

ALEKSANDRA J. KOCELKO

BIOGRAPHY

Aleksandra J. Kocelko is an Associate in the Family Law practice group at Burns White. Experienced in handling all aspects of family law, including divorce, custody, child support and prenuptial agreements, Ms. Kocelko is fully trained in the Collaborative Law Process. The process is a customized, client-centric approach that focuses on resolving difficult, emotional situations with thoughtful solutions that benefit families. Ms. Kocelko is also a trained mediator.

Prior to joining Burns White, Ms. Kocelko worked at several firms in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area, practicing family law as well as estate planning and administration. She is a graduate, summa cum laude, of Duquesne University School of Law where she won multiple awards for her academic achievements, and received her undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from American University in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Kocelko is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association's (ACBA) Young Lawyers' Division and the Family Law Section. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Matrimonial Inns of Court.

CREDENTIALS

Areas of Law

- Family Law
- Collaborative Law Process
- Estate Planning and Administration
- Probate
- Guardianships
- Adoptions

Education

- Duquesne University (J.D., 2014, summa cum laude)
- American University (B.A., magna cum laude)

Bar and Court Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
 - Family Law Section Council (2019-Present)
 - Young Lawyers' Division, Council Member (2019-2023)
- Collaborative Law Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Secretary
- Matrimonial Inns of Court



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ACCOLADES & INVOLVEMENTHonors/Awards

- Selected by her peers for the 2017-2021 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® “Rising Stars” lists
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation Young Lawyers Fellow, 2021
- Champion, WVU National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition, Duquesne University
- CALI Award, Family Law, Duquesne University, Spring 2014
- CALI Award, Constitutional Law, Duquesne University, Spring 2013
- Regional Champion, National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Duquesne University 2013

Involvement

- Board of Directors, Western Allegheny Community Library
- Board of Directors, Beverly’s Birthdays
- Board of Trustees, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
- Pittsburgh Young Professionals

PUBLICATIONS

- “Why Do I Need A Cohabitation Agreement?,” *Burns White Insights*, May 2022
- “Why Do I Need An Estate Plan?,” *Burns White Insights*, April 2022
- “Marital Assets: What’s In The Pot?,” *Burns White Insights*, April 2022
- “Protection From Abuse Action: What You Need To Know,” *Burns White Insights*, March 2022
- “Tips & Tools For Co-Parenting,” *Burns White Insights*, February 2022
- “Grandparents’ Guide To Custody & Visitation,” *Burns White Insights*, January 2022
- “Stepparent Adoption,” *Burns White Insights*, December 2021
- “Obtaining A Name Change,” *Burns White Insights*, November 2021
- “Put a Ring On It!,” *Burns White Insights*, September 2021
- “Kids & Custody,” *Burns White Insights*, August 2021
- “What Is Legal Custody?,” *Burns White Insights*, July 2021
- “Do’s & Don’ts Of Your Initial Separation,” *Burns White Insights*, June 2021
- “Prenuptial Agreements – Not Just For Celebrities,” *Burns White Insights*, May 2021
- “When Should I Talk To An Attorney?,” *Burns White Insights*, April 2021
- “The Impact of COVID-19 on Family Law,” *Burns White Insights*, June 2020
- “Custody in the Time of COVID-19: 5 Recommendations,” *Burns White Insights*, March 2020
- “Estate Planning During COVID-19: Understanding the Basics,” *Burns White Insights*, March 2020
- “Unpacking the High-Conflict Custody Toolbox: Tools to Minimize Stress on Children,” *Lawyers Journal*, Allegheny County Bar Association, Vol. 21, No. 22, October 2019