

OLGA BATSEDIS, ESQ.

EXPERIENCE:

Segal & Greenberg LLP, New York, NY

Associate

July 2018 – Present

Family and Matrimonial Law

Litigate matters pertaining to divorce, legal separation, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, custody, visitation, child support, orders of protection, paternity, and estoppel matters. Represent and litigate clients pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction.

Estate Administration, Litigation, and Planning

Advise clients on estate administration, estate planning, and estate litigation. Draft testamentary directives and ancillary documents involving estate planning, healthcare, and financial decisions.

Guardianships

Litigate guardianship proceedings for adults and minors pursuant to the Mental Hygiene Law and Surrogate's Court Procedure.

Zimmet Law Group P.C. (formerly Zimmet Bieber LLP), New York, NY

Partner

May 2013 – November 2017

Senior Associate / Associate

May 2006 - April 2013

Managing Partner

Managed law firm, oversaw and trained attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, and interns. Developed and executed strategic reorganization of firm's operational activities, resulting in increased productivity, efficiency, and profitability.

Estate Administration, Litigation, and Planning

Represented families regarding personal planning needs and valuation of assets. Drafted last will and testaments, powers of attorney, ancillary documents involving healthcare and financial decisions, probate and estate administration petitions, applications for preliminary letters, asset inventories, waivers, citations, supporting affidavits, disclaimers, and decrees. Prepared First Party Supplemental Needs Trusts for children with special needs. Represented fiduciaries and beneficiaries in complex Surrogate's Court disputes. Managed estates with small and multi-million dollar assets. Litigated all aspects of contested and complex probate and administration proceedings, including contesting and defending the preparation and execution of last will and testaments. Conducted and defended 1404 examinations, prepared applications for the appointment and removal of fiduciaries, drafted accountings, and prepared applications for rights of survivorship and rights of election. Consulted with genealogists on estates with unknown distributees.

Family and Matrimonial Law

Litigated matters pertaining to custody, visitation, child support, child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, legal emancipation, orders of protection, paternity, divorce, legal separation, annulment, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and adoption.

Guardianships

Litigated guardianship proceedings for both minors and adults pursuant to the Mental Hygiene Law and the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. Served as court-appointed counsel, Court Evaluator, and Guardian of the Person and Property of individuals who have been alleged and rendered incapacitated. Served as court appointed legal Guardian and personal representative of individuals with mental and physical limitations to ensure finances and personal well-being were protected. Worked with geriatric care managers and social workers to manage the personal needs of incapacitated individuals.

General Litigation

Represented individuals and commercial clients in matters involving commercial litigation, debt collection, consumer protection, defamation, civil litigation, and name changes. Successfully represented tenants in nonpayment, holdover, eviction, and succession rights proceedings. Exhibited strong legal research and writing, including drafting pleadings, motions, memoranda of law, and appeals.

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

Adjunct Professor

2019 - Present

Instructor

2015 - 2016, 2018

Teach second year law students foundational lawyering skills, including how to draft and conduct opening and closing statements, direct and cross examinations, trial preparation, witness preparation, case analysis, fact analysis and fact presentation through witness examination, oral advocacy, and formulating case theory.

Guest Speaker

Fall 2016

Prepared, advised, and critiqued second and third year law students on family law practical skills.

The Honorable Leonard B. Austin, Nassau County Supreme Court, Mineola, NY

Judicial Clerk

Summer 2003

The Honorable John B. Pessala, Nassau County Family Court, Westbury, NY

Judicial Clerk

Summer 2002

Clear Channel Entertainment (formerly SFX Entertainment, Inc.), New York, NY

Paralegal

May 2000 - September 2000

Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, D.C.

Documents Clerk

January 1999 - April 2000

EDUCATION:

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Hempstead, NY

***Juris Doctor*, May 2004**

Honors: William Eric Goldberg Scholarship, Family Court Review

Journal Experience: Family Court Review (2002-2004), served as Managing Editor (2003-2004)

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.

***Master of Science*, May 2000**

Justice, Law and Society

***Bachelor of Arts*, December 1998 (graduated in 3 ½ years)**

Political Science & Law and Society

Cum laude, University Honors

Honors: Dean's Scholarship, Honors Program, Golden Key Honor Society, Mortar Board Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS:

- "Note: Embryo Adoption: A Science Fiction or an Alternative to Traditional Adoption?"
41 FAM. CT. REV. 565, October 2003
- "The State of New York Does Exist: How States Control Compliance with International Law"
82 N.C. L. REV. 457 (2004), as a Research Assistant
- "A Survey of Unified Family Court: An Assessment of Different Jurisdictional Modes"
42 FAM. CT. REV. 12 (Jan. 2004), as a Research Assistant

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- New York (March 2005) U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York (June 2019)
- Florida (April 2018) U.S. District Court Southern District of New York (June 2019)
- District of Columbia U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (August 2019)
(February 2020)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- New York State Bar Association
 - Trusts and Estates Committee
 - Family Law Committee
- The Florida Bar
 - Real Property, Probate & Trust Section
 - Elder Law Section
 - Family Law Section
- D.C. Bar
 - Family Law Member
 - Estates, Trusts, and Probate Law Member
 - Taxation Member
- New York Women's Bar Association
- American Academy for Certified Financial Litigators (Founding Member of the NY Chapter)

ACTIVITIES: Volunteer for the New York City Mock Trial Competition (2013 – present)

SKILLS:

- Fluent in Greek
- Proficient in Westlaw
- Notary Public of the State of New York