



PRACTICE FOCUS

Aggressive, creative, and compassionate are words Ben Stevens' colleagues freely use to describe him as a divorce and family law attorney. Mr. Stevens is a Fellow in the prestigious American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the International Academy of Family Lawyers, and is a Board Certified Family Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is one of only two attorneys in South Carolina with those simultaneous distinctions. Ben has been featured in numerous publications, including Forbes, ABA Journal and South Carolina Lawyers Weekly, and has taught continuing legal education seminars to other attorneys all across South Carolina and nationally. Mr. Stevens developed the South Carolina Bar's Family Law Essentials CLE program, which teaches new attorneys the basics of practicing family law, as well as its Advanced Family Law Topics for the Bench and Bar, which addresses more complex topics. Ben is a lifelong resident of South Carolina and is married to noted family law attorney, Jenny R. Stevens, and they have six children between them. Having been previously divorced himself, Mr. Stevens has a unique insight into the issues people face in Family Court. He and his family are active members of their church and other local organizations, and they are avid supporters of Clemson University athletics. Having seen Family Court from both sides (as both a divorce attorney and a litigant), Ben has excellent insight into the problems and challenges faced by today's families.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "The Successfully Run Remote Law Practice", *AAML Mid-Year Meeting* (March 2021)
- "Should Couch join Glasscock and D.M. on the "Mount Rushmore" of Attorney's Fees?", *South Carolina Bar Hot Tips Seminar*, Columbia, SC (September 2020)
- "Advanced Family Law Topics for the Bench and Bar" (Course Originator and Planner) *AAML SC Chapter and South Carolina Bar Seminar*, Columbia, SC (2019 - Present)
- "What The Hague? (The Convention You've Heard Of - and All the Ones You Haven't)", *South Carolina Bar Hot Tips Seminar*, Columbia, SC (September 2017)
- "Special Concerns in High Profile Cases", *South Carolina Bar Hot Tips Seminar*, Columbia, SC (September 2016)
- "Practical (& Understandable) Ways to Protect Yourself & Your Clients from 21st Century Headaches", *AAML Mid-Year Meeting*, Panama City, Panama (March 2015)
- "Working with Experts in Family Court", *Greenville County Bar Year End CLE*, Greenville, SC (February 2015)
- "Family Law Essentials" (Course Originator and Planner) *South Carolina Bar Seminar*, Columbia, SC (2014 - 2016)
- "Practical Application and Creative Extension of the Psychological Parent Doctrine", *South Carolina Bar Hot Tips Seminar*, Columbia, SC (September 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

- "USA (SC)" Chapter in Family Law Global Guide (5th Edition) *Thompson Reuters*, 2021 (Author)
- "Family Law Essentials: A Primer for Private Practice Before the Family Court in South Carolina", *Carolina Bar CLE Division*, Summer 2018, (Co-Author)
- "South Carolina Family Law Toolkit", *South Carolina Bar Family Law Council*, 2017, (Principal author of two chapters)

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell
- Avvo Rating: 10.0 out of 10 - Client's Choice in Family Law, Divorce, and Child Custody
- Rated as a SuperLawyer in the area of Family Law for SC (2019 - present)

EDUCATION

- Graduate of the Harvard/AAML Negotiation Seminar for Family Law Lawyers (2019)
- Certified Family Court Arbitrator (2014 - 2017)
- Certified Family Court Mediator (2002 - 2017)
- Graduate, AAML's Advanced Mediation Training (2015)
- Trained Collaborative Lawyer (2003 - Present)

ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina
- District Court of South Carolina

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Family Law

ACTIVITIES

- Board Certified Family Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (2016-Present)
- SC Bar Board of Governors, Member (2019-Present)
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National Vice President (2017-Present)
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, (2013 - Present)
- International Academy of Family Lawyers, (2015 - Present)
- Family Law Council of the South Carolina Bar, (2012-2018)
- South Carolina Association for Justice, Member, (1995 - Present)
- American Bar Association, (1995 - Present)

- University of South Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1995
- Clemson University, Bachelor of Science in Financial Management, Cum Laude, 1992

AWARDS

