

ZASHIN LAW



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Christopher Reynolds' practice encompasses all aspects of divorce, dissolution, child support, spousal support, property division, and parental rights and responsibilities. Chris has significant experience representing parents (both from the United States and from overseas) in international custody matters, including international child-abduction cases implicating the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Chris has been named to the *Best Lawyers* list since 2017, and the *Super Lawyers* list since 2019.

Chris' practice includes the following areas:

- Dividing complex marital estates, including investment properties, business interests, unusual investments, mineral rights, complicated retirement plans, and separate property issues;
- Evaluating business and partnership interests for division in divorce;
- Researching and analyzing records to identify misappropriated or hidden marital assets;
- Drafting, interpreting, and evaluating the enforceability of prenuptial agreements;
- Crafting tailored temporary and permanent spousal and child support plans;
- Allocating parental rights and responsibilities;
- Issues concerning parental relocation;
- Custody matters involving psychological expert testimony;
- Domestic violence matters; and
- Handling post-decree issues of enforcement and non-disclosed or omitted assets.

Since 2010, Chris has taught Selected Topics in Family Law as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Family Law Section from 2009 to 2012, and as the Section's Co-Chair for the 2011-2012 term.

Prior to practicing law, Chris worked for over seven years in inpatient psychiatry, four years of which he worked as a clinical social worker. His clinical practice included substantial experience with diagnostic assessment, individual, group, and marital therapy, as well as all aspects of crisis intervention. He also has experience in outpatient therapy settings. Chris is a Licensed Master's Social Worker in Michigan.

Education

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
Cleveland State University
J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, Second in Class,
Cleveland-Marshall Law Review Editor, 2007

Wayne State University
Master of Social Work with Concentration
in Clinical Social Work, 2000

Wayne State University
B.A., Psychology, Psi Chi National Honor
Society in Psychology, 1998

Admissions

State: Ohio

Federal: U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Federal: The Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
(Former Executive Committee Member
and Co-Chair)

Commendations

Chambers and Partners, Contributor
[Chambers Global Practice Guide, Family Law 2024](#)

Fellow, American Academy of
Matrimonial Lawyers

OSBA Certified Specialist in Family Law

Best Lawyers (2017 – 2024)
2022 Lawyer of the Year (Family Law – Cleveland)

Super Lawyers (2019 – 2024)

Super Lawyers Rising Star
(2009, 2012, 2013, 2015 – 2017)

Appointments

Adjunct Professor,
School of Law, Case Western Reserve University

Reported Cases

Arimitsu v. Cook, 141 S.Ct. 1514 (2021)

Docket No 20-864: certiorari denied

Monasky v. Taglieri, 589 US ____ 2020

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.)

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).

Dobos v. Dobos, No. 1:08cv307, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127474 (S.D. Ohio Jul. 9, 2009)

Roche v. Hartz, 783 F. Supp.2d 995 (N.D. Ohio 2011)

Publications

Defining "Habitual Residence" in the Hague Convention, Family Lawyer Magazine, May 6, 2020

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)

“It’s better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.”

– Antoine de Saint-Exupery
