



Andrew A. Zashin

FOUNDING PARTNER

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Andrew Zashin is the founder of Zashin Law. He is regarded regionally, nationally and internationally for his expertise in Family Law and International Family Law. Andrew represents celebrities, athletes, high-net worth individuals and ordinary people with respect to their Family Law situations. Andrew is sought after as a speaker and commentator and has lectured locally, nationally and internationally.

Recognitions

Andrew Zashin works extensively in all facets of domestic relations law including divorce, dissolution, child custody, support issues, marital settlement agreements, and equitable property divisions. In his distinguished career, Andrew has received numerous accolades for his capabilities and effective representation of his clients. Andrew has been named a Fellow of both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Worth Magazine (Robb Report) named Andrew to its list of the “Top 100” attorneys in the nation for high net worth clients.

Andrew is named in the elite lawyers rating guide, “Best Lawyers in America,” and he has been designated the Best Lawyers’ “Lawyer of the Year” for Family Law in Cleveland.

Chambers and Partners (“Chambers”), the most prestigious global legal ranking guide in the world, ranked Andrew “Band 1,” its highest ranking, in the category of Family/Matrimonial Law. The Chambers reviews have said of Andrew:

“[he] has got a fantastic reputation for doing things well and quietly...” (2020)

“He is lightning in a bottle. If you have a challenging case, he is a delight to have on the matter. He is extremely creative and brilliant.” Zashin advises wealthy individuals on a full range of family law matters, including marital agreements, property divisions and child custody cases. *“He is great, he really is a big-picture thinker. He is very bright and he handles the big picture of the case, how the pieces of the pie come together,”* explains an interviewee, who adds: *“I enjoy having cases against him.”* (2021)

“He is considered one of the two or three experts in international custody disputes in the US. He is very outgoing, a first-class lawyer.” – Chambers & Partners, London (2023)

Martindale-Hubbell, a well-known national lawyer rating guide, has awarded Andrew its highest rating. This rating is reserved for lawyers who have “reached the heights of professional excellence” and “the highest levels of skill and integrity.”

Specific Practice Areas

With respect to financial issues of Family Law, Andrew has experience in the following areas:

- evaluating and dividing business and partnerships interests;
- crafting complex property settlements and post-nuptial agreements;
- drafting long and short term spousal support arrangements;
- accounting for the misappropriation and hiding of marital assets;
- enforcing and challenging pre-nuptial contracts; and
- vacating divorce entries on the basis of fraud and non-disclosure of assets.

In connection with child custody matters, Andrew is experienced with the following:

- allocating parental rights and responsibilities;
- representing parents in custody disputes between states and countries;
- drafting shared parenting plans and visitation schedules;
- advising and litigating issues covering parental relocation;
- computing complex child support calculations;
- litigating domestic violence and sexual abuse issues; and
- analyzing and utilizing psychological expert testimony concerning the “best interests of the child”

Family Law Across Borders

Our world is shrinking. People today have financial and parenting issues that reach across county, state and national borders. Andrew and his team have a wealth of experience handling such matters.

Andrew routinely works with clients and their advisors to achieve their best results.

Aside from representing parents with custody matters inside of Ohio, Andrew has a wealth of experience working beyond the boundaries of Ohio and the United States. Child custody cases are complicated by an alphabet soup of laws, acts and treaties that make already difficult situations incomprehensible.

Andrew, and the team of attorneys at Zashin Law, have experience dealing with national laws and acts like the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (“UCCJEA”), Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (“UIFSA”) and others related to child custody matters between the states.

Andrew is also experienced at handling international child custody matters. Andrew and his team have represented parents in the United States and overseas in relation to the implementation and enforcement of The 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, at every level of the federal courts. These cases include the most rare, an historic en banc proceeding, one of only two, and twice in seminal cases at the Supreme Court of the United States, the two most important of only five.

