



# Julia Swain

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Julia is a family law attorney with over 25 years of experience representing clients in all phases of family law resolution, litigation, arbitration and mediation.

Professionals in a broad range of industries including pharmaceutical, legal, financial services, real estate, health care, technology, startups, hospitality and marketing, rely on Julia to represent their interests in highly sensitive family law matters. Her clients include entrepreneurs, physicians, lawyers, professional athletes, members of the judiciary, artists, parents of special needs children, grandparents and third parties in custody.

Julia approaches each representation with sensitivity and discretion, knowing her clients need a lawyer who is both a steadfast legal advocate and trusted personal ally, committed to helping them reach a resolution that protects their interests and addresses their needs at a difficult time.

She handles complex litigation that involves:

- business valuations
- executive compensation
- high-net-worth marital estates
- custody relocation
- high-conflict marital/parental disputes.

Julia negotiates and prepares all forms of family law contracts such as prenuptial agreements, marital/property settlement agreements, post-nuptial agreements and co-habitation agreements. She handles family law cases in the Philadelphia region and throughout Pennsylvania as well as nationally, including in New Jersey, New York, Florida and California.

Julia also serves as an elected, at-large member of Fox Rothschild's Executive Committee.

## Recent Work

- Representation of the executive vice president of a multinational pharmaceutical company, with substantial executive compensation benefits, in divorce, support and custody litigation.
- Representation of the CEO of a publicly traded company with complex marital assets, including stock option awards and transfers.
- Representation of a prominent NFL running back in child support and custody cases spanning three states.

- Litigation of custody cases focused on children with autism, ADHD, ODD, cystic fibrosis, epilepsy and other special needs.
- Representation of grandparents and third parties seeking standing and custody rights, including cases involving substance abuse and mental health issues.
- Negotiation and preparation of prenuptial agreements that protect family businesses and family wealth planning.

## Legal Leadership

Julia is a recognized leader in family law and the greater legal community. She is the immediate past Chair of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and immediate past Co-Chair of the Women in the Profession Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, among multiple leadership roles. Julia speaks frequently on range of family law topics, including witness examinations, technology in the courtroom, child support calculations, working with expert witnesses, smart phone and social media evidentiary issues, creative use of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders and multi-jurisdictional custody disputes.

## Services

- Family Law
- Litigation
- International
- Law Firm Defense & Risk Management
- Health Law
- Entertainment & Sports Law

## Beyond Fox Rothschild

Julia is a frequent author and has been published in:

- *The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*
- *The Legal Intelligencer*
- *The Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*

She has also served as an instructor on Family Law issues for:

- The Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Stafford Publications
- Half Moon Production
- Gratz College
- The People's Law School
- Philadelphia Legal View

## Client Resources

Premarital Agreements for First, Subsequent and Later in Life Marriages

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

## Education

- Widener University School of Law (J.D., 1995)
- University of Geneva (J.D., 1994)
- University of Delaware (B.A., 1991)

## Memberships

- American College of Family Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Philadelphia VIP
- International Academy of Family Lawyers, Fellow

## Board of Directors

- SeniorLAW Center
- Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Editorial Board
- The Matrimonial Strategist, Editorial Board

## Leadership

Julia is a recognized leader within the family law community, her firm and the broader legal profession. In 2021 she was elected by her fellow partners at Fox Rothschild to serve a three-year term as an At-Large member on the firm's Executive Committee.

She has held multiple leadership positions with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Philadelphia Bar Association and has been recognized for her work by multiple organizations.

## American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

- Pennsylvania Chapter President July 2020 – July 2021
  - First Vice President
  - Board of Managers
  - Board of Examiners
- National Chair of Bylaws & Policies

## American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation

- Board of Managers (2019 – present)
- Grants Committee Chair (2022)
- Assistant Secretary (2022)
- Executive Committee (2022)

## Philadelphia Bar Association

- Achievement Award Committee Co-Chair (2022)
- Women in the Profession Co-Chair (2019 and 2020)
- Family Law Section Chair (2011)
  - First Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Co-Chair Programs Committee
- Bench Bar Chair (2013, 2015, 2017, 2018)
- Board of Governors (2015-2018)
- Campaign for Qualified Judges, Treasurer (2017-2019)
- Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention (2009)

## Awards & Honors

- **Selected to the list of attorneys ranked by *Chambers High Net Worth* for Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth Band 1 in Pennsylvania (2022-2024)**  
*This award is conferred by Chambers & Partners. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*
- **Selected to the “Super Lawyers” list for Family Law in Pennsylvania (2013-2024)**  
*This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*
- **Selected to the “Lawyers on the Fast Track” list (2008)**  
*This award is conferred by The Legal Intelligencer. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*
- **Named to the “Pro Bono Roll of Honor”** by the Philadelphia First Judicial District, recognizing her pro bono work as exemplary (2011)
- **Selected for the “White Hat Award”** by the Legal Clinic for the Disabled for her outstanding volunteer work (2009)
- **Selected to the “Super Lawyers - Rising Stars” list for family law in Pennsylvania (2006-2008)**  
*This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*

## Publications

January 19, 2016

### **Superior Court Affirms Ruling on Reproductive Contracts**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

June 2015

### **Panel: Make Sure Prenup Terms are Clearly Defined**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

October 2014

### **Client’s Mind Frame Key for Divorce Decisions**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

August 2014

### **Members Get Primer on Affordable Care Act**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

August 2014

### **Practice Tip: Divorce - The Silver Lining**

*The Matrimonial Strategist*

July 2014

### **Decide What Judge Should Hear Before Cross Exam**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

March 2014

### **Practice Tip: Making Your Practice Mobile**

*The Matrimonial Strategist*

February 2014

### **Compilation of PA Statutes and Cases for Special Needs Children**

*American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*

February 2014

**Divorce? Distributing Property? Yes, There's an App for That**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

September 2013

**PA at Forefront of Marriage Equality Fight**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

July 9, 2013

**U.S. Tax Court Trumps State Family Court**

*The Legal Intelligencer*

March 2013

**Top 10 Divorce Myths in Pennsylvania**

*Family Law Practical Advice*

March 2013

**Panelists Present Custody Update from Superior Court**

*The Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

January 2013

**Gay Marriage on U.S. Supreme Court Agenda**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

November 2012

**Councilman Promotes Youth Courts for City**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

October 2012

**Second-Parent Adoption Marks 10th Anniversary**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

June 2012

**Child Abuse Reporting Not Mandatory for Lawyers**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

May 2012

**Kids, Families Top Priority for Cash-Strapped Court System**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

April 2012

**When Family Law and Bankruptcy Intersect**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

February 2012

**Appellate Courts Interpret New Custody Statutes**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

December 2011

**Same-Sex Marriage Rights Don't Cross Borders**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

August 2011

**The Life of a Social Security Claim**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

July 12, 2011

**Coming to a State near You: Development of Virtual Visitation Legislation**

*The Legal Intelligencer*

July 2011

**Take Advantage of Women's Initiatives at Firms**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

October 2010

**Collaborative Family Law Keeps Cases Out of Court**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

September 2010

**Gender Pay Gap Remains an Issue**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

July 2010

**Domestic Support Obligations Can't Be Discharged**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

June 2010

**Use 'Triple Play' and Be Your Own Advocate**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

April 2010

**Superior Court Busy With Custody Issues in 2009**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

February 2010

**Custody Laws Threatened, Family Law Section Told**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

January 2010

**Economy Takes Toll on Orders for Support**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

November 2009

**Domestic Violence Unique for Immigrants**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

October 2009

**Economic Challenges Complicate Divorce**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

August 2009

**Judge: Go Back to Basics in Court**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

May 5, 2009

**Tips, Pitfalls from Judge Gantman**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

March 2009

**Judge Lally-Green Explains New Appellate Rules**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

December 31, 2008

**Custody Committee Reviews Superior Court's Year**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

December 1, 2008

**Ask Rising Stars: What is a guardian ad litem's role in family court?**

*Philadelphia Magazine*

November 4, 2008

**E-Mail Security Key to Maintaining Privilege**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

April 25, 2008

**Input Welcome for New Family Court Building**

*Philadelphia Bar Reporter*

December 31, 2007

**Melzer Calculation Not Affected by Shared Custody**

*PA Family Lawyer*

December 12, 2006

**Liens Must Be Satisfied Before Distributing Awards Over \$5,000**

*The Legal Intelligencer*

May 2007

**Future Social Security Earnings Can Offset the Value of Civil Service Pensions**

*Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*

## Events

March 25, 2024

**Family Court**

*Webinar*

October 27, 2020

**Creative Use of Retirement Assets and Primer on the Range of Atypical Retirement Assets**

*Webinar*

October 27, 2020

**A Conversation With Attorney and Author Andrea S. Kramer**

*Webinar*

April 20, 2020

**COVID-19 — Impact on Women in the Workplace and in the Home**

*Webinar*

January 28, 2020

**Meet the 2020 Women Bar Leaders**

*Webinar*

November 1, 2019

**Toby L. Dickman Seminar: Trial Skills Practicum for the 21st Century Family Lawyer**

October 11, 2019

**Inside Relocation: Tips for Trying the Ultimate Case for All the Marbles**

*Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa*

October 11, 2019

**Inside Relocation: Tips for Trying the Ultimate Case for All the Marbles**

*Bench Bar Conference*

October 12, 2018

**PFA Practice and Procedure in the First Judicial District: Contemporary Challenges Faced by Judges, Lawyers and Litigants**

*Borgata*

July 13, 2018

**FTP Sites, Dropbox, Smart Courtrooms ... Oh My! Understanding and maximizing technology for litigation and divorce issues**

*The Hotel Hershey*

March 28, 2018

**Expert Witness Course**

*Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law*

January 11, 2018

**Avoiding Pitfalls of Family Law Firm Hiring and Firing**

*The Roosevelt New Orleans*

July 13, 2017

**Best Practices – Opening and Closing Client Files, Beyond the Basics**

March 2, 2016

**Smart Phone & Social Media Evidence in Family Law Litigation**

*Philadelphia Bar Association*

January 7, 2016

**Child Support: All Over the Map, With Different Results in Different States**

*Webinar*

October 1, 2015

**The Struggle for Marriage Equality - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

*Princeton, NJ*

February 5, 2015

**Debunking Family Law Myths from Coast to Coast**

October 18, 2014

**Custody at the Extremes – From Unweened Infants to Unruly Teens**

*Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa*

October 17, 2014

**Dirty Tricks in Domestic Relationships**

*Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa*

October 1, 2014

**Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements**

April 11, 2014

**Custody Training Course**

December 2, 2013

**Handling Multi-Jurisdictional Child Custody Disputes**

*Wanamaker Building (Macy's)*

July 12, 2013

**Family Law Section Summer Meeting**

*Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center*

February 1, 2013

**Philly VIP's Family Law Training**

October 24, 2012

**High-Net Worth in Divorce Practice**

October 5, 2012

**Pre-Separation Dissipation of the Marital Estate**

September 28, 2012

**Paternity Cases: Is the Standard for Paternity in Pennsylvania Changing?**

September 12, 2012

**Children and Immigration**

August 16, 2012

**Prenuptial Agreements for First, Subsequent and Later-In-Life Marriages**

May 11, 2011

**VIP Custody Training Program**

*Fox Rothschild LLP*

May 10, 2011

**Overview of the Divorce Process: How the Personal Accountant and Financial Advisor Can Assist**

*Greenacres Country Club*

April 29, 2010

**Women in Law Leadership Academy**

*Loews Hotel*

October 23, 2009

**The Counsel Fees Conundrum - Views from the Bench and Bar**

August 5, 2009

**Getting a Get: Prenuptial Agreements and Divorce in Jewish and American Law**

*Tuttleman Library at Gratz College on the Mandell Campus*

March 18, 2009

**From Russia With Love**

February 1, 2009

**VIP Custody Training Program**

*Fox Rothschild LLP*

November 3, 2008

**Ethical Consideration in Family Law**

September 9, 2008

**Swain of Fox Rothschild Presents at People's Law School**

June 27, 2008

**Paternity Cases Seminar**

September 28, 2007

**Right Down the Middle: Equally Shared Physical-Custody in Philadelphia County**

*Bally's Atlantic City Park Place and The Boardwalk*

September 1, 2003

**The People's Law School Family Law Basics**

## News

November 19, 2024

**NDA's for People Following the Zach Bryan Drama**

July 18, 2024

**Fox Rothschild Attorneys Ranked in 2024 Chambers High Net Worth Guide**

July 20, 2023

**Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers High Net Worth Guide**

July 18, 2023

**The Grief of Divorce Hit Me Most When It Came to Sharing Custody**

May 8, 2023

**Julia Swain Inducted Into American College of Family Trial Lawyers**

July 14, 2022

**Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers High Net Worth Guide**

January 7, 2022

**Julia Swain Inducted Into International Academy of Family Lawyers**

March 14, 2018

**People in the News**

March 5, 2018

**Julia Swain Elected to SeniorLAW Center Board of Directors**

June 12, 2017

**People in the News**

March 31, 2017

**The Problem With Joint Legal Custody On Monday's 'The American Law Journal'**

February 11, 2016

**How Growing Use of Social Media Has Changed Family Law Practice**

April 27, 2015

**Liberty, Freedom and... Gay Marriage for All (States)?**

April 23, 2015

**Julia Swain Discusses Current Family Issues as Guest Speaker on CNN-WFMZ-TV**

March 23, 2015

**High Tech Custody Disputes**

January 19, 2015

**On The Boards**

December 16, 2014

**Swain Appointed to Philadelphia Bar Association Leadership Role**

November 10, 2014

**People in the News**

October 21, 2014

**Julia Swain Volunteering with the Federal Court's STAR Program for Inmates**

June 1, 2014

**Volunteers Ease Child Custody Case Backlog**

May 27, 2014

**People in the News**

May 20, 2014

**PA Supporters Cautiously Optimistic About Same-Sex Marriage Ruling**

April 25, 2014

**People in the News**

March 1, 2014

**Life Insurance and Prenuptial Agreements**

December 17, 2013

**Julia Swain Discusses Multi-Jurisdictional Child Custody Disputes at PBI Course**

September 12, 2013

**Awaiting Gay-Marriage Ruling**

August 9, 2013

**People in the News**

July 8, 2013

**For Gay Couples, Divorce Equality is Also a Trial**

June 27, 2013

**You're a Gay Couple. Now What Do You Do?**

May 23, 2013

**Julia Swain Granted Fellowship in The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers**

April 23, 2013

**Julia Swain Talks PA Family Law Myths with Pat Ciarrocchi of CBS Philly**

February 12, 2013

**People in the News**

January 23, 2013

**Julia Swain Appointed Co-Chair of Philadelphia Bar Association's 2013 Bench Bar Committee**

October 17, 2012

**People in the News**

October 15, 2012

**Swain Discusses Pre-Divorce Planning at Philadelphia Bar Association's Annual Bench Bar Conference**

October 9, 2012

**Julia Swain Discusses Changing State of Paternity in Pennsylvania**

August 20, 2012

**Julia Swain Addresses Prenuptial Agreements for Golden-Age Newlyweds**

May 23, 2012

**People in the News**

May 15, 2012

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Presents Seminar on Philly VIP's Family Law Services**

May 12, 2011

**Jennifer Weisberg Millner, Eric Solotoff and Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Present Seminar on Role of Personal Accountant and Financial Adviser in Divorce Process**

January 20, 2011

**Stars of David**

December 20, 2010

**Achievers**

December 9, 2010

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Leads PBA Family Law**

December 8, 2010

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Ascends to Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Family Law Section**

August 1, 2010

**Resnick Urges Mentoring for Women**

April 2, 2010

**People In The News**

March 30, 2010

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Appointed to Serve on Civil Gideon Task Force**

December 21, 2009

**On the Boards**

December 10, 2009

**Stars of David**

November 6, 2009

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Elected to Editorial Board of Philadelphia Bar Reporter**

November 5, 2009

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Is Course Planner and Moderator of Family Law Section Program at Bench Bar Conference**

June 23, 2009

**Jon and Kate Divorce? The Money Traps Ahead**

June 23, 2009

**Fox Rothschild Elects 12 to Partnership**

April 27, 2009

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Honored with Legal Clinic for the Disabled's "White Hat" Award**

February 23, 2009

**Julia Swain and Beth L. Weisser of Fox Rothschild Appointed to Judicial Selection and Retention Commission**

February 6, 2009

**How Divorce Impacts The Military Man**

February 5, 2009

**Work-Life Balance Scale: Tipping In Work's Favor**

October 6, 2008

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Joins Board of HIAS & Council**

November 15, 2007

**Julia Swain of Fox Rothschild Elected Secretary of PBA's Family Law Section**