

Kendra G. Gjerdingen

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Practice Areas:

Family Law and Jurisdiction
Appeals

Bar Admissions:

Indiana
Minnesota
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern
of Indiana
U.S. District Court for the Southern
District
U.S. Central District of Illinois

Education:

J.D. William Mitchell College of
Law, St. Paul, Minnesota,
cum laude
Editor, William Mitchell Law Review
M.B.A., Kelly School of Business,
Indiana University-Bloomington,
Major: Finance
B.A., University of Iowa,
Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Associations and Memberships:

American Bar Association
Monroe County Bar Association
Indiana State Bar Association

Kendra G. Gjerdingen chairs the firm's Appellate Law Group and handles the legal needs of private and business clients in civil litigation and family law. Her concentration includes family law and jurisdiction, interstate and international custody disputes, appeals, and civil litigation.

Kendra is a leading family law and appellate lawyer in Indiana. She also has extensive experience in jurisdictional disputes. She has represented many clients in Hague Convention cases, as well as those involving interstate custody disputes, in addition to assisting fellow practitioners and members of the judiciary in understanding the complexities involved when parents live in different states or countries.

Kendra utilizes the Family Law Group's team approach to assure that a client's needs are addressed quickly and efficiently. Kendra is a successful litigator with extensive courtroom experience. She also brings her compassion and knowledge to each case, as well as her attention to detail and dedication to civility in the practice of law. Kendra is an advocate of alternative dispute resolution, especially in family law, understanding the importance of reducing conflict in order to reach desired results.

Kendra is a Registered Family Law Mediator and a Certified Family Law Specialist, by the Family Law Certification Board. She is a past-chair of the Indiana State Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, and currently serves as the chair of its continuing education committee. She is also on the council of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the ISBA.

Kendra is married to a law professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and they have two children and three granddaughters.

Honors & Awards

Fred Gregory Pro Bono Excellence Award, 2014
Gale Phelps Award, Indiana State Bar Association's Family Juvenile Law Section, 2013 [1]
Indiana Super Lawyers, Family Law 2009 – 2017
Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Publico Award, 2005
Recognized by Best Lawyers®, Family Law and Family Law Mediation, 2017-2018

[1] *This award is given for exceptional service to the profession, to attorneys with the highest level of competence who work towards improving the profession. Recipients are attorneys who raise the level of professionalism and civility in domestic relations matters, going beyond the client's basic needs, and maintaining respect for the court system and its participants. This award is for attorneys with high moral character and ethical standards.*


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