“These are basically the two most important cases to be decided by any court in the world regarding this treaty.” (Golan v. Saada and Monasky v. Taglieri, both monumental “Hague Treaty” cases at the Supreme Court that Andrew Zashin and the Family Law team were on.)

– Michael Scharf, Dean, School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

Notable Activities

Andrew is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, Case Western Reserve University. He continues to teach family law classes, every year, from the most basic, to advanced and international, courses.

Andrew has published numerous academic, trade, and lay articles regarding Family Law topics and lectures in Ohio, nationally and abroad.

Andrew is sought out as a legal commentator and analyst for regional and national media. He has been quoted in, or made appearances on important media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN, Reuters, Associated Press, The Today Show, The Anderson Cooper Show, MSNBC, National Public Radio (NPR “The Here and Now”), Crain’s, Court TV and many others.

“To fight and conquer in all our battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists of breaking the enemy’s resistance without fighting.”

– Sun Tzu, The Art of War

Education

Case Western Reserve University School of Law
J.D., Case Western Reserve Law Review Editor, 1993
Brown University – A.B., History, 1990

Admissions

State: Ohio
State: Florida
State: New York
State: Washington D.C.
Federal: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Federal: U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
Federal: U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
Federal: The Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

Cuyahoga County Bar Association
(Former Family Law Section Chairman)
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Graduate, The Art and Skills of Trial Advocacy, Pacific Regional Program, San Diego, CA, October 22, 2000

Representative Commendations

Chambers and Partners, The Chambers HNW Guide, Ranked Band 1, Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth (2020 – 2023)
Chambers and Partners, Contributor
[Chambers Global Practice Guide, Family Law 2024](#)
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers
• USA Chapter Delegate, USA
OSBA Certified Specialist in Family Relations Law (2005–present)
AV Preeminent Rated through Martindale-Hubbell
Best Lawyers (2006 – 2024);
2013 Lawyer of the Year (Family Law – Cleveland)
Super Lawyers (2004 – 2024)
Ohio Super Lawyers Top 100 List (2018 – Present, 2015, 2007)
Top 50 Super Lawyers in Cleveland (2019 – Present, 2015, 2007)
Recognition of Service – Outstanding Dedication of Service as Adjunct Faculty Member for 15 Years (2018) School of Law, Case Western Reserve University
Elected Member, Society of Benchers (Career achievement, 2010) School of Law, Case Western Reserve University
Crain’s Cleveland Business “Notables in Law” (2022)
Crain’s Cleveland Business “40 Under 40” (2006)
Distinguished Recent Graduate (10 years post-graduation, 2003) School of Law, Case Western Reserve University

Representative Appointments

CLE National Planning Committee, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Annual National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November, 2018
Adjunct Professor of International Law, Cox International Law Center, School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, 2017–present
Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, 2003–present
Family Law Mediator / Arbitrator, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Advanced Mediator Training, AAML 2017

Representative Cases

Expert Witness: *Layne v. Layne*, nka Chua, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, Case No. 2021-06-1674, (Jan. 18, 2024). Presented expert report and testimony regarding the status of the 1980 Hague Convention on Child Abduction between the USA and the Philippines.

Expert Witness: *List v. Kaplan-List*, FMCE 17-015565 35 (Fla. 17th Cir. Ct. 2022). Testified as to sufficiency of custody bond use for international travel of a young child and relative safety of different countries pursuant to the United States State Department Travel Advisory Warnings.

Golan v. Saada, 833 Fed. Appx. 829, (2022).

Arimitsu v. Cook, 141 S.Ct. 1514 (2021) Docket No 20-864: Certiorari denied

Monasky v. Taglieri, 140 S. Ct. 719 (February 25, 2020)

Golan v. Saada, cert. pending, ___ U.S. ___, (filed Oct. 28, 2020). (On Amicus Curiae team for Cox International Law Center) Certiorari granted

Monasky v. Taglieri, U.S., No. 18-935, certiorari granted June 10, 2019.

Taglieri v. Monasky, 907 F.3d 404 (6th Cir. 2018) (en banc), cert. pending, No. 18-935 (U.S. Jan. 18, 2019).

Taglieri v. Monasky, No. 16-4128, 2018 U.S. App. LEXIS 5408 (6th Cir. Mar. 2, 2018) (en banc). (The first Habitual Residence Case under The Hague Convention to be heard en banc by a US Court of Appeals in history and only the second Hague Case ever to be heard by an en banc court of appeals panel because of its exceptional public importance.)

Expert Witness “In Re: the matter of ‘M’”, Interpretation of Ohio Revised Code, Court of Appeals, Tel Aviv, Israel, September, 2017.

Taglieri v. Monasky, No. 16-4128, (6th Cir. argued May 3, 2017).

Taglieri v. Monasky, No. 16A557, (U.S. dismissed December 9, 2016). Motion to Stay Denied by Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan.

Taglieri v. Monasky, No. 1:15-CV-00947, 2016 WL 8135530, (N.D. Ohio Jan. 25, 2016).

Roche v. Hartz, No. 1:10 CV 1819, 2011 U.S. Dist LEXIS 22477 (N.D. Ohio Mar. 7, 2011) (Determination of Habitual Residence under 1980 Hague Convention)

France v. France, 8th Dist. Cuyahoga No. 95629, 2011-Ohio-2402 (The famous “Facebook Bigamist” Case / appeal involving interstate child custody and UCCJEA questions)

Dobos v. Dobos, 2009 U.S. Dist. Lexis 127474 (S.D. Ohio W.D. (Interpretation of Grave Risk of Harm under 1980 Hague Convention)

Rosen v. Celebrezze, 117 Ohio St.3d 241, 2008-Ohio-853 (Ohio Supreme Court matter involving child custody jurisdiction between states)

Shutway v. Shutway, 8th Dist. Cuyahoga No. 76737, 2000 Ohio App. LEXIS 461 (Feb. 10, 2000) (Burden of evidence necessary for domestic violence civil protection order “CPO”)

Lachowyn v. Lachowyn, 6th Dist. Erie No. E-94-36, 1995 Ohio App. LEXIS 1539 (April 14, 1995) (Property division in high net worth, significant spousal support, divorce case)

Solon Family Physicians, Inc. v. Jean Buckles, et al., 96 Ohio App. 3d 460 (8th Dist. 1994) (Prevailed on behalf of medical practice in contract dispute against law firm)

Representative Lectures / Presentations

Presenter, *Offshore Issues in Complex International Divorce – Tracing and Valuation*, BVR/AAML National Divorce Conference, The Venetian, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 20, 2022

Presenter, *Habitual Residence in North America*, International Academy of Family Lawyers, USA-Canada Chapter, 2020 Joint Webinar, August 28, 2020

Presenter, *Planning for every eventuality: Protecting your children from their future spouses*, International Bar Association’s 24th International Private Client Conference at Claridge’s, London, United Kingdom, March 5, 2019

Presenter, *Attacking and Defending Prenuptial Agreements*, “What Every Practitioner Needs To Know,” a collaboration between the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, February 18, 2019

Panelist, *Learn From Lawyers*, Case Western Reserve University, Oct. 26, 2018

Presenter, *Sixth Circuit Court En Banc Addresses Habitual Residence Under The Hague Convention*, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Ohio Chapter, Columbus, Ohio, October 8, 2018

Co-Presenter, *U.S. Justice System – Protecting Women and Children*, U.S. Department of State-sponsored delegation through the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), August 6, 2018

Featured Lecturer, *Hiding in plain sight: The International Family Law Issues Lawyers and Judges Miss*, Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, February 20, 2018

Co-Presenter, *Abducted Children Caught in the Ohio Judicial System: New Precedent and New Ways of Thinking about Child Custody Jurisdiction*, Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio, May 8, 2015

Presenter, *Should I Stay or Should I Go? Assessing Relocation Issues*, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2014

Filling the Gaps with Public Policy: The Application of the Hague Convention Protocol in US Courts in the Absence of a Co-Signing State, article abstract presentation, International Society of Family Law, Regional Conference in Israel, Hod HaSharon, Israel, January 2014

New Trends in Alternative Dispute Resolution in the United States, Israel Bar Association, Conference on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Eilat, Israel, April 2013

The Enforcement of Religious Agreements in the Family Law Setting, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Florida Chapter, 34th Annual Family Law Symposium, Orlando, Florida, May 2012

Co-Presenter, *Culture, Religion and Divorce*, American Academy Matrimonial Lawyers, Ohio Chapter, 23rd Annual Family Law Symposium, Columbus, Ohio, October 2011

Lecturer, New Lawyer Training Seminar: “The 10 Commandments of Domestic Relations Law.” Cuyahoga County Bar Association. Cleveland, Ohio, January 6, 2004

Lecturer, Advanced Family Law Symposium: *“Estate Planning for Tax Purposes and its Impact on a Subsequent Divorce.”* Cleveland Bar Association. Cleveland, Ohio, November 3, 2004

Moderator, Improving Public Trust Forum. Ohio Judicial Conference. Columbus, Ohio, January 16, 2002

Representative Publications

Regular contributor to Newsweek Magazine.

Jewish Divorce, Sowald and Morganstern, Baldwin’s Ohio Practice, Domestic Relations Law § 34:32 (2022-2023 ed.)

Domestic Violence by Proxy: A Framework for Considering a Child’s Return Under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction’s Article 13(b) Grave Risk of Harm Cases Post Monasky, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, Vol. 33, 2021 (University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law)

Jewish Divorce, Sowald and Morganstern, Baldwin’s Ohio Practice, Domestic Relations Law § 36:2 (2019-2020 ed.)

Obergefell v. Hodges: A Consideration of its Impact Through the Lens of American Judaism, DOMESTIC RELATIONS JOURNAL OF OHIO, Thompson Reuters, May/June 2019.

The United States as a Refuge State for Child Abductors: Why the United States’ Fails to Meet Its Own Expectations Relative to the Hague Convention, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, Vol. 28, 2015 No. 1 (University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law)

Filling the Gaps with Public Policy: The Application of the Hague Convention Protocol in US Courts in the Absence of a Co-Signing State, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LAW, POLICY AND THE FAMILY 2014 (Oxford University)

Child Custody Litigation and Settlements, 2013 Thomson Reuters/Aspatore (Contributing Author)

Bus Bombings and a Baby’s Custody: Insidious Victories for Terrorism in the Context of International Custody Disputes, JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, Vol. 21, 2008 No. 1 (University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law)

A Closer Look at Separation Agreements and Settlement Agreements in Divorce and Dissolution Proceedings, DOMESTIC RELATIONS JOURNAL OF OHIO, Banks/Baldwin West Publishing, November-December 2001.

Updated and revised, Baldwin’s Ohio Practice. Sowald Morganstern Domestic Relations Law Vol. 2, Chapter 25: *Pleadings and Practice*. West Group Publishing, 2002 revision, forthcoming.

The Enforceability of Settlement Agreements (In-Court Agreements), DOMESTIC RELATIONS JOURNAL OF OHIO, Banks/Baldwin West Publishing, January-February 2001

Contributor and presenter to DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, REFERENCE MANUAL No. 99-106, OSBA CLE Institute, Chapter 8: *Domestic Violence and Its Impact on Custody and Discovery*

Community Service / Pro-Bono

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

2018, 25th Reunion Advisory Committee

2018 Endowed, Zashin & Rich *Employment Law Prize*

2005 – Present Endowed, Zashin & Rich *Family Law Prize*

Case Western Reserve Law Alumni Association, Second Vice President

Alumni Board Officer:

Vice President, 2006–2009

Second Vice President, 2005–2006

Secretary, 2004–2005

Treasurer, 2003–2004

Alumni Board Member, 2001–2003

Lake View Cemetery Foundation, Trustee

Site of the James A. Garfield Presidential Memorial

“A Run Through History” Fundraiser

Organizing and Planning Committee Member and Sponsor,

Lake View Cemetery Foundation, October 2017

Press / Media

Business Insider

People online took less than 24 hours to find a man accused of ghosting his pregnant wife. The law seems to be on their side.

2023 Ohio Super Lawyers

Forward March | Two decades have brought big change—including a Hague custody niche—to Zashin & Rich

The New York Times

Flying Alone With Your Kids? Make Sure You Have Proof of Your Relationship

Cleveland Jewish News

Consulting attorney early can be key in domestic violence case

Cleveland Jewish News

Custody cases deserve attention of attorney

Cleveland Jewish News

International case involving ‘get’ reaches Supreme Court

Cleveland Jewish News

Supreme Court hears international residence case

The Spectrum, WCMH-TV NBC 4

Zashin & Rich International Child Custody Case to US Supreme Court

ABC 13 TV

Supreme Court to hear international custody case involving Ohio mother

Cleveland.com

U.S. Supreme Court to hear international child custody dispute from Cleveland area

Court TV “Think Tank”

Appeared as a legal commentator regarding Ohio vs Richardson, 9/11/2019

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in case briefed by CWRU law school faculty

Cleveland Jewish News

International residence case moves to US Supreme Court

Hollywood Life

Khloe Kardashian and Tristan Thompson's Custody Case Could Get 'Very Messy': Lawyer Explains

2018 Ohio Super Lawyers

Cleveland family law attorney Andrew Zashin gets a 6th Circuit ruling that brings consistency to cases involving vulnerable children

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Adjunct Professors Zashin, Keating and Reynolds take on path-breaking Hague Convention Case

2018 Ohio Super Lawyers

Family law attorney Andrew Zashin asks the 6th Circuit to bring consistency to cases involving vulnerable children

Cleveland Jewish News

Landmark international residence case could impact those making aliyah

WJR Detroit – Audio Interview

Attorney Andrew Zashin chats with Guy Gordon to discuss the new Illinois law for dogs when parents are getting a divorce.

Cleveland Jewish News

Surrogacy, child custody laws develop as cases arise

Keshet 12 TV (Israel)

From Arizona to Ness Ziona (Three-part documentary TV series exploring American Family Law, Criminal Law, Education and Culture)

LakeView Cemetery Heritage ReView

Trustee Spotlight: Andrew Zashin

Cleveland Jewish News

Ohio Woman Receives Orthodox Divorce Decree

The Plain Dealer

Attorney Goes To Bat for Northeast Ohio

Cleveland Jewish News

Profile on Andrew Zashin

“Here and Now” on NPR (National Public Radio)

Audio Interview with Andrew Zashin In A Divorce, Who Gets To Keep The Dog?

Associated Press

US Claims Father Illegally Moved Kids to Gaza

2012 Ohio Super Lawyers

Mentors | Andrew Zashin: Reminiscing About Robert Zashin

Huff Post

Divorce's Impact On Small Businesses Can Be 'Immense'

The Today Show | Video

Accused Facebook bigamist heads to court

MSNBC

Facebook Busts Accused Bigamist

Woman Finds Her Prince Charming Has Married Another

WKYC.com | Article and Video

Cleveland woman discovers husband's 'other' wife via Facebook

Worth Magazine | “Top 100 Attorneys” 2007

Andrew Zashin named by Worth Magazine a Top 100 Attorney

Inside Business Magazine

Profile on Andrew Zashin “Connecting Through Separation”

Cleveland Jewish News

Business Legal Matters – Valuing and dividing assets at the time of divorce

Case School of Law: In Brief

Alumni Spotlight on Andrew Zashin “Plugged into Family, the Law, and Cleveland”

Cleveland Magazine

Feature Article on Andrew Zashin “The Divorcing Woman’s Best Friend”