

## Michael R. Chilcot, Jr.



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Michael R. Chilcot, Jr. is an Associate with Leech Tishman and a member of the Family Law and Litigation Practice Groups. Michael is based in the State College office where he focuses his practice on family and collaborative law and real estate law.

Michael values helping people make good decisions in the midst of uncertainty. Specializing in family law, Michael counsels his clients in the legal arena, but does so with an appreciation and understanding for life's bigger picture. Michael is known for dedicating the time to get to know his clients, their goals and their family dynamics so that he can craft his legal advice to lead to success both inside and beyond the courtroom, and for many years to come.

Michael maintains a comprehensive family law practice, focusing on all aspects of domestic relations matters, including but not limited to divorce, equitable distribution, custody, support, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, and protection from abuse. Michael has expertise in both negotiations that occur outside of the courtroom, and in litigating matters. Dedication to helping people navigate

family issues began early in Michael's career. In law school, Michael volunteered and interned with various organizations charged with helping clients involved in family law disputes. This work led to Michael's recognition and receipt of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law's Community Service Award. Since that time, Michael has built on this family law foundation with courtroom experience and pride in his ability to help guide people through challenging times.

Being able to predict outcomes, anticipate issues, and quickly adapt to information are skills that Michael brings to his practice. He encourages clients to fully understand their options and combine his guidance with their inner resources to control their own destiny. Michael strongly believes in the power of compassion, which is evident not only in his relationships with his clients, but also in how he spends his time away from the office. Michael continues his lifelong interest in animal welfare as a dedicated Board Member for Centre County PAWS.

### Academics

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
B.S. in Chemical Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University

### Admissions

Pennsylvania  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

### Experience

McQuaide Blasko, Inc.  
RobertsMiceli, LLP  
Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP

### Professional Memberships

American Bar Association (Member, Section of Family Law)  
Pennsylvania Bar Association (Member, Family Law Section)  
Centre County Bar Association (Member)  
The Wilkinson-Campbell American Inn of Court

### Publications

*Lexis Nexis Practice Guide: Pennsylvania Family Law*, 2021 Edition (Co-Author)  
"Foremost Under 40," *Pennsylvania Business Central*, 2020  
"Legal Custody and Best Interests: Vaccines, Science and the Law," *Pennsylvania Family Lawyer*, December 2017 (Author)

## **Speaking Engagements**

*Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements in Pennsylvania*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, March 2020 (Editor and Course Planner)

*Equitable Distribution Update*, Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section Winter Meeting, 2017 (Author and Presenter)

## **Community Involvement**

Bellefonte Area High School Mock Trial Team (Advisor)  
Central Mountain High School Mock Trial Team (Former Advisor)

Centre County PAWS (Member, Board of Directors)

Christian Legal Aid (Former Member, Board of Directors)

Happy Valley Invitational (Judge)

Leadership Centre County (Class of 2018)

Penn State Mock Trial Team (Judge)