



JENNIFER BAYS BEINART

ATTORNEY & MEDIATOR

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EDUCATION

- JURIS DOCTORATE, 2011**
Magna cum laude
Indiana University
Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- BACHELOR OF ARTS, 2006**
Grinnell College

PRACTICE AREAS

FAMILY LAW

- Divorce
- Child Custody
- Parenting Time
- Property Division
- Pre-Nuptial Agreements
- Post-Nuptial Agreements
- Paternity
- Collaborative Divorce
- Child Support
- Child in Need of Services (CHINS)

PROFILE

I have an innate ability to find common ground in the midst of conflict. My ability to look beneath the surface leads to creative solutions for the trickiest problems. I am passionate about keeping the child's best interest at the forefront to develop child-centered solutions. As a Collaborative Professional, I use a team approach to find a peaceful resolution, even when tensions are high. When settlement is not the best solution, I present each client's message clearly to the Court through a carefully-planned trial strategy. I volunteer with Kids' Voice of Indiana and the Family Resource Center Mediation Program in Marion County.

EXPERIENCE

SHAREHOLDER

Bays Family Law | 2017 - Present

- Represent clients in a variety of family law matters including dissolution of marriage, paternity, child custody, child support, Child in Need of Services (CHINS), and appeals
- Serve clients in Estate Planning and Probate
- Represent the interests of children as a trained Guardian *ad Litem*
- Serve as a Domestic Relations Mediator in family law cases

ASSOCIATE

Bays Family Law | 2011 - 2016

- Represented clients in a variety of family law matters including dissolution of marriage, paternity, child custody, child support, Child in Need of Services (CHINS), and appeals
- Served clients in Estate Planning and Probate
- Assisted firm founder with legal research, analysis, and client services
- Represented the interests of children as a trained Guardian *ad Litem*
- Served as a Domestic Relations Mediator in family law cases

TEMPORARY CONTRACT ATTORNEY

Marion County Public Defender Agency | Summer 2010

- Represented parents in CHINS proceedings

PRACTICE AREAS (CONT.)

GUARDIANSHIPS

- Minor
- Adult

TRUSTS & ESTATES

- Estate Planning
- Probate Administration
- Trust Administration

OTHER SERVICES

- Mediation
- Parenting Coordination
- Guardian *ad Litem*

PUBLICATIONS

- *Beyond Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation: Protecting India's Children from Inter and Intra-Familial Sexual Abuse* published in *IND. INT'L & COMP. L. REV.*, Volume 21:1, at 47.
- Co Author with Mark Thornburg, "The Effects of HEA 1362 on Rural Residents and Agricultural Production," *RES GESTAE, THE JOURNAL OF THE IND. STATE BAR ASSN.*, Oct. 2010, at 39.

AFFILIATIONS

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Boone County Bar Association
- Hamilton County Bar Association
- Hendricks County Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Central Indiana Association of Collaborative Professionals
- Sagamore Inn of Court
- Zionsville Chamber of Commerce

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

- SuperLawyers (2016 & 2017)
- Avvo 10 Rating
- Leadership Development Academy Indiana State Bar Association (2015)

EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

LAW CLERK

Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. | Summer 2010

- Legal research, analysis, and presentations
- Work covered multiple topics affecting Indiana's agricultural community, including: estate planning for farmland protection, local government laws, lobbying, administrative regulations, non-profit corporations, planning and zoning, and contracts

SEMINARS TAUGHT

- *Nuts & Bolts of Property Division* (2017)
Indiana State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference
- *Legal Update – A Year in Review, Family Law from A to Z* (2017)
National Business Institute (NBI)
- *Child Custody and Visitation Rights, Family Law from A to Z* (2017)
National Business Institute (NBI)
- *Don't Look Like a Rookie; Mediate Like a Pro* (2016)
Indianapolis Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Survive and Thrive
- *The Ethics of Mediation* (2016)
Indianapolis Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- *Indiana CLEO Diversity in the Profession* (2016)
Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- *Law Practice Management: Client Intake* (2013)
Indiana University McKinney School of Law
- *Calling in the Cavalry: When and How to Use a GAL, PC, Custody Evaluator & DRCB* (2015)
Indianapolis Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Survive and Thrive
- *Nuts & Bolts of Custody/Child Support* (2015)
Indiana State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference
- *My First Divorce* (2015)
Indiana University Maurer School of Law and McKinney School of Law

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- *President* (2017)
Boone County Bar Association
- *Chair of Networking, Solo & Small Firm Conference Planning Committee* (2017)
Indiana State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference
- *Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section* (2016)
Indianapolis Bar Association
- *Chair of Long Term Development, Solo & Small Firm Conference Planning Committee* (2014 – 2015)
Indiana State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference