



Bettina Hindin

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Bettina D. Hindin is an accomplished and experienced matrimonial litigator, recognized for her skill and expertise in the investigation and analysis of the complex financial issues that arise in matrimonial, domestic relations, Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and LGBTQIA matters. She is an acknowledged expert in the field and has appeared often as a commentator on these issues for MSNBC and CNN.

Bettina's experience includes handling diverse transactional matters in all areas of domestic relations, LGBTQIA law and family law, including divorce, separation, annulment, maintenance, child support, support modification, custody, visitation, relocation, paternity, surrogacy, equitable distribution and asset valuation. Outside of the courtroom, Bettina's extensive experience also includes the negotiation of pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, settlement agreements and non-marital agreements. Bettina was the first attorney in Nassau County, New York to file parentage/surrogacy papers.

She has successfully tried a myriad of matrimonial, child custody, surrogacy and support cases before the Family Courts and the Supreme Courts of the State of New York and argued appeals in the appellate courts of the state. Bettina provides clients with all of the requisite elements of matrimonial counseling on the most sophisticated level. A forceful litigator, she is particularly attuned to the interplay of litigation and settlement techniques required to produce optimal results.

Bettina has received the highest, AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell in professionalism and ethics, in both peer rating and judiciary rating categories for over 15 years; she has been recognized as a Super Lawyer,® since 2009, a distinction awarded to the top five percent of the lawyers in the state; has consistently received an Avvo "10" Rating, has been named to the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, has been recognized as one of New York's Women Leaders in the Law and has been selected as one of the Tri-state's Top Family Law Practitioners, and Top Attorneys in Metro New York.

Education

- St. John's University (J.D.)
- Hofstra University (B.A.)

Services

- Family Law
- Special Education, Accommodations and Discrimination
- LGBTQIA+

- University of London
 - Modern British Theatre in Performance, and Elizabethan and Jacobean Theatre in Performance

State Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- Supreme Court of the United States

Professional Affiliations

- OK RISE, LGBTQIA Subcommittee Chair, 2020-Present
- Hofstra University Women in Leadership Initiative, Member, 2013-Present
- LeGal, Family and Matrimonial Law Committee, Member, 2013-Present
- NYSBA, Committee on LGBT People and the Law, Member, 2013-Present
- S. Department Attorney Network, Registered Counsel, The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction, 2010-Present
- Appellate Division, First Department, Certified Law Guardian, 2002-Present
- Family Law Section, Executive Committee Member, 2004-2018
- Committee on Family Courts and Family, Member, 2003-2007
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Member, 1987-2007
- Committee on State Legislation, Member, 1995-1997
- Committee on Matrimonial Law, Member, 1992-1995
- Committee on Municipal Affairs, Secretary, Member, 1989-1992
- Committee on Matrimonial Law, Secretary, Member, 1987-1988
- New York State Bar Association, Member, 1986-Present
- Lambda Legal Defense Fund, Cooperating Attorney Network, Member, 2009-Present
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, Member, 2026-Present

Recognitions

- Selected to New York Metro Super Lawyers® for Family Law (2009, 2014 - 2026)
- Women's Edition Super Lawyers New York Metro (2022 - 2024)
- Top Rated Woman Leader in Law, Martindale Hubbell (2021)
- Top Women Attorneys & Rising Star in the New York Metro Area, The American Registry (2021)
- Women at the Forefront of New York Law and Practice, New York Women Leaders in The Law, New York Magazine (2008 - 2020)
- Judicial and Lawyer Editions, Highest Possible Rating in Both Legal Ability and Ethical

Standards, AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale Hubbell (2009-2020)

- Top Women, New York Super Lawyer (2014 - 2020)
- Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, Martindale Hubbell (2013 - 2020)
- Hofstra University Alumni Achievement Award (2017)
- 30th Year Anniversary, Highest Possible Rating in Both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards, AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale Hubbell (2020)

Representative Matters

- Braverman v Braverman, 140 A.D.3d 413, 33 N.Y.S.3d 39 (1st2016)
- Margaret A. v Shawn B. 2011 NY Slip Op 21090 [31 Misc. 3d 769], Decided on March 15, 2011, Supreme Court, Westchester County Connolly, J
- Kaplan v. Kaplan, 51 A.D.3d 635, 857 N.Y.S.2d 677 (2d Dept. 2008)
- Levine v. Levine, 37 A.D.2d 550, 830 N.Y.S.2d 252 (2d Dept. 2007)
- T. v. Dash, 37 A.D.2d 107, 827 N.Y.S.2d 112 (1st Dept. 2006)
- Elizabeth T.L. v. Jeffrey C.L., 24 A.D. 3d 270, 8080 N.Y.S.2d 180 (1st 2005)
- In the Matter of C.M., 6 Misc.3d 361, 789 N.Y.S.2d 393 (Sup.Ct., N.Y.Co. 2004)
- Bartek v. Draper, 309 A.D.2d 825, 765 N.Y.S.2d 893 (2d Dept. 2003)
- Jackson v. Jackson, 306 A.D.2d 182, 763 N.Y.S.2d 545 (1st 2003)
- Greenfield v. Greenfield, 270 A.D.2d 57, 704 N.Y.S.2d 55 (1st 2000)
- Markard v. Markard, 206 A.D.2d 512, 615 N.Y.S.2d 280 (2d Dept. 1994)
- Spiegel v. Quality Bakers of America Cooperative, Inc., 1992 WL 349799 (S.D.N.Y. 1992)

Publications & News

May 15, 2026

Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in 2026 New York Metro Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists

May 8, 2026

Bettina D. Hindin Selected as Alumni Speaker for Hofstra University Graduation Celebration

October 30, 2025

Sixteen Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of New York Metro Super Lawyers

March 27, 2025

Seven Offit Kurman Attorneys Named 2024 New York Metro Top Women by Super Lawyers

October 24, 2024

Thirteen Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Edition of New York Metro Super Lawyers

October 11, 2023

Seven Offit Kurman Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Metro Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

April 19, 2022

Bettina D. Hindin Named to 2022 New York-Metro: Women's Edition Super Lawyers List

September 17, 2021

Bettina Hindin Named a Top-Rated Woman Leader in Law

Blog Posts

May 5, 2026

AI is Coming to Divorce Court

Divorce litigation has always been a search for the truth. For decades, divorce attorneys have asked the same fundamental questions: Who owns what property? How should assets be valued and divided? What income is available for support? And when children are...

March 13, 2026

In Depth Crypto Secrets and Divorce: Valuing Hidden Wealth in New York Splits

As cryptocurrency moves from the margins of finance into the mainstream, matrimonial practitioners are increasingly encountering digital assets in divorce proceedings. Assets such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, and other blockchain-based tokens, once considered speculative investments, now appear regularly within marital...

December 4, 2025

Trust Structures Under Fire: What High-Net-Worth Divorce Means for Advisers

What began as a high-asset marital dissolution between John and Laura Overdeck has transformed into a wide-ranging challenge to modern trust planning and the professionals who support it. The litigation now reaches beyond the parties' marriage and calls into...

April 17, 2025

Navigating the Unique Challenges of LGBTQ Divorces in a Changing Legal Landscape

The legalization of same-sex marriage in the United States in 2015 with the landmark Obergefell v. Hodges decision marked a monumental step toward equality. However, the journey does not end with marriage; LGBTQ couples face unique challenges when it...

March 10, 2025

Examining the US Supreme Court's "Reverse Discrimination" Case: Fueling the DEI Fight

On February 26, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services*. This case that could significantly impact the standards for proving employment discrimination claims under Title VII of the Civil...

February 12, 2025

New York Takes a Progressive Step with Uncontested Joint Divorce

On January 31, 2025, the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York announced an inventive pilot program designed to change how the court system processes divorces, introducing the concept of "uncontested joint divorce" to simplify the divorce...

February 6, 2025

Defending Women from Gender Ideology an Individual's Sex Is Not a Simple Matter

On January 20, 2025, President Donald Trump issued the executive order titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government." This directive mandates that all federal agencies recognize only two biological sexes --...

