

# Jacquelyn A. Dupler

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Jackie Dupler is a family law attorney serving clients across mid-Michigan. She specializes in a wide range of family law matters, from straightforward divorce cases to family situations with more complicated circumstances. Jackie works directly with clients from pre-filing divorce through the entire process, including Friend of the Court preparation and hearings, discovery, mediation, emergency motions, negotiation, trial, and appeals.

She has extensive experience navigating family situations involving substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, mental health concerns, co-parenting, and financial difficulties with the nuance these cases require. As part of her family law practice, Jackie handles complex asset and debt-related issues such as business ownership, self-employment, and complicated retirement accounts and pensions.

Committed to practicing family law with compassion, Jackie advocates firmly for her clients with the best interest of all in mind—especially when children are involved. She understands that every family is different, with unique wishes and outcomes, but more importantly, that legal matters regarding divorce, custody, parenting time, child support, and spousal support have ramifications that extend far beyond the courtroom.

Jackie works closely with her clients to not only obtain the best results regarding their case but to also help prepare them in the long run for real-life changes as the family dynamics evolve. With a tailored and effective approach, she believes in encouraging resolution and compromise where possible. Jackie's philosophy in divorce negotiations is, "Sometimes you have to love your kids more than you hate your ex-spouse!"

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Divorce

Family Law

General & Commercial Litigation

#### **EDUCATION**

Michigan State University College of Law, J.D. 2012

Michigan State University, B.A., 2008 *cum laude* 

#### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of Michigan

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

United States Supreme Court

#### **HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

Regional Leadership Award, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM), 2024

"Influential Women of Law" Honoree, Michigan Lawyers Weekly, 2023

Best Lawyers in America© 2024 "One to Watch" (Family Law)

"Women Lawyer Stars" Honoree, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM), Mid-Michigan Region, 2021

"5 Under 35 Award", Ingham County Bar Association, 2017



In the event that resolution cannot be met outside the courtroom, Jackie represents her clients with confidence, staying focused on assertively promoting their best interests through legal action.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Children Are Our Future: Mastering Advanced Concepts of Custody, Parenting Time & Support, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) Conference, May 2, 2024

**Protecting Your Business and Assets when the Marriage Fails**, Foster Swift Legal Strategies for Women Leaders, August 9, 2022

Putting Children First in Co-Parenting, Foster Swift 2nd Wednesday Morning Break, March 9, 2022

#### **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

## **Legal Affiliations:**

- State Bar of Michigan (SBM)
  - Member Family Law Section; Young Lawyers Section (2013-Present)
- Ingham County Bar Association (ICBA)
  - Board Member
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  - Director Board of Directors (2015-2017 as ICBA-YLS President and President-Elect)
    - Member Membership (2016-2017); Barrister's (2016-2017)
  - ICBA Young Lawyers Section Board Member (2015-2019)
    - Immediate Past-President (2017-2018); President (2016-2017); President-Elect (2015-2016)
    - Co-Chair Social Events (2017-2019)
    - Member 5k (2015-2019), Social Events (2015-2017), Finance (2016-2017), ICBA Liaison (2016-2018), ICBF Liaison (2016-2018), Communications (2016-2018), SBM (2017-2018), Fundraising (2018-2019), Community Outreach (2018-2019)
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lansing Office Advisory
  - Board Member (2018-Present)
- Ingham County Bar Foundation (ICBF)
  - Fellow, 2022
  - Ex Officio Director Board of Directors (2016-2017);
  - Golf Committee (2017-2019)
- Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association
  - Member, 2022
- Michigan State Bar Foundation
  - Lansing Fundraising Committee, 2022



#### **Professional Affiliations:**

- Michigan Advocacy Program
  - Board Member (2019-Present)
- Lansing Area Safety Council
  - Board Member (2019-Present)
- Mid-Michigan Treatment Court Foundation
  - Board Member (2019-Present)
  - Fundraising Committee (2019-Present)
- Michigan Board of Accountancy
  - Board Member (2020-Present), appointed by Governor Whitmer
- Michigan State University College of Law Alumni Association
  - Board Member (2020-Present)
- Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan Mid-Michigan Region
  - Member (2015-Present)
  - Board Member (2015-2016, 2020-2023),
    - State Liaison (2015-2016),
    - Secretary (2020-2023)
- Michigan Association for Justice
  - Member (2015-2021)
  - Membership Committee (2019-2021)
- Tri-County Family Law Association
  - Member (2015-Present)
- National Association of Career Women Lansing Chapter
  - Member (2015-Present)

## **Community Affiliations**

- Ingham County Friend of the Court FOCUS on the Children Program
  - Presenter (2017-Present)
- People's Law School
  - Presenter (2014, 2016, 2017)
  - Moderator (2017-2020)
- ICBA Young Lawyers Section
  - Educational Event Collateral Consequences Presenter (2019)
- Parkside at College Fields Homeowners Association
  - Board Member (2017-2018)



- ICBA Young Lawyers Section
  - Horn of Plenty Food Drive Volunteer (2015-2018)

## **RECENT BLOG POSTS**

## Your Family Law Advocate Blog

Communication is Key in Co-Parenting Coordination

Thoughtful Holiday Parenting Time Scheduling is Key to Happy Holidays for Your Kids

How to Protect Your Business When the Marriage Fails

How to Put Your Children First in Co-Parenting

Get to Know Your Family Law Advocate: Jackie Dupler

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