

CURRICULUM VITAE OF GUNNAR J. GITLIN

Professional Background: Practice Limited to Family Law since 1987 – Associate: Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck: 1987-1988; Associate: Gitlin & Burns – 1988-1991; Partner of Gitlin & Gitlin, Woodstock, Illinois. 1991-2002. Owner: The Gitlin Law Firm, P.C., 2002-2008.

Best Lawyers in America: Chosen by his peers for inclusion in ***Best Lawyers in America***, since 2007 edition, in the area of family law. *

Michael S. Cohen Award: In January of 2007, Attorney Gitlin was awarded the Michael S. Cohen award "for continuing commitment and contribution to the professional education of matrimonial lawyers." In 2007, Attorney Gitlin was also given the President's Special Recognition Award by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Vice President Illinois Chapter AAML. In 2008, Attorney Gitlin was elected as a Vice President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Lecturer:

Faculty -- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Institute for Training New Lawyers:

- 2003 Chicago Illinois Program: Pension Plans and Drafting of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders; Business Valuation 101/102; Use of Spreadsheets and Other tools for the Family Lawyer.
- 2002, Chicago, Illinois Program: Pension Plans and Drafting of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Co-chairman for 2002 program.
- 2001, Chicago, Illinois Program: Business Valuation 101/102 (a primer on business valuation issues in divorce cases). Co-chairman for 2001 program.
- 2000, Chicago, Illinois Program: Preparation for Trial Preparation: The Trial Notebook. Co-chairman for 2000 program.
- 1999, Fort Worth, Texas Program: Presentation for Trial Preparation: Preparing the Client for Mediation and Custody Evaluation.
- 1997 - Chicago Program: Presentation for "Common Assets Program" Retirement Benefits and How to Effectively Draft QDROs" and "Business Valuation Primer."

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – HotTips from the Experts - Sanibel, Florida, March 4, 2002 Program

- "Minority Interest Discounts and Lack of Marketability Discounts - 101"

Law Education Institute, Inc & BNA Books, National CLE Conferences - Colorado:

- "QDROs 102: A Primer on Advanced Issues Re QDROs – Drafting and Qualification" January 2003 Conference – Aspen, Colorado.
- "Business Evaluation Premiums and Discounts." January 2001 Conference, Vail, Colorado.

- “Preparing the Client for Mediation and the Custody Evaluation – Understanding How Psychologists Use the MMPI-2 in Custody Evaluations. January 1999 Conference, Vail, Colorado.

Illinois Attorney General Seminar

- May 10, 2007. Springfield, Illinois. Child Support Enforcement Issues Unique to Illinois Law

NIU Law Review Symposium: Current Issues in Child Custody Law

- Member Symposium Faculty: Panel Discussion: “Have Kids, Might Travel: A Guide to Successfully Litigating and Resolving Illinois Relocation Cases” March 24, 2005. DeKalb, Illinois. Other Members of Panel included: Joseph DuCanto, Steven Peskind, and Hon. Stephen Sullivan.

Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

- Program Chair for Second Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Lawyers 2006: October 9, 2006, Oak Brook, Illinois.
- Program Chair for First Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Family Lawyers 2005.
 - Presentation: Statutory Update and Supreme Court Rules 2005 / Case Law Update October 10, 2005. Oak Brook, Illinois.

DuPage County Family Law Section

- “The Revolution that Wasn’t -- Leveling Two Years Later.” October 7, 1999.

Kane County Bar Association

- “Identifying and Determining Income for the Purpose of Child Support and Maintenance.” May 15, 2003.

Northwest Suburban Bar Association:

- “Removal Trends: An Analysis and Update of Original Illinois Bar Journal Article regarding Removal,” January 25, 1999.
- Written materials used for presentation on joint custody including updated article by Gunnar J. Gitlin reviewing each Illinois appellate court case involving an award of joint custody and joint parenting agreement of the Gitlin Law Firm – 2003.

Winnebago Bar Association:

- “Child Support Presentation -- New Legislation Re Child Support and Income Withholding” Joint Presentation with Dennis Casty of FinPlan, November 16, 1999.
- “Trends in Maintenance Award: The Trend Toward Reviewable Maintenance and Permanent Maintenance” and “Trends in Custody Cases: A Comprehensive Analysis Joint Versus Sole Custody Awards,” April 20, 1999.

Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education:

- Master Teacher Program: “Child Support and Maintenance Litigation 2007,” Chicago and Peoria Illinois
- “Cutting Edge Custody, Visitation and Grandparent Visitation Issues;” and “Clauses no Marital Settlement Agreement Should be Without.” Fifth Annual Family Law Conference, March 31, 2006, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Clauses no Marital Settlement Agreement Should be Without.” Fifth Annual Family Law Conference, March 22, 2006, Springfield, Illinois.
- Annual Family Law Conference, 2005, “Attorneys’ Fees: An Analysis of Illinois Case Law Seven Years After the Leveling the Playing Field Amendments.” April 7, 2005, Chicago; and April 21, 2005, Urbana, Illinois.
- Presenter for Judge's Panel. “Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce.” January 17, 2005. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the IICLE and Trenwith Valuation, LLC A BDO Seidman, LLP, Affiliate Company.
- Master Teacher Program: “Gunnar Gitlin on Child Support and Maintenance.” August 2004. Presented in Springfield and in Chicago.
- Annual Family Law Conference, April 16, 2004, Springfield, Illinois and April 23, 2004, Chicago, Illinois, “The UCCJEA - A Solution to a 35 Year Old Problem.”
- January 2004, Deerfield, Illinois Program: Business Valuation, Financial and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce 2004. Case Law Update Regarding Sophisticated Issues Regarding Property, Maintenance and Other Financial Issues in Divorce Cases. Program associated with the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.
- April 4, 2003, Urbana, Illinois and April 9, 2003, Chicago – UBS Tower: “Jurisdictional Issues in Divorce – Jurisdiction and Venue; UCCJA/UCCJEA/PKPA; and Personal Jurisdiction Versus Subject Matter Jurisdiction in Divorce.”
- “Current Issues and Developments in Child Custody Jurisdiction: The UCCJEA is Coming!”, December 17, 2003 (Chicago) Program titled: “Successfully Analyzing, Negotiating, and Trying Your Child Custody Cases.”
- Master Teacher Program: “Child Support and Maintenance: Using the Law, the Facts and Savvy Planing to Get the Best Awards for Your Clients,” January 23, 2003, Chicago, Illinois. Full day program presented by Gunnar J. Gitlin – “Master Teacher.” Additional full day program presented in Champaign / Urbana in November 2002 and in Chicago in December 2002.
- “Case Law Update 2001-2002 and Trends in Illinois Family Law Cases.” April 2002, Chicago Illinois and Springfield Illinois for “First Annual Family Law Conference.”

- One of five Illinois family lawyers selected as Master Teacher for the Twenty-First Century Master Teacher Project by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Educations – June 2000.
- Moderator of Key Issues in Child Custody Seminar - Springfield and Chicago, Illinois programs. Lecturer: Preparing Your Client for Mediation and Custody Evaluation - March 13, 1998 and March 25, 1998.
- “The Shrinking of Child Custody Cases: The Use of Mental Health Experts - - Preparing Your Client for the Contested Custody Case,.” 1996. Springfield, Illinois program.
- Drafting of Marital Settlement Agreements Workshop, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education:
 - **Program Chair for Fourth Seminar:**
Chicago, September 22, 2006
Urbana, September 15, 2006;
Chicago, November 20, 2006.
 - Third Chicago program - February 24, 2000.
 - Springfield, Illinois program - March 25, 1999;
 - Second Chicago program - February 26, 1999; and
 - First Chicago Program - November 20, 1998.

Effective Solutions:

- Litigation Issues 1997 -- Business Valuation Case Law Update, 1997.

DePaul University Graduate School of Taxation:

- An Overview of Recent Business Valuation Cases and Issues in Divorce, February 17, 1997.

Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section:

- Mid-year meeting 1997: “Leveling the Playing Field Legislation - Contribution Petitions and Final Fee Hearings.”

American Bar Association Family Law Section:

- Mid-year meeting 1997: Hot-Tips by the Experts program - “Key Books in Every Divorce Lawyer's Library.”

Illinois Chapter American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers -:

Numerous presentations including:

- Program Chairman for First and Second Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Lawyers: 2006 and 2006.
- Case Law Update 2002. Presented in April, 2002.
- Case Law Update 2002. Presented in February, 2002.
- Financial Matters in Divorce 2002: January 2002 Program: “Business Valuation Discounts and Other Issues Affecting Valuation of Closely Held Businesses.”

- “Top Cases Year 2000,” November 7, 2000.
- “Treatment of Depreciation and Business Expenses in Determining Net Income According to the Child Support.”
- “Venue in Divorce Cases: What is Residency;” June 2, 1998.
- “Top Ten Cases 1998 - A Case Law Review 1998”
- “Qualified Domestic Relations Orders and the Department of Labor's QDRO Handbook; Analysis of the *Marriage of Wenc* decision and Issues in Drafting QDROs regarding defined benefit plans.” May 5, 1998.
- “Joint Custody in Illinois / 1998 Tax Worksheets;” February 3, 1998.
- “Top 10 1997 Cases;” January 1998.
- “Maintenance and Property Spreadsheets: An Analysis of Illinois Case Law;” December 1997.

Member Planning Committee:

- Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce. January 17, 2005. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education and Trenwith Valuation, LLC A BDO Seidman, LLP, Affiliate Company.
- Business Valuation, Financial, and Tax Issues Affecting Divorce. January 17, 2004. Deerfield, IL. Joint program with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the IICLE and Trenwith Valuation.

Joint McHenry County and Lake County Bar Association Family Law Sections:

- Basic and Advanced Training for Guardian *ad Litem*s: "Custody Jurisdiction: A Primer on the UCCJEA and the Hague Convention." March 2008

McHenry County Bar Association: Numerous presentations from 1990 to 2008:

- Family Law and Federal Taxation, 1990.
- Attorney's Fees under §508 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, 1992.
- Tips re Drafting Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, 1994.
- Family Law Form Changes in Light of Amendments to the Supreme Court Rules, 1996.
- Case law update 1997-1998: Review of Top Ten Cases 1997.
- “Leveling the Playing Field – Five Years Later – The Revolution that Wasn’t.” October 2002.
- Case Law Update. April 2005.
- Collaborative Practice 101 for McHenry County lawyers in light of the new Supreme Court custody rules. 2006.
- Caw Law Update 2007. April 13, 2007.

"Gitlin on Divorce" Family Law Seminar:

- "Case and Statutory Law Update 2006" for Gitlin on Divorce Family Law Seminar, July 21, 2006, Bull Valley Golf Club, Woodstock, Illinois
- "Case and Statutory Law Update 2007" for Gitlin on Divorce Family Law Seminar, April 25, 2007, Woodstock, Illinois.
- April 2008, Settlement of Your Child Custody Case. Chicago, Illinois. DePaul Univ. School of Law.

Author:

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's *Child Custody Litigation Handbook*, "Settlement of the Child Custody Case: The Art of Custody Warfare." 2004 Edition (updated 2006).
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's *Illinois Family Law Practice Handbook's – Property and Financial Aspects*: Chapter 5 – Business Valuations. 2000 and 2003 Editions (updated 2006). Co-Author with Bruce Richman, CPA, CVA, ABV.
- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's *Child Custody Litigation Handbook*, "The Illinois Supreme Court Rules Effecting Custody Cases." 2006.
- "Appellate Review in Domestic Relations Cases: The Elusive Final and Appealable Order," Illinois Bar Journal, August 2000. Vol. 88, No. 8. Co-Author with Chris S. Haaff.
- Co-Author: "Post-Eckert Trends in Child Removal: A Review of Appellate Cases," Illinois Bar Journal, February 1996. Co-Author.
- Contributing author to "Gitlin on Divorce -- Case Reports "(1988-2002) and *Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Matrimonial Law* (1997) - comment in *Gitlin on Divorce* cited with approval in *IRMO Wisniewski*, 675 N.E.2d 1362, *Gitlin on Divorce Reports*, (4th Dist. 1997).
 - Author: "Leveling of the Playing Field Statute "and Forms supplement to *Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Matrimonial Law* (1998).
 - Author: "QILDRO Legislation " supplement to *Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Matrimonial Law* (1998).
 - Author: "Division of Retirement Benefits -- Portions of Plans Constituting Marital and Non-Marital Property "supplement to *Gitlin on Divorce: A Guide to Illinois Matrimonial Law* (1998).
 - Author: "Enterprise and Personal Goodwill in Business Valuation Cases," 2006 update.
- Author: "Business Valuation in Divorce - What is Double-Dipping and How is it Quantified?", *American Journal of Family Law*, Volume 11, Number 2, Summer 1997. Cited in Bibliography in *Valuing Small Business & Professional Practices*,

Third Edition, 1998, Marital Dissolution Chapter.

- Author: “Bull Market Raises Stakes in Marital Property Splits,” Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Lawyer’s Forum, August 23, 1999 and August 24, 1999 -- Two Part Article.
- Chapter Author: *Tax and Financial Planning Strategies in Divorce*, Business Valuation in Divorce, Second Edition by Bruce Richman.
- “Hot Tips by the Expert” titled, “Family Lawyer’s Short Reference List, included in “101+ Practical Solutions for the Family Lawyer: Sensible Answers to Common Problems – Second Edition. American Bar Association, Section of Family Law, 2003.

Developed:

- *Gitlin on Divorce Online Research System* - previously a CD-ROM database of every significant Illinois family law case since January 1, 1987. Originally developed in 1988 and comprehensively updated - 1997 - 2001. It is available online.
- Comprehensive spreadsheet analyzing every significant post-Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act maintenance case.
- Created List of Do’s and Don’ts in Custody Cases – See <http://www.gitlinlawfirm.com/DoDont.htm>

Bar Membership: McHenry County, Lake County, Kane County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

Bar Activity:

- Co-editor, American Bar Association Family Law Section’s Fax News Update, 1999-2004.
- Chairman, McHenry County Bar Association Legal Aid Committee (1993-1996).
- Chairman, McHenry County Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Committee (2007-2008).
- Non-mediator Member 22nd Judicial Circuit’s Family Mediation Advisory Council (2005-2008).

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Activity:

National:

Member:

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Continuing Legal Education and Admissions Procedures Committees: (1997-2001 and 2003-2004 and 2005-2006).
- Institute for Matrimonial Law Associates (1998-2003).

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Journal Committee (2003-2005).

Co-Dean:

- Institute for Matrimonial Law Associates (1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002).

Illinois Chapter American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers:

- Board of Directors: (1997-2003) and (2006 - 2008).
- Chairman: New Case Law Committee (1997-1998; 2001-2002).
- Chairman: Continuing Legal Education Committee (2005-2008), co-chair in 2008.
- Program Chairman: First and Second Annual Family Law Seminar for Experienced Matrimonial Lawyers (October 2005 and October 2006).
- Member: Continuing Legal Education Committee (1998-2001); Legislation and Lobbying Committee, (1998-1999).
- Committee Chair: "Family Law Seminar for Experienced Attorneys 2005."

Leading Lawyers Network and Super Lawyers: Selected by Leading Lawyers Network in January 2003 through 2008 by survey of peers of Illinois' lawyers based upon experience, reputation and legal skills in the area of Family Law. Law Bulletin Publishing Company. Selected by his peers to be named as a member of Illinois Super Lawyer in the area of Family Law.*

A-V – Martindale-Hubbell: Received A-V Peer Review Designation through Martindale-Hubbell.*

Trained Collaborative Lawyer: Fellow Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois. Member International Academy of Collaborative Law Professionals.

Trained Mediator: Certificate of Professional Achievement in Family and Divorce Mediation Training, DePaul University Center for Dispute Resolution, June 28, 2005.

Published Opinions Include:

- *IRMO Brackett*, 309 Ill.App.3d 329, 242 Ill.Dec. 798, 722 N.E.2d 287 (2nd Dist. 1999). Case of first impression in Illinois prohibiting a maintenance award in lieu of a property interest in a pension plan. Also, significant case addressing issue of rehabilitative versus permanent maintenance.
- *IRMO Hines*, 825 N.E.2d 763, 356 Ill.App.3d 197, 292 Ill.Dec. 175 (2d Dist. 2005).

Member -- Illinois Appellate Lawyer's Association: To become a member of the Illinois Appellate Lawyer's Association, a lawyer must have substantial experience in a number of appeals.

Graduate: Trial Advocacy Course of ABA, Family Law Section, 1988.

**The Supreme Court of Illinois does not recognize certifications of specialties in the practice of law and that any certificate, award or recognition is not a requirement to practice law in Illinois.*

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