

# Curriculum Vitae of Paulette M. Gray

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Paulette M. Gray served as President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers from 2014-15. Attorney Gray has limited her practice to family law since her graduation from The John Marshall Law School. Attorney Gray received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. During law school Attorney Gray was employed by Metropolitan Family Services (Legal Aid Bureau) where she handled family law matters for indigent clients. Upon graduating from law school, Attorney Gray worked for a large Chicago firm until 1998 when she relocated her practice to McHenry County. Since then she has been active in bar associations both at the county and state level, as well as within the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Attorney Gray is "AV" rated by Martindale- Hubbell, which is the highest available rating.

### Bar Memberships & Positions Held

- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
  - Immediate Past-President, 2015-2016
  - President, Illinois Chapter, 2014-2015
  - President-Elect, Illinois Chapter, 2013-2014
  - Vice-President, Illinois Chapter, 2011-2013
  - Board of Managers, Illinois Chapter, 2008 to present
  - Admissions Committee, Current Chair
  - Continuing Legal Education, Current Chair
  - Gala Committee
- Member, Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association (2002 to present)
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
  - Member, Family Law Section
  - Member, Family Law Section Council (2000 to 2010)
    - Ex-Officio, Family Law Section Council (2009 to 2010)
    - Chair, Family Law Section Council (2008-09)
      - **Testified in Springfield:** During 2008-2009 term, as Member of ISBA Family Law Section Council Attorneys' Fees Committee, testified in Springfield in support of Senate Bill 65 sponsored by Rep. John E. Bradley (D-Marion) and Sen. Ira E. Silverstein (D-Chicago). The Bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives (117-0-0) and the Senate (59-0). On August 18, 2009, Gov. Patrick Quinn signed SB 65 into law as PA 96-583 which became effective January 1, 2010.
    - Vice-Chair, Family Law Section Council (2007-08)
    - Secretary, Family Law Section Council (2006-07)
- Member, McHenry County Bar Association
  - Member, Board of Governors (2000 to 2013)
    - Immediate Past President (2009 to 2010)
    - President (2008-09)
    - 1st Vice President (2007-08)
    - 2nd Vice President (2006-07)
    - Secretary (2005-06)
    - Treasurer (2004-05)
    - Membership Chair (2000-04)
  - Member, Family Law Section
    - Past President, Past Secretary/Treasurer
- Illinois Bar Foundation (2007 to present)



## Presentations & Faculty Positions

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Moderator, "AAML-IL Indigenous Peoples' Day Seminar 2022 for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers," Oak Brook, IL, October 10, 2022.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Moderator; "Understanding Custody (Parental Responsibilities) Evaluations" virtual seminar; September 23, 2021.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Moderator; "First Impressions: Temporary Support Hearings and Establishing Lasting Narratives for Domestic Relations Cases" virtual seminar; June 7, 2021.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Moderator; "Tax Returns and Financial Statements Made Easy!" virtual seminars; March 22, 2021 (Part 1) and May 10, 2021 (Part 2).
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Faculty; "Annual Columbus Day Seminar for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers 2020" virtual seminar, October 12, 2020; participate in panel discussion, "To Zoom or Not to Zoom: Effectively Handling Remote Court Appearances."
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Faculty; "Presidents Day Seminar: Preparation, Execution, and Adjudication of Financial Expert Witness Testimony," Chicago, IL, February 17, 2020; moderate panel on topic of "Ethics Involved in Trial Preparation, Discovery, and During the Trial Itself."
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Faculty; "Annual Columbus Day Seminar for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers 2019" seminar, Oak Brook, IL, October 14, 2019; included serving on panel for segment on GALs, Child Representatives, and Attorneys for Children.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Faculty; "Annual Columbus Day Seminar 2017 for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers" seminar, Oak Brook, IL, October 9, 2017.
- Illinois State Bar Association, moderator for "Education for Attorneys Appointed to Represent Children" seminar, Chicago, IL, June 2-3, 2016.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, "What's New in Illinois Family Law: The Rewrites of Illinois' Divorce and Paternity Law" Oak Brook, IL October 12, 2015; "Grounds, Venue, & Other Basics" and "The New (and Improved?) IMDMA: Top 10 Issues in No Particular Order"
- National Business Institute, Advanced Family Law, Springfield, IL March 30, 2015; presented "Ethical Perils in Divorce Practice" and "Federal, State, and Private Retirement Benefits" segments.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers & IICLE, "Business Valuation, Financial, & Tax Issues in Divorce" seminar in Schaumburg, IL, January 19, 2015; presented "Important Financial & Tax Cases" segment
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, "What's Trending in Illinois Family Law?" Oak Brook, IL October 13, 2014; "Ethics & Custody: Staying Within the Bounds."
- Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, "Divorce Boot Camp." Chicago, IL September 2013. "Client Counseling & Ethics Cautions."
- National Business Institute, Family Law from A-Z. Springfield, IL September 2013. "Marriage Dissolution - Process & Procedure," "Child Custody and Visitation Rights," and "Ethics."
- National Business Institute, Divorce Litigation from Start to Finish. Springfield, IL April 2013. "Divorce Case Intake and Pre-Litigation Tactics," "Ethics," and "Trial of a Divorce Case."
- National Business Institute, Advanced Family Law. Springfield, IL April 2012. "Special Issues in Military Divorce," "Federal, State, and Private Retirement Benefits," and "Ethics"
- National Business Institute, Handling Divorce Cases from Start to Finish. Springfield, IL April 2011. "Exploring Custody, Visitation and Support Issues" and "Ethical Perils in Divorce Practice"
- National Business Institute, Family Law from A to Z. Springfield, IL April 2010. "Legal Update, A Year in



