

Rachel Aliza Elovitz, J.D.

Domestic Relations Attorney / Mediator / Freelance Writer

Seasoned family law attorney, guardian ad litem, and alternative dispute resolution neutral. Well versed in civil procedure, the rules of evidence, and domestic relations law. Adept researcher, legal and creative writer, and public speaker. Twenty-three years' experience representing clients of diverse backgrounds and resolving multifaceted family law cases.



Work History

2019-01 - Founding Partner

Current

Elovitz Edwards O'Nan & Buerlein, LLC, Atlanta, GA

- Engage in complex custody and divorce litigation
- Interview, depose, and prepare sworn statements for witnesses
- Advocate for clients in court (oral argument) and through legal pleadings
- Formulate trial strategies for individual clients
- Apprise clients of potential risks and benefits of potential courses of action
- Analyze probable outcomes of cases using knowledge of legal precedent
- Resolve custody and divorce disputes through negotiation and alternate dispute resolution processes
- Serve as domestic mediator (neutral) and arbitrator
- Serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Superior and Juvenile Court
- Serve as a Child Advocate in Juvenile Court
- Advise clients on their rights and obligations in the context of complex custody and divorce cases
- Prepare and advise clients concerning prenuptial agreements



Personal Info

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Skills

Public speaking (Continuing Legal Education and in Court advocacy)

Supervision / Management of Associates and Paralegals

Past Editor Legal Periodicals

Family law advocacy in court and various alternative dispute resolution settings

- Research complex legal issues and prepare motions and briefs
- Preparing case specific discovery requests
- Develop strategies to resolve cases in client's best interest
- Prepare settlement agreements/contracts and parenting plans
- Supervision of associate attorneys and/or paralegals
- Consult on complex custody and divorce cases
- Brain storm and work collaboratively with Law Partners on cases

Legal and creative writing background (published Articles, Poems)

Dispute mediation and arbitration (neutral for Fulton County ADR and DeKalb Dispute Resolution Center)

Child advocacy in dependency cases

**2014-08 -
2019-01**

Founding Partner

Elovitz O' Nan, LLC, Atlanta, GA

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- Analyzed probable outcomes of cases using knowledge of legal precedent
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- Served as domestic mediator (neutral) and arbitrator
- Served as a Guardian ad Litem in Superior and Juvenile Court
- Served as a Child Advocate in Juvenile Court
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- Preparing case specific discovery requests
- Develop strategies to resolve cases in client's best interest
- Prepare settlement agreements/contracts and parenting plans
- Supervision of associate attorneys and/or paralegals
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2001-04 -
2014-08

Founder, President

Rachel A. Elovitz, Esq. PC, Atlanta, GA

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- Prepare settlement agreements/contracts and parenting plans

**1996-09 -
2000-07**

Associate Attorney

Weinstock & Scavo P.C, Atlanta, GA

- Engaged in complex custody and divorce litigation
- Interview, depose, and create sworn statements for witnesses
- Sat second seat in court during temporary hearings and trial
- Prepared legal motions and briefs
- Apprised clients of potential risks and benefits of courses of action
- Analyzed probable outcomes of cases using knowledge of legal precedent
- Resolved custody and divorce disputes through negotiation and alternate dispute resolution processes
- Advise clients on their rights and obligations in the context of complex custody and divorce cases
- Researched complex legal issues
- Prepared interrogatories, requests for admission, interrogatories
- Took witness depositions
- Prepared settlement agreements/contracts



Education

1986-08 -
1988-08

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

University of Texas At Austin - Austin, TX

First Two Years of Undergraduate Education: Psychology

University of Georgia - Athens, GA (1984-1986)

1993-05 -
1995-05

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude: Law

John Marshall Law School - Atlanta - Atlanta, GA

2001-06 -
2001-08

Graduate Courses (Summer Block Program): Communal Social Work

*Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work -
New York, NY*



Affiliations

Member, Atlanta Black Jewish Coalition, 2019

Member, American Association of Jewish Lawyers and
Jurists, 2013 – Present

Member, Lawyers of Distinction, 2017-Present

Member, Super Lawyers, 2018, 2019

Member, Family Law Attorney Network, 2017

Member, Georgia Bar Association, 1996-Present

Neutral, Fulton County Alternate Dispute Resolution
Program, 2012 - Present

Neutral, DeKalb County Dispute Resolution Center, 2011 -
Present

Member, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, 2010 - Present



Certifications

Justice Center of Atlanta, Basic Skills (Civil) Mediation Training, 2009

Justice Center of Atlanta and Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Domestic Violence Mediation Training, 2010

Justice Center of Atlanta and Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Divorce and Family Mediation for Professionals, 2010

Justice Center of Atlanta and Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Delinquency Mediation Training and Certification, 2010

Justice Center of Atlanta and Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Deprivation Mediation Training and Certification, 2010



Speaking Engagements

28th Annual Tropical Seminar, Social Media Evidentiary Issues, 2018



Publications

- *False Allegations of Child Abuse in Custody Litigation*, (Parts 1 and 2): Family Lawyer Magazine.Com, November 2018
- *Jurisprudential Diaries: The Bill of Rights: The DeKalb Bar Association News*, October 2010
- *A Nation Divided: The Role Lawyers Should Play In Its Healing*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, March 2010
- *Ask the Barrister: Stepparent Adoptions and Parental Consent*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, February 2010

- *A New Juvenile Code: The Purpose and Status of Senate Bill 292: A Statewide Coalition Garner Bipartisan Support*, The DeKalb Bar Association News, December 2009
- *Ask the Barrister: When is a Strip Search Legal in High School*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, November 2009
- *Ask the Barrister: Is Civility Incompatible with Advocacy*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, October 2009
- *What Tort Reform Means to Georgians*; The DeKalb Bar Association News: October 2009
- *Ask the Barrister: How on Earth Does One Prove A Hypothetical*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, September 2009
- *Life, Property, and Quasi-Liberty*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, January 2009
- *The Evolution of Antediluvian Law: Family Immunity in Tort*; The DeKalb Bar Association News, December 2008
- *A More Urbane Style: A Plea for Plainly Written Pleadings*: The DeKalb Bar Association News, March 2008
- *Are We Witnessing the Erosion Of Georgia's Separate Property Distinction*: The Georgia Bar Journal, August 2007
- *Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Reaching New Pro Bono Heights and Climbing to Greatness*: DeKalb Bar Association News, April 2007
- *Emotions Soar Over Georgia's New Child Support Guidelines*: DeKalb Bar Association News, February 2006
- *DeKalb Declares War on Truancy*: DeKalb Bar Association News, January 2006

- *Children Are Denied the Same Legal Protection Adults:* DeKalb Bar Association News, December 2005
- *A Miscarriage of Juvenile Justice: The Implications of Trying Adolescent Offenders in Superior Court:* DeKalb Bar Association News, November 2005
- *Chief Justice Leah Sears: A Profile of Georgia's First Lady:* The Atlanta Lawyer, July 2005
- *Do Your Homework Before Seeking To Remove or Discredit An Expert:* The Family Lawyer, June 2005
- *Another Kind of Child Abuse:* The Family Lawyer, November 2002
- *When Civil Turns Criminal:* The Family Lawyer, October 2002
- *When Therapy Should Be Considered: An Interview with Dr. Elizabeth King:* The Family Lawyer, February 2002
- *Beyond the Call:* The Family Lawyer, September 2001



Professional Honors and Awards

- Recipient, Woman Leader in The Law, January 2019
- Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Award, 2019
- Top Lawyers, 2019 (as published in Atlanta Magazine)
- Super Lawyers Recipient, 2018 and 2019
- Lawyers of Distinction, 2018 and 2019
- National Association of Distinguished Counsel (Nation's Top One Percent) Recipient: 2018 and 2019
- American Institute of Family Law Attorneys (AIOFLA's) 10 Best Family Law Attorneys for Client Satisfaction: 2018

- American Institute of Legal Counsel, Top 10 Best Attorney, Client Satisfaction, 2018 and 2019
- Accepted into Marquis Who's Who in the World (Top 3% of Professionals in the World), 2018 and 2019
- Official 2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient
- Best Legal Counsel, 2018
- Lead Counsel in Family Law, 2015-2019
- AV Rated with Martindale Hubbell, 2015-2019
- Firm recognized in The Daily Report, March 2019: <https://www.law.com/dailyreportonline/2019/03/07/partners-launch-new-family-law-firm-based-on-big-picture-approach/?sreturn=20190608155058>
- Firm recognized in Attorney at Law Magazine http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?i=284188&article_id=2344165&view=articleBrowser&ver=html5#{%22issue_id%22:284188,%22view%22:%22articleBrowser%22,%22article_id%22:%222344165%22}
- Best of Atlanta, 2012
- Recipient, Certificate for Outstanding Public Service in Providing Legal Representation to Low Income Citizens of Georgia, The Pro Bono Project of the State Bar of Georgia, 2007
- Short-List Nomination, DeKalb County Juvenile Court Bench, 2005
- Pro Bono Honor Roll, State Bar of Georgia, 2003 – 2005



Bar Admissions

- Superior Courts of the State of Georgia, 1996
- S. District Court, 1999
- Georgia Court of Appeals, 2002