November 25, 2024

Will the Denial of Gender Affirming Care for Transgender Youth Become the Law of the Land?

On December 4, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear *U.S. v. Skrmetti*, perhaps the most important trans rights case the justices have ever heard. The landmark case asks whether discrimination against people based on...

December 19, 2023

In Landmark Ruling Pope Francis Approves Priestly Blessings for Same-sex Couples (Under Certain Circumstances)

On December 18, Pope Francis approved a landmark ruling allowing Roman Catholic priests to administer blessings to same-sex couples as long as they are not part of regular Church rituals or liturgies nor given in contexts related to civil...

December 12, 2023

Dirty Tricks Employed by Lawyers and Disregarded by Judges

People are getting smarter nowadays; they are letting lawyers, instead of their conscience, be their guide. (Will Rogers) Divorce proceedings can often be emotionally charged and contentious, requiring individuals to seek legal representation to navigate through the complexities of...

December 7, 2023

Imputation of Income: Rebalancing the Support Scales

Money is like love; it kills slowly and painfully the one who withholds it, and enlivens the other who turns it on his fellow man. (Kahlil Gibran) When one or both spouses in a divorce fail to properly account...

November 15, 2023

Divorce-Planning: What You Need To Know Now

Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win. i Originally posted on 09/15/2020, content updated on 11/15/2023. Tumultuous marriages often turn into tumultuous divorces. Yet many...

October 26, 2023

The Role of Forensics in Child Custody Cases in 2023: Ensuring the Best Interests of the Child

Child custody cases are among the most emotionally charged and complex legal matters. In recent years, the integration of forensic evidence has become increasingly important in determining the best interests of the child involved. This article explores the significance...

October 25, 2023

The Child-Parent Security Act and Compensated Surrogacy

Originally posted on 10/23/2020, content updated on 10/25/2023 On February 21, 2021 New York's long-time ban on compensated gestational surrogacy ended as the New York Child-Parent Security Act ("CPSA" or the "Act") became effective, providing those New Yorkers who...

October 23, 2023

New York Law Extends Support for Handicapped Children Beyond Age 21

In a groundbreaking move, the State of New York became the 41 st state to enact a progressive law requiring parents to continue supporting their handicapped children beyond the age of 21. This decision showcases New York's commitment to...

October 14, 2023

Market Volatility, Retirement Savings and Divorce: Avoiding the Pitfalls in Present and Post-COVID-19 Times

Originally posted on 04/09/2020, content updated on 10/17/2023 Virtually every state in the union has, upon divorce, some form of retirement asset division based upon coverture. [i] The traditional method divides the retirement asset at its value upon the...

October 6, 2023

It Took Seven Days To Create The World, And Nearly Fifty Years To Afford Antidiscrimination Protection For All

...the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice! [i] Originally posted on 02/25/2021, content updated on 10/06/2023 On May 14, 1974, Bella Abzug, Representative for New York's 20th Congressional District, introduced into Congress the...

September 15, 2023

In A Newly Released Documentary Pope Francis Endorses Same-Sex Unions

Originally posted on 11/03/2020, content updated on 09/15/2023 In the 2018 full-length documentary about the life of Pope Francis entitled Francesco, Pope Francis, for the first time, openly shares his belief that the LGBT community should not only be...

August 30, 2023

Domestic Violence: Now an Enumerated Factor in Determining Equitable Distribution

Originally posted on 12/11/2020, content updated on 08/30/2023 While New York was justifiably preoccupied with the COVID pandemic, its Governor at the time quietly signed into law a groundbreaking amendment to that portion of the state's divorce law governing...

August 14, 2023

Collaborative Divorce: The Time is Now

Originally posted on 04/28/2020, content updated on 08/14/2023 "Divorce: a resumption of diplomatic relations and rectification of boundaries." [i] We were in uncharted waters — living life in lockdown — many, for the very first time, spent prolonged periods...

July 24, 2023

Postnuptial Agreements Post COVID-19

Originally posted on 05/15/2020, content updated on 07/24/2023 Hope is not a financial plan.[i] The COVID-19 pandemic and the lifestyle slowdown that came with it provided many married couples the opportunity to reassess their marriages. For some, the crisis...