Review: Procedural Rules for Family Law, Case Law Update, and Application of Recent Cases and Amended Statutes to Your Cases;" Also presented Ethics for this program

- Illinois State Bar Association, "Tackling Family Law Conundrums: Standing Requirements Under Various Illinois Statutes," October 16, 2009 (Fairview Heights, IL)
- Illinois State Bar Association, "Tackling Family Law Conundrums: Client Competency in Family Law," September 11, 2009 (Chicago, IL), October 16, 2009 (Fairview Heights, IL)
- Illinois State Bar Association, "Ethical Conflicts for the Family Law Practitioner," December 12, 2008 (Chicago, IL)
- Illinois State Bar Association, Program Moderator, "Attorney Education in Child Custody and Visitation Matters," November 20, 2008 (Hoffman Estates, IL)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Family Law Update Program, "Handling Cases Under the New Supreme Court Rules and 2007 Case Law Update," April 10, 2008 (Chicago, IL)
- Lake County Bar Association, Program Moderator, "Child Representative Training Program," March 18-19, 2008 (Grayslake, IL)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, "They Booted My Car and Driver's License Suspension" and "Passport Denial or Revocation," December 5, 2007 (Peoria, IL) and December 13, 2007 (Chicago, IL)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, "Ethics & Professionalism in Drafting Premarital Agreements" and Faculty, November 2, 2007 (Chicago, IL)
- Illinois State Bar Association, "Conflicts of Interest for Family Law Practitioners," September 28, 2007 (Collinsville, IL) and October 19, 2007 (Hoffman Estates, IL)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 6th Annual Family Law Conference, "Handling Custody Cases Under the New Supreme Court Rules," March 23, 2007 (Northbrook, Illinois)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, "Child Support Enforcement, Arrearages and Tax Intercepts," February 17, 2007 (Tucson, Arizona)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Faculty, "Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements Workshop," November 20, 2006 (Chicago, Illinois)
- Illinois State Bar Association, "Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury and Civil Litigation Judgments, Settlements, or Potential Claims: Are they Child Support, Property to be Divided, or Both?" September 21, 2006 (Chicago, Illinois) and September 29, 2006 (Collinsville, Illinois)
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, "Spoliation of Evidence," December 2, 2005 (Chicago, Illinois) and December 7, 2005 (Peoria, Illinois)

## Appellate Opinions

- **Published Opinion:** 2002 First District appeal in IRMO Lindsey-Robinson, 331 Ill.App.3d 261, 265 Ill.Dec. 17, 771 N.E.2d 976 (1st Dist., 1st Div. 2002).
- **Published Opinion:** 2011 Second District appeal in IRMO Stephenson, 2011 IL App (2d) 101214.
- **Rule 23 Opinion:** 2016 Second District appeal in IRMO Jones, 2016 IL App (2d) 160065-U, Order filed September 12, 2016.
- **Published Opinion:** 2022 Second District appeal in IRMO Buonincontro, 2022 IL App (2d) 210380.



## Publications

- Author, "Hanging Out a Shingle: How to Handle the Money," for the American Bar Association Family Advocate (Winter 2016)
- Author, "Enforcement of Orders," Practice Guide: Illinois Family Law, LexisNexis (2015 Edition)
- Author, "About Your Finances: Do's & Don'ts," for the American Bar Association Family Advocate (Summer 2014)
- Author, "Attorney Fees in Domestic Relations Cases: The 2009 Amendments to 'Leveling the Playing Field,'" for the Illinois Bar Journal (March 2010)
- Author, "Ethical Issues for Family Lawyers Under the New Rules of Professional Conduct," Illinois Bar Journal (January 2010)
- Author, "He Owes Me and I Want My Money: Persuasive Techniques to Encourage Employment of the Obligor," In Brief (Publication of McHenry County Bar Association), April 2007
- Co-Author, chapter for "2006 Supplement to Child Custody Litigation" for IICLE re Supreme Court custody rules - 2006
- Contributing author to the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section newsletter, including monthly columns and articles (including "Spoliation of Evidence and Its Impact on Family Law" and "Equitable Principles and Their Application to Domestic Relations Cases")
- Chapters for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education titled, "Negotiating Child Custody Disputes" (2000)
- Co-author of chapter for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education titled, "Negotiating Child Custody Disputes" (1998)
- Article of the Month in Illinois Family Law Report titled, "Useful Tips for Negotiating a Child Custody Dispute."
- Contributing author to Gitlin on Divorce Reports from 1994 to 2001

## Other

- "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Certified Mediator
- Collaborative Law trained
- Graduate, American Bar Association Family Law Section Trial Advocacy Institute, 2000
- Board, Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County (2016 to 2023)
  - Secretary (2017 to 2021)
  - Chair (2021-2022)

