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Curriculum Vitae

Jeffrey L. Hirsch has an extensive family law practice, including divorce litigation, mediation, collaborative law, and child advocacy. Since law school when he was awarded a judicial internship in the domestic relations division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Jeffrey L. Hirsch has devoted his practice to divorce and family law cases. Attorney Hirsch is a well-respected lawyer in McHenry County, having previously served as President of the McHenry County Bar Association (2005-2006). Attorney Hirsch currently serves on the Family Mediation Advisory Council for the Circuit Court of McHenry County, Illinois. In addition to mediation, Attorney Hirsch has been frequently appointed by the Court as a Guardian ad Litem or Child Representative to advocate for the best interests of the children in contested custody and visitation cases. Attorney Hirsch is a Fellow of the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Education

- The John Marshall Law School
Chicago, Illinois
J.D., 1994
- Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
B.S. Business, 1991

Professional Associations

- McHenry County Bar Association
Past-president (2005-2006)
Board of Governors (1998-2007)
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Mediation Council of Illinois
- Family Mediation Advisory Council
Circuit Court for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois.
- Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois

Collaborative Law Training

- Interdisciplinary Collaborative Family Law Training. November 7-8, 2008
The Collaborative Law Training Associates, Inc.
Sponsor: Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois.

Mediation Training

- Mediator - Family Division Mediation Program
Circuit Court for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois.
- Mediation Training (45 hours, including 5 hours of impairments training). October 1998.
Conflict Resolution & Divorce Mediation Institute
Instructors: Judy L. Hogan, J.D.; Sara Bonkowski, Ph.D, LCSW; Benedict Schwarz, J.D.
Sponsor: New College of Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois
- “*Reality Mediation and Negotiations.*” September 12, 2008.
Mediation Council of Illinois, Fall Short Course (4 hours).
- “*Aristotle, J.D.: Unique Skills for Exceptional Results in Persuasion, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution.*” May 23, 2008.
The Likeable Lawyer Continuing Legal Education (6 hours).
- “*Divorcing Clients: Understanding and Managing the Communications, Complexities & Challenges.*” April 20, 2007.
Mediation Council of Illinois, Spring Short Course (4 hours).

Child Representative Training

- Court-appointed Child Representative and Guardian ad Litem
Circuit Court for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois.
- “*Child Representative Training Program*” (10 hours)
Lake County Bar Association & McHenry County Bar Association Joint Program.
March 18-19, 2008.
- “*Dynamics of Family Violence Symposium*” (5.5 hours)
Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council
Circuit Court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois. October 10, 2007.
- “*Education for Attorneys in Child Custody Matters*” (10 hours)
Illinois State Bar Association. February 19-20, 2007.
- “*Child Representative and Training for Guardian ad Litem in Child Custody Cases*”
(4 hours) Circuit Court of Lake County & Lake County Bar Association. June 14, 2006.

- “*Child Advocacy Training*” (3 hours)
19th Judicial Circuit Court & Lake County Bar Association. November 19, 1999.

Presentations

- “*Changing Attitudes: Preparing Your Clients for Custody Mediation.*” April 13, 2007.
McHenry County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Spring Seminar.
- “*Mediation Program for Child Custody Proceedings: Amended Mediation Program Rules for the Circuit Court of McHenry County.*” November 2, 2006.
McHenry County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Fall Seminar.
- “*UCCJA & PKPA: There’s No Place Like Home.*” October 26, 2001
McHenry County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Annual Seminar.

Publications

- Contributing author, “*My Parents Are Getting Divorced: A Handbook for Kids*”
Family Advocate, July 2006, Vol. 29, No.1.
American Bar Association Section of Family Law
- Contributing author, “*What Your Children Need...Now!: A Divorcing Parent’s Handbook.*”
Family Advocate, July 2003, Vol. 26, No.1
American Bar Association Section of Family Law
- “*Preparing Your Divorce Client for Mediation.*” In Brief. July 2002.
McHenry County Bar Association.