey Williams](#) offers a primer on spousal support.

Client Reviews



I wanted to reach out and express appreciation for how David recently handled my stepson's name change petition. He was personable, thorough and responsive and kept us updated throughout the process. What a great addition he is to your team!

– “Erica,” via email



Facts and Stats

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

BY THE NUMBERS:

Prenuptial Agreements

In a separate survey of recently engaged or married individuals in 2022, **15% did have a prenup in place:** a 67% increase from 2010.

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The number of estimated weddings in the US in 2022.



FACT:

Prenuptial and postnuptial agreements serve as a guard against debt and protect the assets and earning potential of both you and your spouse.

IN ONE 2022 POLL OF US ADULTS 18 AND UP:

53%

Felt they did not make enough money to justify a prenuptial agreement

25%

Said they did not discuss a prenup

18%

Wished they had put one in place

Sources: The Harris Poll, YouGov, NextAdvisor



2022 CHILD SUPPORT CHANGES

In 2022, new child support laws went into effect in Pennsylvania. **Maris Weiner** shared figures and thresholds for support based on income, as well as what actions parents need to take to modify payments.

Now, a full year after the change, this article remains one of the top-accessed resources on our website. You can view the full report and figures by visiting our blog.