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Welcome to the Firm

Brian L. Bly

Of Counsel

Brian Bly is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Family Relations Law. His practice focuses on divorces, dissolutions, legal separations, annulments and child custody and support matters. Brian also possesses significant experience in real estate, construction law, debt collection and general civil litigation. He has substantial experience in various Court of Appeals throughout the state.

Brian's greatest area of strength is his ability to educate others regarding the law: informing his own clients, persuading judges and magistrates, and mentoring newer attorneys. He only accept cases where he believes he can provide substantial value to his clients. His strong focus on promptly updating clients and returning messages sets him apart from some of his competitors.



Principal practice areas

- Divorce, dissolution, legal separation and annulment
- Child custody and child support
- Defense of abuse, neglect and dependency cases
- Adoptions
- Real estate cases including evictions, foreclosures, partitions and quiet title actions
- Construction matters, mechanic's liens and bond claims
- Debt collection
- Appeals

Representative experience

- Significant experience in Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)
- and Hague Convention cases
- Successfully obtained dismissals of cases filed against non-Ohio defendants, for lack of
- personal jurisdiction
- Recently prosecuted a Writ of Prohibition against a local judge
- Handled a child support case involving a high-profile NFL player.

Bar admissions

- Ohio Supreme Court (2008)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (2010)

Educational background

- CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (JD, 2007)
- Cleveland State University (BA, 2003)

Professional activities

- Ohio State Bar Association Certified Specialist in Family Relations Law
- Member, President (2022), Family Law Committee Chair (2016-2021, 2023-present), Geauga
- County Bar Association
- Member, Certified Grievance Committee Chair (2023-present), Lake County Bar Association