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PRACTICE FOCUS

Jodi Argentino is a Principal with Offit Kurman's NJ/NY Family Law Practice. Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Jo was a Partner of Argentino Fiore Law & Advocacy, LLC. Jo's practice is focused on work involving LGBTQ+ families and children, non-nuclear family structures, families with special needs and complex parentage situations.

Jo is also qualified by the State of NJ as a Family Law Mediator and act as a Guardian ad Litem in disputed custody and or Guardianship matters across the state. Jo obtained her Masters of Science in Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology and focused her studies on the neurobiological/developmental effects on young children when they suffer trauma such as neglect or separation from a known caregiver. She has also extensively studied neurobiological and behavioral disorders such as ADHD, ASD, ODD, and CD. Jo has studied personality disorders and mental health conditions, and focused her Masters Capstone on Gender Affirmation in Contested Custody Matters, a topic which she has presented on and written on in various venues.

Jo received her JD from Syracuse University College of Law in 2002, where she also received a Certification of Specialization in Family Law and Social Policy and was a Teaching Assistant for The Children's Rights and Family Law Clinical Program. She was an Editor of The Digest (Journal of the Italian-American Bar Association). Jo began her legal practice as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Deanne M. Wilson, J.S.C. Jo has spent most of her 20 years of practice focusing exclusively in the area of Family Law but did spend a few formative years immersed in employment discrimination and personal injury practice, which has allowed her to provide comprehensive representation to her family law clients.

Jo is an active and passionate volunteer within the legal and LGBTQ+ communities. She is a member of the American Bar Association (including the Family Law Section), The National LGBT Bar Association (including as an admitted member of the Family Law Institute of the National LGBT Bar Association) and a member of the New Jersey Bar Association (NJSBA) as well as a Trustee of the Essex County Bar Association.

Jo is a Past Chair of the NJSBA LGBTQ Rights Section, a current member of the NJSBA Family Law Executive Committee, and a member of the Solo and Small Firm Section. Jo has also served with the District X Fee Arbitration Committee of the NJ Office of Attorney Ethics, is currently an appointed member of the NJSBA CLE Advisory Committee, and of the NJSBA Special Committee on The Non-Dissolution Docket

Jo has written extensively on the subject of Family Law and LGBTQ issues, is a contributing author for the NJSBA LGBT Rights Section Newsletter, and has been a speaker for various organizations including NJICLE, the National LGBT Bar Association, Gender Conference East, and for the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts.

PUBLICATIONS

- M. v. D.G., 467 N.J. Super. 216 (App. Div. 2021), a case recognizing the rights of Psychological Parents in New Jersey, the rights of children to counsel, and the rights of all parties to receive appropriate treatment within the FD (non-dissolution) docket
- In re T.I.C.-C., No. A-1706-20 (App. Div. Feb. 16, 2022), a case wherein the Court recognized the struggles of and privacy rights of transgender individuals in New Jersey
- Obergefell v. Hodges, Case Nos. 14-556; 14-562; 14-571; 14-574, Brief of Amicus Curiae BiLaw, in Support of Petitioners, March 3, 2015, available at http://www.supremecourt.gov/ObergefellHodges/AmicusBriefs/14-556_BiLaw.pdf (counsel of record, as a BiLaw member, with Kyle Velte, Nancy Marcus, Toby Phoebe Adams, Naomi Mezey, Ann Tweedy, and Diana Adams.)
- NJ Psychological Association, *2020 Winter NJ Psychologist Special Section Journal: Psychological Issues Faced by Transgender Individuals in Communities "The Convergence of the legal rights with the educational and psychological well-being of transgender students in New Jersey."* January 21, 2020, available at <https://www.psychologynj.org/assets/docs/37521%20Winter%20final.pdf> (co-authored with Celeste Fiore, Esq.)
- *LGBTQ Divorce and Relationship Dissolution: Psychological and Legal Perspectives and Implications for Practice*. Chapter 22: Dissolution of Polyamorous Relationships: Multiple Parent Families and Other Complex Arrangements. (2019) Edited by Abbie E. Goldberg & Adam P. Romero, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018, 480 pp. Review available at https://www.americanbar.org/groups/dispute_resolution/publications/dispute_resolution_magazine/2019/sp

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Family Law

ring-2019-family-matters/13-moscato-lgbtq-divorce-review/ (Chapter co-author with Celeste Fiore, Esq.).

- *New Jersey Lawyer*: The Importance of Early Intervention for Transitioning LGBTQ Families (August 2020)
Available at <https://newjerseylawyer.njsba.com/?shareKey=SJDolk>

RECOGNITIONS

- Super Lawyers Top Rated Family Law Attorney (2021-2022)
- NJ's Best Lawyers for Families 2020
- InsiderNJ Top 10 Power Couples of 2019 (along with Celeste Fiore)
- InsiderNJ Insider OUT 100: LGBT Power List (2018 & 2019)
- National LGBT Bar Association Best 40 Attorneys Under 40 Award Recipient (2015)

EDUCATION

- Syracuse University, College of Law, J.D.
- Northcentral University, M.S.
- Muhlenberg College, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey