

Amy Saltzman

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EXPERIENCE

Amy Saltzman, P.C., New York, NY

6/10 - present

Private Practice

Represent clients in all areas of matrimonial and family law including custody and financial trials in Family and Supreme Courts, negotiation and settlement of uncontested divorces, international and interstate child custody matters, relocation, support, family offense, adoption, paternity, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, appeals, plenary actions, post-divorce litigation.

Blaustein & Saltzman PLLC, New York, NY

3/07- 6/10

Partner

Practice in all areas of matrimonial and family law including uncontested and contested divorces, post judgment matters, child custody, family offense, equitable distribution, child and spousal support, child neglect; conducted trials in Supreme and Family Courts.

Private Practice, New York, NY

6/03 - 3/07

Solo Practitioner

Practice in all areas of matrimonial law including custody, family offense, support and neglect in Family Court including family offense, custody and child neglect trials. Also represented clients in appeals before the First Department.

Cohen Goldstein & Silpe LLP, New York, NY

9/99 – 6/03

Associate

Represented clients in areas of matrimonial law including litigating a grounds jury trial and equitable distribution and spousal maintenance trial and in Family Court proceedings in the area of child support.

Westchester/Putnam Legal Services, White Plains, NY

12/97 – 8/99

Director of Domestic Violence Unit

Supervised attorneys; litigated divorce and family court cases on behalf of domestic violence victims; represented clients in stand-by guardianship cases for parents with HIV.

Rockland Family Shelter, New City, NY

1994 – 12/97

Founding Attorney and Director of Mary Weingard Domestic Violence Law Project

Set up legal project for non-profit domestic violence shelter, represented battered women in Family Court in family offense, child custody and child support cases and Second Department appeal; provided trainings for non-lawyer advocates.

Vermont Department of Education, Montpelier, VT

10/92-5/93

Assistant Special Education Counsel

Represented Department in administrative proceedings, negotiated and drafted interagency agreement for school health/Medicaid program; advised staff, school personnel and parents on education, disability and discrimination issues.

Vermont Legal Aid, Montpelier, VT

1/92 – 10/92

Training Specialist and Staff Attorney

Developed and drafted training materials on Medicaid, Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income and conducted statewide training on these topics under a grant from Vermont Protection and Advocacy, Inc. and the Vermont Bar Foundation, represented clients in protective services, guardianship and special education litigation.

Bronx Legal Services, Bronx, NY

9/88 – 7/91

Staff Attorney

Represented low income clients in court and before administrative agencies in public benefits, landlord/tenant and civil rights litigation; advised community advocates and conducted trainings on eviction prevention strategies and public assistance.

Admitted in New York, Vermont and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

EDUCATION

City University of New York Law School, Flushing, NY - J.D., 1988

Clinical Experience: Main Street Legal Services Immigrant Rights Clinic; South African Litigation Project.

Hunter College, New York, - M.S. Special Education, 1978

Emphasis on the education of children with severe emotional disabilities.

Rochester University, Rochester, NY- B.A. in English, 1975

Honors: Dean's List

ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy, Houston, TX - 1998.

AFFILIATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Super Lawyers – 2013, 2014, 2015.

New York Women's Bar Association (1998-present) – member of the Advisory Council, Vice President (2012-2013); member of the Board of Directors (2002 to 2017); Chair or Co-Chair of several Committees, including Legislation; elected Chapter Delegate to the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (alternate Delegate before that); member of Family and Matrimonial Committee and Judiciary Committee (reviewed candidates for judgeships in New York County); NYWBA Delegate to Democratic Judicial Screening Committee (2010).

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York – Corresponding Secretary (2016-2017), Vice President (2014-2106), Recording Secretary (2013-2014); Member (1995-present), Chapter Delegate to WBASNY Board of Directors (1995-present; for three different WBASNY Chapters); Member of the Matrimonial and Legislative Committees; Past Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee, Past Member of the Awards Committee.

New York City Bar Association (1988-present) - member of the State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction Committee, past member of Matrimonial and Children in the Law Committees.

New York State Bar Association (2000-present) - member of Family Law Committee.

Interdisciplinary Forum on Mental Health and Family Law (2009-present) – member representative of New York Women's Bar Association.

Sanctuary for Families (2010-present) - Legal Advisory Council member, co-chair of the Cynthia B. Rubin Matrimonial Committee.

511 West 232nd Owners Corp. (2001-2003) - Member of co-op Board of Directors, and committee that supervised litigation of lawsuit against co-op sponsors.

Westchester Women's Bar Association (1998-2001) - Co-Chair of Community Outreach Committee.

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (1995-1998) - Co-Chair of the Legislation Committee.

Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence (1995-2000) - Member; planned conference on "*Domestic Violence: Representing the Victim*" (April 1995) at Fordham Law School.

Rockland County Women's Bar Association (1994-1999) - Member, Board of Directors; Chapter Delegate to WBASNY; Chair of Domestic Violence Committee, member of Matrimonial/Family Law Committee; obtained funding and organized a pro bono project to train attorneys for pro bono divorce representation of battered women; organized training for law guardians on effects of domestic violence on children.

Rockland County Bar Association (1994-1997) - member; Co-chair of Pro-bono Committee.

SPEAKER, LECTURER OR PANELIST

- **Treatment of Assets Purchased with Marital and Non-Marital Property: Principles and Application since *Fields v. Fields*** (April 2013) Breakfast program of the City Bar's State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction Committee.
- **Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Law** (March 2002) - Joint pro bono training project of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Sanctuary for Families and Safe Horizons.

- **Initial Client Interview: Contested Matrimonial Training** (September 2000) - Joint *pro bono* project of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Sanctuary for Families and Safe Horizons.
- **The Nuts and Bolts of Court Appointed Work** (May 2000) - Joint program of the Westchester Women's Bar Association and the Westchester Association of Black Lawyers.
- **Family Court *Pro Bono* Attorney Panel Training** (January 2000) - Training for volunteer attorneys on litigating a family offense case.
- **The Client Interview; Strategy for the Divorce Case** (May 1999) - *Representing Domestic Violence Victims in Divorce*, seminar for *pro bono* attorneys by the Rockland County Women's Bar Association.
- **Domestic Tort Litigation** (May 1999) - Panel discussion at the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York annual convention.
- **Family Offense Petitions** (April 1999) - Training for Westchester County Family Court probation officers.
- **Family Court *Pro Bono* Attorney Panel Training** (January 1999) - Training volunteer attorneys in litigation of a family offense cases.
- **Protecting Client Confidentiality in a New Era** (October 1998) - New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference.
- **Record Keeping and Client Confidentiality** (June 1998) - Seminar for therapists and counselors at Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital.
- **Custody, Visitation and Relocation** (April 1998) - Panel discussion at conference sponsored by The Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence, Fordham Law School.
- **Family Court *Pro Bono* Attorney Panel Training** (January 1998) - Training for volunteer attorneys litigating custody cases involving domestic violence.
- **Prevention Strategies: Domestic Violence Training for Community Policing** (September 1997) - Training session for police officers at Rockland County Police Academy.
- **Recent Changes in the Law: Orders of Protection and Mandatory Arrest** (September 1997) - Program for the Northeast Regional Crime Victims Service Providers (Albany, New York).
- **Orders of Protection: Tailoring Them to Your Client's Needs** (January 1997) - Training program for attorneys and mental health professionals sponsored by the Westchester Women's Bar Association.
- **NYS Commission on Domestic Violence Fatalities** (January 1997) - Testified before the Commission on behalf of Rockland Family Shelter.
- **The Client Interview & Orders of Protection** (October 1996) - *Representing Domestic Violence Victims in Divorce*, a seminar for attorneys sponsored by the Rockland County Women's Bar Association.
- **Domestic Violence and the Law** (October-November 1995) - Training for income maintenance workers, child protective caseworkers, and other employees of the Rockland County Department of Social Services.
- **The Legal Response to Family Violence** (May 1995) - Training for social workers and mental health professionals.
- **The Role of the Family Court System in Domestic Violence Cases** (May 1995) - Training for assistant district attorneys in Rockland County.
- **Family Protection and Domestic Violence Prevention Act of 1994** (March 1995) - Training for police officers on the legislative changes commencing January 1, 1995; co-presented with a Rockland County Assistant District Attorney.
- **Introduction to Legal Remedies for Domestic Violence** (April 1994) - Training for staff and volunteers at Rockland Family Shelter.
- **Residential Placement and Section 504 Issues in Special Education Mediation** (March 1993) - Vermont Department of Education Training for Mediators and Hearing Officers.
- **Introduction to SSI/Social Security/Medicaid Benefits** (May-June 1992) - Vermont Developmental Disabilities Law Project - Training Program for Lay Advocates.
- **Basic Introduction to Public Assistance Benefits** (April 1991) - Community Service Society of New York, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

PERSONAL

Ms. Saltzman lives in Manhattan. She is the mother of two grown children, practices yoga, enjoys hiking and cross-country skiing, provides pro bono representation for NYWBA pro bono project and represents domestic violence victims on a sliding scale.