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Megan E. Smith is a principal attorney in the firm's Family Law Practice Group. Megan devotes her practice to matrimonial, divorce and family law, focusing on divorce, dissolution of civil unions, termination of domestic partnerships, custody, parenting time, child support, alimony, equitable distribution and pre-nuptial planning. She also provides legal counsel related to post-judgment issues, such as emancipation, support enforcement and implementation of settlement agreements.

Collaborative Divorce and Mediation

Additionally, Megan is a trained collaborative lawyer and divorce mediator, working with clients in all areas of matrimonial and family law, including the developing area of LGBTQ+ law as it relates to children and families.

Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Megan was a law clerk to the Honorable Jeanne T. Covert, J.S.C. of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Burlington County, NJ. She also served as a judicial extern for the Chester County Court of Common Pleas in West Chester, PA, where she assisted the Masters Unit under the supervision of the Honorable Katherine B.L. Platt.

Megan is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and represents clients throughout both states, with a particular focus on southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania. She also works with clients on collaborative divorce throughout all of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D.)
- Pennsylvania State University (B.A.)

State Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Services

- Family Law
- LGBTQIA+
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Professional Affiliations

- New Jersey Association for Justice, Co-chair & Speaker, 2008-2015
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Executive Committee Member, Salem County Liaison and GLBT Rights Section Member
- New Jersey Association for Justice
- Burlington County Bar Association
- Mercer County Bar Association
- Thomas Forkin Inn of Court
- Independence Business Alliance, Board Member, Co-chair Membership Committee
- The Nicholas A. Cipriani American Inn of Court
- Villanova University School of Law Alumni Association
- Penn State University Alumni Association

Recognitions

- Named The Best Lawyers® 2025 Collaborative Law: Family Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Philadelphia
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Collaborative Law: Family Law, Family Law Mediation (2023-2026)
- *Awesome Attorney*, South Jersey Magazine, 2015-2019
- Named to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® list as seen in Pennsylvania and Delaware Super Lawyers magazine, 2017-2018*
- Named Pennsylvania Rising Stars® list as seen in Pennsylvania and Delaware Super Lawyers magazine, 2016*

**Super Lawyers list. The Super Lawyers list is issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*

Blog Posts

August 7, 2024

Protecting Your New Home During Divorce: What You Need to Know

When you are separated and going through a divorce, whether in New Jersey or almost anywhere in the United States, you need to be mindful of any assets you acquire prior to a divorce decree being signed by a...

April 9, 2024

Credit Card Chaos: Safeguarding Your Credit in Separation

Often spouses share joint credit cards during their marriage, or one spouse may be added as an authorized user on the other's credit card. However, upon separation, one party may continue using the card, leading to significant debt accumulation. ...

October 20, 2023

New Standard for Child Relocation Applications in New Jersey

Originally posted on 4/20/2018, content updated on 10/20/2023 So you want to move to warm, sunny Florida with the kids, but your ex spouse is saying “no way” The Best Interests of the child In *Bisbing v. Bisbing*, the...

October 18, 2023

LGBT Common Law Marriage

Originally posted on 2/28/2018, no content changes Pennsylvania was one of the few states that continued to recognize common-law marriage. Although common law marriage in Pennsylvania was abolished in 2005, it continues to be recognized retroactively, meaning that a...

September 21, 2023

Custody and Relocation in Pennsylvania

Originally posted on 3/14/2018, no content changes Relocation with a child in Pennsylvania is a complicated issue involving whether or not the parent who is relocating has primary physical custody and whether the location of his/her new residence will...

September 12, 2023

Understanding the Necessity of a Pre-Nup

Originally posted on 5/21/2018, no content changes In Pennsylvania, pre-nuptial agreements meeting the statutory requirements are generally enforceable and the best way to provide peace of mind prior to a marriage. The main reasons a pre-nuptial agreement may be...

September 5, 2023

What Does "No Fault" Divorce Mean?

Originally posted on 6/01/2019, no content changes. The Pennsylvania Divorce Code provides two no-fault grounds for divorce: Divorce by Mutual Consent and a Divorce based upon a One Year Separation. In the case of a divorce by mutual consent,...

August 31, 2023

I Don't Have Many Assets...Do I Need A Pre-Nup In Pennsylvania?

Originally posted on 10/11/2019, no content changes. Regardless of a person's current assets, a pre-nup is always prudent prior to entering into a marriage because a it can offer so many things other than just protecting the assets you...

August 29, 2023

Divorce in New Jersey - Gathering Data

Originally posted on 2/21/2019, no content changes. Information is power. In order to be in a position to deal with issues in your divorce case, you must have information concerning assets, debts, income and expenses. No agreement or settlement...

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Divorce in New Jersey - Discovery

Originally posted on 3/12/2019, no content changes. Discovery is a variety of processes which are designed to accomplish exactly what the word implies: to discover additional information or factual data. The scope of discovery is very broad. Simply stated,...

August 22, 2023

Divorce in New Jersey - Filing a Complaint

Originally posted on 2/21/2019, no content changes. Oftentimes, it is difficult to get a client to file the Complaint for Divorce. They may be reluctant to do so for religious or moral reasons or sometimes because they simply do...

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Divorce in New Jersey: Custody

Originally posted on 2/26/2019, no content changes. There are cases in which one of the parents has abandoned their parental responsibilities, suffers from addictions, suffers from a significant mental or emotional condition, or is otherwise unfit to assume either...

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Divorce in New Jersey- Alimony

Originally posted on 2/26/2019, no content changes. Alimony is financial support paid by one spouse to the other. Alimony is in addition to child support and is not related to the needs of the child or the child's emancipation....

August 10, 2023

Divorce in New Jersey - Pretrial Motions and Applications

Originally posted on 2/26/2019, no content changes. Only one to two percent of all divorces go to trial and will ultimately be decided by a Judge. The other ninety-eight percent will be resolved by agreement of the parties as...

August 8, 2023

Divorce in New Jersey – ESP, Mediation and Arbitration

Originally posted on 3/15/2019, no content changes. Alternative dispute procedures can be very effective in settling your case before trial, which should be every divorce litigant's goal. Trials take a very long time to be scheduled, are often not...

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Protecting your Home with a Pre-Nuptial Agreement

It is increasingly more common for at least one person in a couple to have purchased his or her home prior to the parties' marriage. Often, such a purchase occurs years in advance of the parties even meeting each...

August 4, 2023

Top 10 Divorce Mistakes to Avoid

Divorce can be an unpleasant and stressful process. Parties who have not educated themselves or who proceed without the guidance of an experienced divorce attorney often make mistakes that can last a lifetime and are typically more expensive in...

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Divorce in New Jersey - Child Support

Originally posted on 8/11/2019, no content changes. Child support is primarily dependent upon the levels of the parent's income. In those cases in which the parents' combined income is less than \$187,200 per year (net of taxes), the Child...

August 1, 2023

Divorce in New Jersey: Trial

Originally posted on 3/15/2019, no content changes. If you and your spouse have been unable to settle your case between yourselves and none of the settlement alternatives described previously have been successful, it may be necessary to prepare and...

May 10, 2023

College Decision Day – Now, Who Pays?

May 1 is an important and exciting day for high school seniors around the country, as this day is known as National College Decision Day. On May 1 each year, high school seniors

are required to have made their...

August 3, 2019

Divorce in New Jersey- Equitable Distribution

Originally posted on 3/12/2019, no content changes. Equitable distribution is the division of the marital assets and liabilities between the parties. The equitable distribution of the marital assets and liabilities is fundamentally a three-step process. The assets and liabilities...