

About the Authors

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Angela R. Bakke is a junior partner at Forward Legal Services, LLC, based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. She has practiced law for 15 years, concentrating on family law and bankruptcy. Her family law practice includes divorce, child custody and placement, marital property agreements, and cohabitation agreements. In bankruptcy, she represents clients in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 proceedings. Before joining Forward Legal Services in 2022, Ms. Bakke operated her own law firm from 2015 to 2022 and served as the municipal prosecutor for the city of Sun Prairie from 2021 to 2024. Ms. Bakke was admitted to the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2010 after earning a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She had previously earned a B.S. in Justice and Social Inquiry from Arizona State University in 2007. During law school, Ms. Bakke interned with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office in Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Midwest Environmental Advocates, and she volunteered as an attorney for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Ms. Bakke is an active member of the Wisconsin legal community and presented at the 44th Annual Family Law Workshop on the intersection of bankruptcy and divorce.

Barry J. Boline is a member of Burbach & Stansbury S.C. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He facilitates mediations and arbitrations and practices family law. From 2012 to 2026, he served as the circuit court commissioner for Ozaukee County, where his responsibilities included presiding over thousands of pre-judgment and post-judgment family matters, as well as small claims, mental commitment, probate, and guardianship cases. Barry has served as president of the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association and the Judicial Court Commissioners Association of Wisconsin and as the chairperson of the Preliminary Review Committee for the Office of Lawyer Regulation and as a member of the Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee. He is a frequent lecturer and author on family law issues. Barry earned his J.D. from Drake University Law School in 1994 and his B.A. in Philosophy (Ethics) from Valparaiso University in 1991. After passing the Iowa bar examination in 1994, Barry practiced law in Iowa until 1999, when he and his family relocated to Wisconsin. Barry is an active member of the Lions Club and has served as the chairperson of the governing council of the Lions of Wisconsin. He and his wife, Lisa, have two adult children.

Sarah B. Bondar is a first-generation college graduate born and raised in southeast Wisconsin. She started her legal career as a second career, after a career in public safety as a 911 dispatcher and police officer. She is a litigation attorney with Schott, Bublitz & Engel S.C., Waukesha, with a child-focused practice concentrated in family law, juvenile law, education law, mental health law, and Social Security Disability. Sarah is one of the newest State Bar of Wisconsin Board of Governors members (District 6); an active member of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Family Law, Dispute Resolution, and Children and the Law Sections; and currently serves as secretary of the Waukesha County Bar Association. She is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. In addition to her professional work, Sarah is deeply involved in community advocacy. She holds leadership roles with organizations including We EmpowHER and the Lupus

Foundation of Wisconsin and actively supports suicide-prevention initiatives through NAMI and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She has a particular passion for mental health and wellness for those professionals in high-stress and high-profile careers. She has realized that her passion in life is advocacy, fueled by her desire to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves. She also holds the title of USOA's Mrs. Southeast Wisconsin and promotes empowerment through her mission and belief that we are Made 4 More.

Sarah H. DeKraay focuses her legal practice on family law matters, including divorce, legal separation, marital property agreements, grandparents' rights, maintenance (alimony), custody, child support, placement, paternity, child removal cases, and minor guardianships. She also handles post-divorce matters regarding child support, relocation, and out-of-state custody, maintenance modifications, and contempt of court. Ms. DeKraay is trained and experienced in the collaborative divorce model and serves as a mediator in divorce and family law cases. As a shareholder and Family Law Practice leader with Murphy Desmond S.C., Ms. DeKraay has served clients in Madison, Dane County, and Rock County, and throughout southwestern Wisconsin since 2001. She devotes considerable time to charitable causes in the community and mentoring new attorneys at the firm. Ms. DeKraay is a regular presenter with the State Bar of Wisconsin and has written about family law topics in various publications for lawyers, as well as articles on common divorce issues, financial matters, and family law changes. In addition, Ms. DeKraay has a Master of Business Administration, which is helpful in divorces with family businesses.

Gregg M. Herman is a neutral arbitrator and mediator in the Milwaukee office of JAMS, specializing in resolution of family law disputes. Prior to joining JAMS, he practiced family law for many years at Loeb & Herman LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Herman was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1977 after receiving his law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He served as an assistant district attorney for Milwaukee County from 1977 to 1984. Mr. Herman is certified as a senior specialist in family law trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a past chair of the family law sections of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the State Bar of Wisconsin and a past president of the Milwaukee Bar Association and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He served five terms as a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors. He is the founder and was first chair of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin and the Divorce Cooperation Institute. Mr. Herman has served as Associate Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the *Wisconsin Journal of Family Law* and is the author of *Settlement Negotiation Techniques in Family Law* (1st and 2nd editions) and editor of four editions of *101+ Practical Solutions for the Family Lawyer*, both published by the ABA Family Law Section. He is a certified divorce and family law mediator, and has been an adjunct professor, teaching settlement negotiations, at Marquette University Law School.

Christopher S. Krimmer is the owner and managing partner of Forward Legal Services, LLC, and has practiced exclusively family law for over two decades. He is a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation and a Fellow of the esteemed national American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a past adjunct professor of law at Marquette University Law School, where he taught courses in sexual orientation and the law and a workshop in pretrial skills for over a decade. He speaks extensively across the state and nationally on legal issues involving family law, including complex financial assets and income in divorce. In addition to his work as a family law attorney, Mr. Krimmer owns Parent Coordinator Services, LLC, which provides divorced parents with private dispute resolution regarding co-parenting issues. Mr. Krimmer is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, cum laude, in 1997 and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, magna cum laude, in 1994.

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Marcellus N. Parker, Jr., focuses his legal practice on criminal defense and family law matters, including divorce, legal separation, paternity, custody and placement, child support, contempt proceedings, and postjudgment litigation. He also represents clients in criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies, as well as related administrative and revocation proceedings. Mr. Parker is the founder of Parker Law Offices, LLC, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and represents clients throughout southeastern Wisconsin. His practice regularly involves litigation in Wisconsin circuit courts, with an emphasis on procedural precision, motion practice, and effective courtroom advocacy. Mr. Parker has experience handling complex family law disputes involving support recalculation, placement enforcement, and contempt, as well as criminal matters at all stages of prosecution. Mr. Parker is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and serves on the board of the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers. He earned his J.D. from Marquette University Law School.

Emma Stippich joined Murphy Desmond S.C. in the summer of 2025 as an associate working with the family law practice group. She represents Wisconsin clients in family legal matters including divorce, legal separation, annulment, and issues relating to children such as custody and placement. Emma also helps determine maintenance (alimony), and she works with clients on post-divorce issues such as parent relocations, contempt-of-court concerns, and other matters that arise following a divorce. While in law school, Emma served as a law clerk at a family law firm and as a clinical law student in family law matters and client advocacy services.

AnnMarie M. Sylla focuses her legal practice on family law matters, including divorce, legal separation, paternity, minor guardianships, grandparents' rights, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, maintenance (alimony), and enforcement actions. She also handles postjudgment matters regarding support and placement, relocation, and contempt. Ms. Sylla is also trained and experienced in the collaborative divorce model. A shareholder with Schott, Bublitz & Engel, s.c., she has practiced in Waukesha County and throughout southwestern Wisconsin since 2014. Ms. Sylla has written family law articles on custody and financial matters in conjunction with the State Bar of Wisconsin and is a former board member of the State Bar Board of Governors and the Waukesha County Bar Association.

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