



**RONALD L. OGENS**  
 Retired Counsel, Bethesda

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Family Law

**ACTIVITIES**

- Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Chair, Fire and Emergency Services Commission of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Former Chair of the Montgomery County Government Fire and Rescue Commission
- Former presiding officer in appeals from orders of the fire chief and chair of the Master Fire Defense, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Plan Task Force
- Member/commissioner of the Montgomery County Government Ethics Commission
- Member of the Bar Association of Montgomery County
- Member of the Maryland State Bar Association
- Member of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

Mr. Ogens' practice as family law attorney is focused on the negotiation, settlement, and litigation of family law matters in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He handles a variety of divorce matters, including separation and divorce, annulment, alimony and child support issues and analysis, child custody and visitation issues, and the identification, valuation, classification, and division of marital and non-marital property. He also provides preparation and analysis of separation and property settlement agreements and prenuptial agreements. His experience as a family law attorney helps him serve as an effective mediator and arbitrator in family law disputes.

**Additional Practice Areas: Child Support, Mediation, Collaborative Law, Custody and Visitation, Divorce** 

**POINTS OF DISTINCTION**

Mr. Ogens is a past president of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, an association of the nation's top matrimonial lawyers from the 50 states who specialize in all issues relating to marriage and divorce. The Academy conducts local continuing legal education programs, participates in the legislative process and engages in a variety of other activities to serve the public and improve the practice of matrimonial law.

Mr. Ogens has received numerous honors, awards, and recognition by publications and surveys, including:

- Named to Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent® Top Rated Lawyers, 2019
- Named Washington, D.C. Family Law Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year" 2022 from "Best Lawyers in America". Only a single lawyer in each practice area and community is honored with a "Lawyer of the Year" award.
- Named Washington, D.C. Family Law Mediation "Lawyer of the Year" 2018 from "Best Lawyers in America". Only a single lawyer in each practice area and community is honored with a "Lawyer of the Year" award.
- Named to the *Best Lawyers in America* listing in the Family Law category in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018-2024
- Named to the *Best Lawyers in America* listing in the Family Law Mediation category in 2016, 2018-2024
- Named to the *Best Lawyers in America* listing in the Family Law Arbitration category in 2018-2024
- Named as one of the "2017 Top Divorce Lawyers" by Bethesda Magazine in its July/August edition
- Named to the "Maryland Super Lawyers" listing in 2008 - 2012, 2015-2022
- Named to the "Maryland Top 100 Lawyers" by Super Lawyers in 2012, 2015-2021
- Named to the "Washington DC Super Lawyers" listing in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012
- Named to *Washingtonian's* "Best Divorce Lawyers" listing in 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013
- Named to Bethesda Magazine's "Top Divorce Lawyers" listing in 2010 and 2013

Mr. Ogens is a certified family law arbitrator (AAML) and he often serves as a court appointed family law mediator for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

**PUBLICATIONS / SPEECHES**

Mr. Ogens is a frequent lecturer in family law for continuing legal education programs. Over the years he has given lectures on Tortious Interference with Custody, Access, and International Infliction of Mental Distress, the Marital Property Workshop, Maryland Law of Dissipation of Marital Assets, Family Law Around the Beltway, the Mental Health Privilege in Family Law Cases, Securing Possession of Real Estate from Non-titled Spouse and Changes in Family Law Practice.

Mr. Ogens was also quoted in the *Washingtonian*. [Click here to read a copy of the article.](#)

**PRO BONO**

Mr. Ogens has given back to his community for more than 30 years serving as a Public Member of the Montgomery County Fire & Emergency Service Commission. He is the current Chair of the Commission, an agency of the Montgomery County Government. The Commission approves all General Orders and Policies proposed by the County Fire Chief and advises the County Executive and the County Council on matters related to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services in the county.

**EDUCATION**

- J.D., American University, Washington College of Law, 1967
- B.S., University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1964

**AWARDS****ADMISSIONS**

- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit