Maryland Family Law Attorneys

Family law matters can be extremely contentious and upsetting. JGL provides our clients with skillful and aggressive representation, while minimizing unnecessary conflict. For more than five decades our family law attorneys have provided guidance in all family law matters, no matter how complex or difficult.

How Our Family Law Attorneys Can Assist You

JGL offers a client-focused approach which helps us fully understand your goals and identify the most expedient and painless method to achieve them. Divorce, prenuptial agreements, child support and custody are but a few of the family law services JGL offers.

Adoption

The adoption process can involve many legal requirements, court procedures, and emotional considerations for families. Whether you are pursuing a stepparent, relative, private, or agency adoption, JGL adoption attorneys can help guide you through each stage of the process while working to make the experience as smooth and efficient as possible.

Learn more about adoption and LGBTQ+ adoptions.

Alimony

Family law courts focus on equitable divorce settlements that can include dependent spousal maintenance (also known as alimony) – particularly when your marriage is considered longer-term. JGL advises on all aspects of alimony – whether representing the lower-wage earner, dependent or primary wage-earning spouse.

Divorce

There are three primary areas of concern in dissolving a marriage, property division, family issues like alimony, child support, custody, and visitation, and emotional upheaval. JGL family law attorneys can solve the property and family issues for you, while focusing on the business at hand and minimizing conflict.

Learn more about divorce and collaborative divorce.

High Asset Divorce

The division of property in high asset divorce usually includes high-value financial assets like multiple homes and real estate, stocks/securities, and retirement accounts to name a few. Our experienced high-asset divorce attorneys will ensure you a fair and equitable outcome.

Learn more about high asset divorce.

Divorce For Business Owners

Divorce becomes more complicated when a business is involved. Beyond the personal side of the case, business owners must also consider cash flow, ownership interests, valuation issues, and the long-term impact the divorce may have on operations. Working

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with a divorce attorney who understands business assets helps protect not only your personal interests but also your company's interests.

Child Custody

If you have minor children, custody is of utmost importance, and a mutually agreeable solution may be difficult to achieve. Joint custody could be the solution, but often is not. JGL custody lawyers can guide you through all the available alternatives and scenarios.

- Joint custody
- Primary and secondary custody
- Visitation by a non-custodial parent
- Joint legal custody
- Joint physical custody
- Sole legal custody
- Sole physical custody
- Child custody modifications

Learn more about child custody.

Child Support

Whether parents are divorcing or were never married, family law courts expect both parents to contribute to the financial and emotional support of their children. Many factors are considered, including the needs of the children, the income of the parents and custodial arrangements. JGL child support lawyers can help with all aspects of child support, be it initial orders or modifications as necessary.

Learn more about child support.

Child Visitation

In the best interest of the children, both parents should have access to them through visitation. Visitation is vitally important throughout the children's lives, but especially vital to many custody proceedings.

Learn more about child visitation.

Equitable Distribution

Dividing property in a divorce is rarely as simple as splitting everything evenly. Maryland addresses marital property through equitable distribution, which focuses on what is fair rather than necessarily equal. A Maryland equitable distribution attorney can help clients understand how marital assets—and, in some instances, debts—may be handled while working to protect their financial interests. Whether the case involves real estate, bank accounts, retirement accounts, businesses, or complex financial holdings, clear legal guidance can help clients understand their options and move forward with confidence.

Postnuptial Agreements

A postnuptial agreement allows married couples to establish clear financial rights and responsibilities during their marriage and in the event of separation or divorce. JGL family law attorneys can help couples address issues such as property division, assets, debts, and spousal support while ensuring the agreement complies with Maryland law.

Learn more about postnuptial agreements.

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Prenuptial Agreements

The primary objective of a prenuptial agreement is to develop definitions and protections of both individual and marital property. JGL family law attorneys are well equipped to both create and enforce such agreements.

Learn more about prenuptial agreements.

Legal Separation

As of October 1, 2023, marital separation agreements are not recognized in Maryland. Separation can, however, be used as one of three grounds for divorce.

Learn more about legal separation.

LGBTQ+ Rights

LGBTQ+ individuals and couples may face unique legal considerations when building a family, establishing parental rights, or navigating changes in their relationships. These matters can include adoption, parentage questions involving assisted reproduction or surrogacy, custody disputes involving non-biological parents, and divorce or separation. Questions about legal recognition of a parent-child relationship, protecting a partner's rights, and ensuring a child's best interests can add complexity to family law matters. JGL family law attorneys help LGBTQ+ individuals and families understand their legal options and navigate this process with guidance.

Learn more about LGBTQ+ adoption .

Modification of Family Law Orders

Family law orders are entered based on the circumstances that exist at the time a case is decided. As time passes, family and financial situations look different than they did when the order was entered. A parent's income may increase or decrease, a child may develop different needs, or a parenting schedule isn't practical. When that happens, Maryland law may allow a party to ask the court to review an existing order and determine whether a change is appropriate.

Mediation

Oftentimes family law mediation and collaborative divorce offer a cost-effective means to dissolve a marriage with less confrontation and anxiety. These processes can allow the parties to begin anew with less stress.

Learn more about family mediation.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) can offer a path forward for immigrant minors who have experienced difficult circumstances, but the process involves both family law and immigration law. A Maryland special immigrant juvenile status lawyer helps guide children and their caregivers through each step of the process. With the right legal support, families can move through the process more confidently and avoid common delays.

Consult a Maryland Family Law Attorney

What matters to you, matters to us. For over five decades, JGL attorneys have fought to improve the future of families, the arc of

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careers, the success of business, and your most basic human rights. The attorneys of JGL take your business, family, and personal issues as personally as you do. We relentlessly pursue the outcomes you desire. If you need guidance from a Maryland family law attorney, contact JGL:

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