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Brett Zeitlin practices family law, representing clients in divorce, custody, support, protection from abuse, restraining order, adoption and dependency matters. He also handles guardianships and has experience fighting traffic citations and litigating dog-bite cases.

Brett counsels and represents clients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He advocates for husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, children and grandparents. He has litigated and settled divorces, support disputes, and custody matters throughout the Delaware Valley and South Jersey. Brett has helped clients secure child support even when the paying party is voluntarily unemployed or hiding their income. He has helped grandparents gain custody of their grandchildren. Brett has secured paternity testing for potential fathers, and disputed paternity in cases of fraud. He has helped abused parties obtain protection orders and restraining orders and has defended against the entry of those orders when the alleged abuse hasn't occurred. Brett has extensive experience guiding clients through the complex custody relocation process, which can be lengthy, contentious, and emotional.

WHAT INSPIRES ME

“I represent good people trapped in complex and emotionally difficult situations. My job is to listen to each client’s story, to talk to them about the law in an understandable way, to guide them through the complex court system and to help them fight for what’s in their best interests and the best interests of their families. I don’t litigate for the thrill, or to generate fees. I litigate because I enjoy helping people through tough times. I’m happy when a client tells me that they’re satisfied with the results that we’ve fought for and achieved together.”



AWAY FROM WORK

“When I’m not at work I spend my time chasing my infant son around, walking my dog Hermes along the Schuylkill River, watching local sports, eating unusual foods, and reading epic fantasy novels. In the summer, I try very hard to spend every weekend in a beach chair at the Jersey Shore watching my son dig holes in the sand, or on the Chesapeake Bay swimming, waterskiing, and eating crabs. In the winter, I ski when I can and hide by a warm fire when I can’t. I love to travel, especially to tropical destinations. I’ll go anywhere that offers a cool breeze and crystal clear blue water.”

Practice Areas

- Prepaid Legal Services
- Family Law

Education

- Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D. , 2007)
- University of Maryland College Park (B.A., Government & Politics *magna cum laude*, 2004)
- University of Maryland College Park (B.A., Psychology *magna cum laude*, 2004)

Honors and Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2022

Associations

PROFESSIONAL

- Member, Philadelphia Bar Association, 2007 to Present
- Barrister, Nicholas J. Cipriani Inn of Court, 2007 to Present
- Arbitrator, Philadelphia Arbitration Center, 2007 to Present