



Contact Jodi

## PRACTICE FOCUS

Jodi (“Jo”) Argentino is a Principal with Offit Kurman’s NJ/NY Family Law Practice. Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Jo was a founding Partner of Argentino Fiore Law & Advocacy, LLC. Jo’s practice is focused on complex areas of Family Law and related matters.

Jo received her JD from Syracuse University College of Law in 2002, and began her legal practice as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Deanne M. Wilson, J.S.C. Thereafter, she spent most of her practice focusing exclusively in the area of Family Law. She has, however, spent significant time immersed in employment discrimination, personal injury and civil rights advocacy. Jo often relies upon these experiences in her current work.

Jo obtained her Master of Science in Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology, to inform and enhance her practice with children and families. She has studied a variety of developmental disorders, personality disorders and mental health conditions, the neurobiological and developmental effects on young children when they suffer the trauma of separation from a known caregiver and focused her Masters thesis on the importance of gender affirmation in contested custody matters.

Jo is an active and passionate volunteer within the legal and LGBTQ+ communities and has written extensively on the subject of Family Law and LGBTQ issues. She has been a speaker for organizations in NY and NJ, as well as for various national venues.

*Jo has over two decades of experience in NJ and NY Family Law in general, with specialty focus on:*

- LGBTQIA+ community
- Non-biological parents
- Special needs children
- Neurodiverse individuals
- High net worth individuals
- High profile individuals
- Media-sensitive situations
- Polyamorous families
- BDSM/Kink community
- Unmarried individuals
- Emancipated minors
- Multi-generational families

*Topics that Jo regularly addresses in her practice include:*

- Appeals
- Asset Distribution
- College Contribution
- Child Support
- Confirmatory and Adult Adoptions
- Custody – FD and FM
- Dissolution of Civil Union
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Donor Agreements
- Gender Affirming Documents
- Guardian ad Litem
- Interstate and International conflicts
- Jurisdictional Disputes
- LGBTQIA+ issues
- Mediation
- Multi-parent custody

## JODI ARGENTINO

Principal, Hackensack  
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Adoption
- Family Law

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association Family Law Section Member, 2018-present
- National LGBT Bar Association, Member, 2010 - present
- NCLR/National LGBT Bar Family Law Institute, Selected Member, 2012-present
- BiLaw National, Member, 2014-present
- AFCC – National, Member, 2019-present
- AFCC-NJ, Board of Directions, 2020-present
- Essex County Board of County Commissioners LGBTQ Advisory Committee, Appointed, 2019-present
- Essex County Bar Association, Board of Trustees, 2020-present
- ECBA LGBTQ Rights, Subcommittee Chair, established 2021
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member, 2002-present
- NJSBA CLE Advisory Committee, Appointed by state bar president

2018-present

- Special Committee on The Non-Dissolution Docket, Appointed by Judge Grant, established 2021
- NJSBA Family Law Section Executive Committee Member, 2018-present and Member, 2001-present
- Children's Rights Committee, Member
- Non-Dissolution Committee, Co-chair
- Diversity Committee, Member
- NJSBA Solo and Small Firm Section, Member, 2015-present
- NJSBA LGBTQ Rights Section, Chair, 2017-18, Executive Board and Board of Trustees, 2011-present
- National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, Kink Aware Professional Designation and Member

- Name Changes
- Palimony
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Post-Judgment modifications
- Postnuptial Agreements
- Psychological Parentage
- Relocation/Removal
- Special Education
- Termination of Domestic Partnerships
- Tevis claims/Marital Torts
- Third-Party visitation/custody
- UCCJEA Litigation
- Wills and Estate Document preparation

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Affirmation is Essential for LGBTQ+ Youth in Family Court, *New Jersey Family Lawyer*, Vol. 41, No. 1-December 2022, Author

### *Additional Publications*

- re T.I.C.-C., No. A-1706-20 (App. Div. Feb. 16, 2022): A case wherein the Court recognized the struggles of and privacy rights of transgender individuals in New Jersey
- W.M. v. D.G., 467 N.J. Super. 216 (App. Div. 2021): A case recognizing the rights of Psychological Parents in New Jersey, the rights of children to counsel and the rights of all parties to receive appropriate treatment within the FD (non-dissolution) docket
- NJ Psychological Association, *2020 Winter NJ Psychologist Special Section Journal: Psychological Issues Faced by Transgender Individuals in Communities "The Convergence of the legal rights with the educational and psychological well-being of transgender students in New Jersey."* January 21, 2020, available at (co-authored with Celeste Fiore, Esq.)
- *New Jersey Lawyer: The Importance of Early Intervention for Transitioning LGBTQ Families (August 2020)*
- *LGBTQ Divorce and Relationship Dissolution: Psychological and Legal Perspectives and Implications for Practice. Chapter 22: Dissolution of Polyamorous Relationships: Multiple Parent Families and Other Complex Arrangements. (2019) Edited by Abbie E. Goldberg & Adam P. Romero, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018, 480 pp. (Chapter co-author with Celeste Fiore, Esq.)*
- *Obergefell v. Hodges, Case Nos. 14-556; 14-562; 14-571; 14-574, Brief of Amicus Curiae BiLaw, in Support of Petitioners, March 3, 2015 (counsel of record, as a BiLaw member, with Kyle Velte, Nancy Marcus, Toby Phoebe Adams, Naomi Mezey, Ann Tweedy and Diana Adams.)*

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education Family Law Symposium, *DEI and Cultural Competence in Court Appointments in Family Court: Where are We Now?*, January 28, 2023
- New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, *Protecting Trans and Non-Binary Youth CLE*, November 29, 2022

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- Super Lawyer, New Jersey and New York Super Lawyers, Family Law Attorney, 2021-2023\*
- NJ's Best Lawyers for Families 2020
- Top 10 Power Couples of 2019, InsiderNJ (along with Celeste Fiore)
- Insider OUT 100: LGBT Power List, InsiderNJ, 2018 & 2019
- National LGBT Bar Association Best 40 Attorneys Under 40 Award Recipient (2015)

*\*The Super Lawyers lists are issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found at [http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection\\_process\\_detail.html](http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection_process_detail.html). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by any Court.*

*"You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt.*

*I strive to provide my clients with attention to their individual needs, supportive but candid advice, creative legal solutions, and to work with them through difficult challenges to help them build a foundation to move forward to live authentically and joyfully.*

**EDUCATION**

- Syracuse University, College of Law, J.D.
- Northcentral University, M.S.
- Muhlenberg College, B.A.

**ADMISSIONS**

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey