



## Family Law

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We have a reputation for producing optimal results for our clients with the highest level of integrity and civility.

Family law matters often cross multiple legal disciplines. The Foster Swift family law practice is a cross-disciplinary group of attorneys who work closely with our Business, Estate Planning, Bankruptcy, Tax attorneys and litigators to make sure all legal aspects are considered in the resolution of your matter.

Clients can be assured of the highest level of professionalism, legal strategy and advocacy. As such, we work to open an honest yet compassionate dialogue about the complexities of a case. We will explain the law, recommend different strategies, and give you a realistic idea of what you can expect.

Matters that clients frequently seek our counsel on are:

- Divorce and legal separation
- Family law mediation services
- Post-divorce issues, including judgment enforcement, modification of spousal support, parenting time and child support
- Custody, including legal custody issues such as change of school and medical care
- Change of domicile
- Child support
- Adoption
- Paternity, including establishing paternity, revocation of paternity and establishing custody and parenting time when an Acknowledgement of Parentage has been executed
- Prenuptial agreements
- Family trust agreements
- Cohabitation agreements
- Abuse, including child, spousal and senior citizen

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- Personal Protection Orders
- Parent-Child Law, including termination of parental rights and establishing grandparent visitation
- Guardianship, including special needs children
- Legal name change of a minor
- Emancipation of minors
- Appeals of family law cases

Foster Swift has been named a Tier 1 firm in **Family Law** in Lansing by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* "Best Law Firms" in 2014.

## NEWS

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Dupler Reappointed by Gov. Whitmer to Michigan Board of Accountancy, *Michigan.gov*, May 23, 2024

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Preparing Women Business Leaders for 2024 Legal Challenges, *Meltwater Newswire*, February 20, 2024

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Former Illinois Assistant Attorney Joins Foster Swift's Family Law Practice, *Detroit Legal News*, November 14, 2023

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Senior Attorney Litigator Joins Foster Swift in Southfield, *Detroit Legal News*, January 18, 2023

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The Faces of Strategic Business Law, *dBusiness*, November 1, 2022

Litigators Rusek and Thomas Join Foster Swift, *Ingham County Legal News*, September 13, 2022

New Virtual Program Addresses Legal Strategies for Women Business Leaders, *Michigan Business Network*, March 28, 2022

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Attorney Andrea Badalucco Joins Foster Swift, *Southfield Chamber*, June 5, 2018

Grand Rapids Attorney Receives Outstanding Achievement Award from State Bar of Michigan, August 4, 2016

44 Foster Swift Attorneys Named to 2016 Best Lawyers in America® Roster, August 21, 2015

Frederick Dilley named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly Leaders in the Law 2015, March 26, 2015

## **EVENTS**

Back to School: Balancing Careers, Schedules and Divorce, *Legal Strategies for Women Leaders*, August 7, 2024

Best Practices to Avoid Legal Consequences for Parents & College Bound Students, *Second Wednesday Sessions*, July 10, 2024

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

How to Manage Parenting Time During the Holiday Season, *Second Wednesday Sessions*, December 13, 2023

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

Foster Swift Explains Remote Mediation, *Michigan Business Network*, April 20, 2020

Discovery Guidelines and Case Management Tips, *Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE): Divorce Cases From Start to Finish for Paralegals*, May 21, 2019

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Divorce Mediation, *ICLE Family Law Institute*, November 2016

Electronic Snooping: Do's and Don'ts, *Grand Rapids Bar Association- Family Law Section*, December 3, 2013

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