



MEET HILLARY

“As an experienced family law attorney, I recognize that each of my clients is facing a difficult time in his or her life. Therefore, my ultimate goal is to address each client’s individual set of circumstances to achieve a favorable result. Sometimes this means using my well-developed litigation skills to succeed in the courtroom. At other times, it may require relying on my strong negotiation and mediation background to resolve matters outside of court.”

— Hillary J. Moonay

Doylestown Divorce Attorney

Hillary co-chairs Obermayer’s Family Law Group. She focuses her practice exclusively in the area of family law, where she handles all phases of the negotiation and litigation of domestic relations cases, including divorce, child custody, child support, alimony/spousal support, equitable distribution, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, mediation, arbitration, and related issues.

As a proven and trusted divorce attorney, Hillary is direct with her clients and gives straight-forward advice. In her experience, sugar-coating hard conversations only serves to confuse and disappoint clients down the road. However, she also understands that most of her clients are in the midst of a very confusing and difficult time, so she is empathetic to their situation and makes a point to understand their emotional needs. Hillary enjoys seeing her clients get to the other side of a dispute and become happier, stronger people. She is an experienced and understanding divorce attorney serving the greater Doylestown area.

When Hillary isn’t working, she can be found coaching her teenage daughter’s travel soccer team. As their coach for the last eight years, she loves watching the girls grow as both players and young women. Hillary also enjoys unplugging from the world around her on a long-distance run.

EXPERIENCE

Hillary is results-oriented in nature, and diligently works to ensure her clients get from start to finish of a case in the most efficient and effective manner. As a skilled divorce attorney, she is well-versed in the financial aspects of divorce cases, including the intricate issues related to complex business valuations and forensic accounting matters. While Hillary is a skilled litigator with extensive experience handling complex divorce matters, she also is trained in several areas of alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation, and collaborative law.

Hillary represented a client in a landmark third-party custody case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In *Caldwell v. Jaurigue*, the Court issued a decision establishing a bright-line rule for third-party child support matters. The decision sets a significant precedent clarifying the child support responsibilities of third parties who have custodial rights to a child. Specifically, the Supreme Court unanimously decided that only third parties who have sole or shared legal custody shall be responsible for paying child support.

In another notable case, Hillary represented a client whose child was living with his mother in a different county almost 90 minutes away. Her client, the father, knew that his son was not being properly cared for and was being frequently shifted around to various relatives, including on school nights. The mother denied this. With the help of a private investigator, Hillary was able to establish evidence to prove that her client's son would be better served living with his father. She achieved a result in which custody was transferred to her client.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

[Obermayer Attorneys Discuss the Art of Petitioning for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Appeals in The Legal Intelligencer](#)

August 05, 2024 by Melissa M. Blanco, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Hillary J. Moonay

[Hillary Moonay Continues Service as Immediate Past Chair of PA Bar Association Family Law Section and Elected to AAML PA Chapter Board of Managers](#)

July 15, 2024 by Hillary J. Moonay

[Adam Tanker to Moderate a Panel at the PBA Family Law Section Summer Meeting](#)

July 11, 2024 by Adam Tanker, Hillary J. Moonay

[Hillary Moonay presented testimony to the House Judiciary Committee regarding HB 2018](#)

June 26, 2024 by Hillary J. Moonay

[Pennsylvania Supreme Court Establishes Landmark Rule on Third-Party Child Support in *Caldwell v. Jaurigue*](#)

June 17, 2024 by Hillary J. Moonay

[Obermayer Legal Team Wins PA Supreme Court Case Establishing New Rules on 3rd Party Child Support](#)

June 14, 2024 by Melissa M. Blanco, Amanda C. Frett, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Hillary J. Moonay

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Hillary is actively involved in numerous professional associations, including the [Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section](#), where she currently serves as [Immediate Past Chair](#), after her terms as [Chair](#), [Chair-Elect](#), [First](#) and Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. She is a member of the Executive Committee and Council and is a member of the Rules Committee. She is also the former chairperson of the Section's Programming and Rules Committees. Additionally, Hillary is currently the chairperson of the [Bucks County Bar Association Family Law Section](#). She currently serves on the [Board of Managers](#) and the Board of Examiners for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and was previously Co-Chair of the Programming Committee for the chapter. Hillary also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Bucks County Bar Foundation, and is a member of the [Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court](#).

Hillary contributed to the book, [Slicing Up the Pie: Property Distribution in Pennsylvania](#), published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute Press. She has been featured as a case note contributor for the [Pennsylvania Family Lawyer](#), has authored articles for [The Legal Intelligencer](#), including [The Impact of Social Media on Family Law Matters](#) and [Post-Retirement Benefits in Matrimonial Litigation](#), and frequently lectures on a variety of family law topics.

In the community, Hillary serves on the Board of Directors for [YMS Special Stars](#), a volunteer soccer program designed for children and young adults who have been diagnosed with autism or Asperger's syndrome. She has also volunteered her time at the [Yardley Makefield Soccer Club](#), where she served on the Board of Directors as Secretary.

Hillary's other honors include:

- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML);
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2006 – 2012;
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – 2019 – 2024;
- [Top 100: 2024 Philadelphia Super Lawyers Top List](#)
- [Top 50: 2024 Women Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Top List](#)
- The Best Lawyers in America® 2014 – 2023;
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rating.
- In her capacity as Chair of the PBA Family Law Section, Hillary received the 2024 Award for Outstanding Leadership in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on behalf of the Diversity Task Force of the Family Law Section of the PBA.

Awards Won*



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EDUCATION

- The University of Michigan School of Law, JD
- University of Maryland at College Park, BA, Psychology and Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

CAPABILITIES

Family Law

Adoption
Child & Spousal Support
Custody
Divorce
Domestic Abuse
Mediation

Litigation

Appellate

Industry Focus

Individuals & Private Clients