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Mark practices in the area of civil litigation with a particular emphasis on family law.

He has lectured throughout the Commonwealth and has written extensively on topics including:

- the tax aspects of family law agreements
- litigation of child custody disputes
- the valuation of closely held businesses
- executive stock option plans

Services

- Litigation
- Family Law
- Appellate Practice

Before Fox Rothschild

After serving as judicial clerk to the Honorable Mason Avrigian on the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, Mark was associated with Abrahams and Loewenstein, and later chaired the Domestic Relations Group at Riley, Riper, Hollin & Colagreco.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

A longtime officer in the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Mark served as the 2016 Family Law Section chair. He is the former president of the Doris J. Freed American Inn of Court, a group of 60 attorneys in the Philadelphia area concentrating in family law. Additionally, he served as a board member of the Montgomery Bar Association and Historic Yellow Springs, Inc. where he also was President from 2009-2012.

In May 2017, Mark testified before the Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee in his capacity as Chair of the Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association on proposed changes to the law that would affect how support obligations are imposed. Read the [Statement of Mark Ashton on HB 1250](#).

Client Resources

Pennsylvania Family Law Blog

Mark also contributes to the [Pennsylvania Family Law Blog](#), which provides readers with information on and insight into Pennsylvania Family Law issues, including divorce, equitable distribution, alimony, child support, spousal support, alimony pendente lite and custody.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Education

- John Marshall Law School (J.D., 1980)
- George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs (B.A., 1977)

Memberships

- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Family Law Section, Chair
- Chester County Bar Association (former Chair, Domestic Relations Section)
- Montgomery Bar Association (former Director)

Board of Directors

- Historic Yellow Springs (President, 2009-2011)
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Family Law Section, Treasurer(2011), Secretary (2012)

Honors & Awards

- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Family Law Section Eric Turner Memorial Award (2023)
- Named among the "Top Lawyers - Family Law" by *Main Line Today* magazine (2007, 2009, 2012 and 2014)
- Named a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" in the area of Family Law (2004-2023)
- Named the "Fourth Most Read Contributor in the United States" by Mondaq (June 2016)
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rated

Publications

May 8, 2020

Colonna Lives?!

Pennsylvania Family Lawyer

July 8, 2014

The Family Law System Needs To Evolve

The Legal Intelligencer

January 2013

Custody Law and Practice in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

January 2010

Pennsylvania's New Support Guidelines

Family Law Practice Alert

Events

November 13, 2014

Ethics and Child Custody Litigation

March 6, 2012

Navigating Premarital Agreements

News

March 7, 2023

2023 Readers' Choice Awards

November 16, 2022

Montgomery County Lawyer Mark R. Ashton to Receive Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Award

December 5, 2018

Getting Divorced? New Tax Rule Could Make it More Complicated

March 5, 2018

Football's Brain Injury Crisis Lands in Family Court

May 23, 2017

Fox Partner Mark Ashton Helps Fight Hunger With Donation to Feeding Pennsylvania

March 6, 2017

Parental Alienation, Grandparents' Rights & New Divorce Rules: Hot Topics in Family Law

March 3, 2017

Parental Alienation, Hot Family Law Topics On Monday's 'The American Law Journal'

July 1, 2016

Newsmakers

June 16, 2016

Pennsylvania Bar Association Names Mark Ashton Family Law Section Chair

May 4, 2015

Fox Rothschild Partner Weighs In On Clinton's Email Server Issue

March 13, 2015

Take It From Hillary: Issues with Emailing on Office Servers

August 1, 2014

Top 2014 Lawyers

October 3, 2013

The Legal Clinic for the Disabled Held Annual Fall Celebration at the Westin in Center City

September 14, 2009

Mark Ashton of Fox Rothschild Named President of Historic Yellow Springs in Chester County

April 4, 2007

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Named as "Top Lawyers"