July 17, 2023

Divorce Economics in the Time of COVID-19

Originally posted on 04/01/2020, content updated on 07/17/2023 “Nothing is more dangerous to [men or women] than a sudden change of fortune.” – Quintilian [i] Nostradamus could not have foreseen a darker economy and—we are told—the worst is yet...

May 10, 2023

New York's Laws Fail to Recognize Gender Neutrality

"How are you supposed to be believed about the harm that you experience when people don't even believe that you exist? [1] The legal system has long been criticized for its lack of inclusivity and support for marginalized communities....

April 13, 2023

The State of Artificial Reproductive Technology Today

The best way to predict the future is to create it. – Abraham Lincoln. April 23-29, 2023, is National Infertility Awareness Week® (NIAW). NIAW is a movement founded in 1989 by The National Infertility Association. Its mission is to...

Featured Works

Publications

For more recent Offit Kurman Publications, scroll to the bottom of this page.

- ["In Secrecy and Sacrifice: Rethinking Lincoln Hearings and the Limits of Due Process in New York Custody Litigation," New York Law Journal, July 28, 2025](#)
- ["Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements: Financial Planning Before and After Marriage," Family Law Expert Guide 2022, December 15, 2022](#)

Additional Publications

- "Issues Unique To High Net-Worth Same-Sex Relationships," Aspatore/Westlaw Practice Series, 2013.
- "Divorce Economics In Difficult Financial Times," New York Law Journal, August 9, 2010
- "Protecting Same-Sex Clients And Their Families," New York Law Journal, June 6, 2005
- "A Different Kind of Divorce," New York Law Journal's New Partners Section, February 7, 2005
- "Redefining the Meanings of Family, Parenthood in Same-Sex Relationships," New York Law Journal's Matrimonial Law Section, June 7, 2004
- "Avoiding the Witness Crash-and-Burn Syndrome," New York Law Journal's Matrimonial Law Section, July 14, 2003
- "Finally on the Right Track," New York Law Journal Magazine, Vol. 2, No.1, February 2003
- "Need for Experts in Divorce Intensifies," New York Law Journal's Litigation Section, October 15, 2002
- "Time to Effectively Penalize Failure to Disclose Assets," New York Law Journal's Matrimonial Law Section, July 15, 2002

Speaking Engagements

- Advanced Family Law in New York: Skillfully Handle the Most Challenging Family Law Cases, National Business Institute, October 24, 2025

Television, Radio and Print:

- E! News: Expert Commentator: Family and LGBT Law
- Reuters News: Expert Commentator: Family and LGBT Law
- CNN: Expert Commentator: Family and LGBT Law
- E! News: The Katie Holmes/Tom Cruise Divorce, August 2012; July 2012
- "Reuters News" Celebrity Divorce, August 2012
- "New York Marriage Bill Paves the Way for Same-Sex Divorce," New York, Reuters, June 24, 2011
- "After Same-Sex Marriage, Same-Sex Divorce," The New York Times, June 27, 2011
- "The Best Prenuptial Stories: Showbiz Tonight" CNN with Brooke Anderson
- "The Mills/McCartney Divorce Battle" MSNBC
- "On the Air with Alex Metz," Syndicated Radio Show, guest speaker on prenuptial agreements
- "Cliff and Company," KSON Radio, frequent guest speaker on celebrity and high-profile matrimonial cases
- "MSNBC Radio," frequent guest commentator on high profile matrimonial cases

Presentations

- "The New Frontier for Same-Sex Unions: The DOMA Decision and Beyond," The WCBA Domestic Relations & Family Law Section and Diversity Committee, 2013
- "From Stonewall to Stonewalled," Marriage vs. Co-Habitation, LGBTQ Law, 2009 Law Conference
- "Protecting Your Rights in A Same-Sex Relationship," Out@TimeInc., Time Magazine, 2008
- "Beyond Ozzie and Harriet: Representing Non-Traditional Couples in the Paterson Era," Marriage, Cohabitation and Divorce, New York Law School, November 2008