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Bio

Kellie L. Rahl-Heffner is an experienced family law attorney, guiding individuals through sensitive legal matters including divorce, child custody and guardianship, child support and alimony claims, and protections from abuse (PFAs). She also assists her clients in designing pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements that best preserve family assets.

Kellie is well-versed in the Lehigh and Northampton County family court systems, representing individuals in family law disputes. As an experienced arbitrator, Kellie also counsels families in matters that can best be resolved outside of the courtroom.

As a member of the firm's Litigation Group, she also represents individuals and property owners in landlord-tenant matters including lease disputes, eviction filings, and property maintenance.

Prior to joining Gross McGinley, Kellie worked for over 11 years as an attorney with North Penn Legal Services, providing legal advice and representation to low-income clients in family law, unemployment, landlord/tenant, and other legal matters.

Areas of Practice

→ Family Law

- Custody
- Divorce
- Name Change
- PFA
- Pre/Post Nuptial Agreements
- Support
- Advising the LGBTQ Community
- Adoptions

→ Litigation

- Landlord and Tenant Matters

Education

- Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 2005
- Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 2002

Professional Associations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bar Association of Lehigh County
- Northampton County Bar Association
- Lehigh County Arbitrator

Community Involvement

- Allentown Chamber of Commerce, 2nd Vice-Chair, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
- Pinebrook Family Answers, Board Secretary
- Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
- LCCC Paralegal Advisory Committee

Presentations

- "Family Law 101," St. Luke's University Health Network, October 2020
- "Reunification & Co-Parenting Counseling", Progressions Behavioral Health, December 2018
- "Reunification & Co-Parenting Counseling: What Can Happen In Court?", Gross McGinley and LVPCA, October 2018
- "The Roles of Mental Health Professionals in Family Law Matters", Gross McGinley and LVPCA, October 2017
- "Tax Returns and Divorce", Gross McGinley, November 2017

Publications

- Quoted "What is a QDRO?," U.S. News & World Report, September 2020
- "How to Keep Your Family Safe and Healthy While Following a Custody Order", Divorce Magazine, April 2020
- Quoted "Coronavirus complicating custody disputes, other legal issues, Lehigh Valley attorneys say", Lehighvalleylive.com, March 27, 2020
- "Enforceability of Prenuptial Agreements", Network Magazine, Summer 2018

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court
 - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
 - Middle District of Pennsylvania
 - Western District of Pennsylvania