

# ***Emily B. Gelmann***

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### **Licensure**

- Licensed to practice in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia
- Certified to practice Collaborative Law
- Certificate in mediation, over 40 hours of training

**Maryland State Bar Association**, *Section of Family and Juvenile Law*

**Montgomery County Bar Association**, *Former Chair of Family Law Section*

**Montgomery County Inns of Court** – *Executive Committee Member*, Barrister (2016 – 2020); Associate (2013 – 2016)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Principal Attorney**

*Offit Kurman, P.A.* - March 2018 – Present Bethesda, MD

- Represent clients in divorce and custody matters from intake to litigation. Strategize case including potential settlement options and litigation tact.
- Regularly counsel clients regarding personal crises, and advise clients regarding long-term decisions and planning, including communication strategies and protocols, education and vocational rehabilitation goals, finances, and mental health treatment.
- Create and lead teams to troubleshoot problematic family dynamics and improve those dynamics going forward.

### **Attorney**

*Stein Sperling Bennett De Jong Driscoll PC* – January 2014 – February 2018 Rockville, MD

- Manage domestic and protective order cases from intake to appeal including pertinent legal research, drafting complaints, discovery requests and responses, requisite motions, and mediation and settlement of cases; draft Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and trial memoranda.
- Represent clients in court; strategize course of litigation and case presentation; first and second chair protective order cases, custody trials, divorce merits hearings, and motions hearings.

### **Attorney**

*Houlon Berman Bergman Finci Levenstein & Skok* – September 2012 – January 2014 Rockville, MD

- Represented clients in civil and domestic matters including initial consultations; drafting, review, and management of discovery; pertinent legal research, trial preparation; drafting and arguing key motions.

### **Judicial Law Clerk**

*The Honorable Sylvester B. Cox, Circuit Court for Baltimore City* – September 2011 – August 2012 Baltimore, MD

- Managed voluminous caseload of Civil Motions Docket. Reviewed a minimum of 20 unique motions per day, analyze legal arguments of both sides, prepare suggested rulings and provided supporting case law and statutes.
- Drafted thorough and cohesive Post Conviction and Memorandum Opinions.
- Researched various issues of civil and criminal law to provide opinions and legal support to the judge regarding potential rulings.
- Coordinated trial assignments for all Circuit Court judges on Reception Court docket; organized attorney/party meetings within chambers, and scheduled additional coverage with the sheriffs' office.

### **Mediator**

Baltimore, MD

*University of Maryland Law School Mediation Clinic* – Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

- Mediated numerous day of trial and pre-trial cases in the District Court of Maryland, reaching mediated agreements and obviating the need for trial. Drafted and finalized resulting agreements.
- Mediated Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cases court-ordered to mediation.

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### **EDUCATION**

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#### **University of Maryland School of Law, JD, 2011** – Baltimore, MD

- Top 20% of class
- Executive Articles Editor, Maryland Law Journal of Race Religion Gender and Class

#### **University of Michigan, B.A. 2008** – Ann Arbor, MI

- Graduated *cum laude*
- Women's Studies major, *high honors*

### **PUBLICATIONS AND HONORS**

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#### **Publications**

- *"I'm Just the Oven, It's Totally Their Bun:" the Power and Necessity of the Federal Government to Regulate Commercial Gestational Surrogacy Arrangements and Protect the Legal Rights of Intended Parents*
  - *Women's Rights Law Reporter* of Rutgers University School of Law – Spring 2011
- *"Throw Them a Life Raft: Secrets of Onboarding a New Associate"*
  - MSBA Family Law Newsletter – May 2013
- *"Special Considerations for Same Sex Divorce"*
  - MSBA Family Law Newsletter – May 2015
- *"What About Susan? Three's Company, Not a Crowd: the Importance of Allowing Third Parent Adoptions when Both Legal Parents Consent"*
  - *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society* – Spring 2015
- *"See Spot. See Spot Run. See Spot Every Other Weekend? More Than Just Animals: the Evolution of Pet Custody Cases"*
  - The Maryland Bar Journal, Volume XLIX, Number 4, July/August 2016
- *"Drink a Pint Smoke a Joint, the Importance of Distinguishing Between Substance Use and Substance Abuse in Custody Cases"*
  - The Maryland Bar Journal, March/April 2018
- *"Email and the Inadvertent Waiver of Attorney Client Privilege"*
  - The Maryland Bar Journal
- *"Immunizing Against Anti-Vaxxers: how Courts are Protecting Children from Parents who go Against Science and what it Could Mean in the Age of COVID-19"*

#### **Honors**

- Graduate of the Leadership Development Academy – 2013
- Recognized as a "Bar Leader" – 2015
- Super Lawyers Rising Star 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020