

# JAIME DRIGGS

Attorney, Shareholder

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“My priority is to develop a deep understanding of your unique situation. Gaining that insight allows me to deliver the best options to meet your needs so that you can make informed decisions with confidence.”

## ABOUT ME

**Family law is more than a legal process; it blends personal, emotional, and financial issues. I help you take one step at a time, focusing on what you can do in the moment, while never losing sight of your long term goals.**

I represent business owners, executives, athletes, politicians, physicians, financial advisors, and other professionals who need a strong advocate to help navigate difficult family transitions. Whether a complex financial matter or a thorny child custody issue, my clients appreciate receiving not only strategic legal counsel, but practical advice to move forward with the rest of their lives. When someone places their trust in me, it is my job to deliver.

That means carefully listening to my clients to understand their unique needs and then working hand-in-hand to formulate a plan to accomplish their goals. From there, my role can take on many forms: behind-the-scenes consulting, generating creative solutions in mediation, vigorous advocacy in the courtroom, and everything in between.

No matter what the plan is, some core principles are always present. My clients depend on me for straightforward, honest answers to their questions. They receive my objective opinion, even in those tough situations where it may not be what they want to hear. My clients know that providing value to them is essential to me. That means never losing sight of what is at stake, while candidly assessing the legal fees to get there.

I am fortunate to truly enjoy my work. I have practiced family law exclusively during my sixteen-year career and have represented clients facing a variety of complex family law disputes involving:

- Business valuation
- Defending and obtaining awards of spousal maintenance
- Evaluating executive compensation
- Nonmarital asset tracing
- Defending and invading nonmarital assets
- Analysis of tax issues
- Assessing dissipation of assets
- Collection of child support and spousal maintenance arrears
- Analysis of retirement and spousal maintenance
- Child custody and parenting time
- Grand parent visitation
- Third-party custody
- Interstate child custody
- Domestic abuse
- Post-divorce proceedings

I also have extensive experience representing clients on family law appeals. Appellate work is not for everyone, as it requires an entirely different skill set, but it is an area I thoroughly enjoy.

## RESULTS

- Defeated claim of \$50,000 in attorney's fees (our client was ordered to pay \$0)
- Retained as co-counsel to assist another law firm litigate a difficult divorce and obtained a very favorable result for our client after trial
- Represented mother in contentious post-decree proceeding and defeated father's attempt to reduce the child support that our client counted on while also obtaining a substantial award of conduct-based attorney's fees
- Negotiated creative settlement in complex multi-party custody case that allowed our clients to obtain custody of a non-biological child as third-party custodians without going to trial
- Successfully litigated and obtained for single father joint physical custody and equal parenting time with his three-year-old child
- Collected unpaid support and spousal maintenance from retirement assets that would normally be exempted
- Obtained the appointment of a receiver to collect substantial unsatisfied property award

## ASSOCIATIONS

### PROFESSIONAL

- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- American Bar Association - Family Law Section

## SERVICES

Family Law

## CREDENTIALS

### EDUCATION

- J.D., cum laude, University of Minnesota Law School, 2004
- B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2001

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota

### HONORS

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® 2016–2021, Family Law
- Selected for inclusion in Minnesota Super Lawyers®, 2017–2020
- Featured in Minnesota Monthly Magazine as The Best Lawyers in America® 2019
- Selected for inclusion in Minnesota Super Lawyers-Rising Stars Edition 2011–2016
- Honored by Minnesota State Bar Association as North Star Lawyer for commitment to pro bono service, 2013, 2015
- Phi Beta Kappa





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- American Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Family Law Section
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

#### ADDITIONAL

- Law Clerk, the Honorable Tanja K. Manrique, Fourth Judicial District, Minneapolis

#### COMMUNITY

- Mental Health Minnesota, 2015–Present, Board of Directors; 2018 President
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Volunteer Attorney
- Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Volunteer Attorney
- Hennepin County Unbundled Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney

#### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

##### ARTICLES

- Co-Author “Working with Financial Experts,” Family Law Financial Deskbook, May 2018
- Author, Notes & Trends–Family Law, monthly column in Bench & Bar, March 2011–November 2017
- Co-Author, Insights into Family Law, column in Minnesota Lawyer, May 2013–September 2015
- Contributing Author, Tips & Traps, column in Bench & Bar, December 2012

##### PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter and Co-Author, “Case Law Update,” Minnesota CLE Family Law Institute, March 2012–March 2017
- Co-Presenter, “Vocational Evaluations and Spousal Maintenance: The Rules of Discovery and the Legacy of Passolt,” Minnesota CLE, December 2016
- Presenter, “The Marital Home Post-Decree: Drafting to Avoid Enforcement Problems and Strategies for Addressing Them,” Anoka County Bar Association, June 2014
- Presenter, “Common Enforcement Issues Regarding the Disposition of the Marital Home,” Divorce Day Camp, June 2014
- Co-Presenter, “Divorces with Children: Practical Tips for Pro Bono Practitioners,” Volunteer Lawyers Network, October 2011