



## Jennifer M. Hanes

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**Jennifer M. Hanes** is a Michigan native who relocated to the Cleveland area to attend law school and begin her legal career. Jennifer has over a decade of experience in the area of family law including divorce, dissolution, post-decree matters, establishment of parental rights and responsibilities, paternity actions, child support and adoption.

In addition, she is an advocate for children and has served as a Guardian ad Litem for minor children in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court throughout her career.

Jennifer's work in the area of family law extends beyond the courtroom. In 2015, 2016, and 2017, she contributed to the drafting of Baldwin's Ohio Practice Domestic Relations Law Handbook. Jennifer is also an active member in the Center for Principled Family Advocacy – an organization that promotes alternatives to litigation for resolving marriage and parenting issues.

Jennifer has been recognized for her outstanding service in the practice of law. In 2009 and 2015, she was nominated for Guardian ad Litem of the Year by the Guardian ad Litem Project of Cuyahoga County, and in 2014 Jennifer was named a Rising Star in Super Lawyers in the area of family law.

When not practicing law, Jennifer enjoys being physically active by teaching a women's fitness program in Westlake. When she does take the opportunity to relax, she enjoys traveling with her husband, Jeff, and spending time with their rescue dog, Gertie.

## Education

Cleveland Marshall College of Law,  
Cleveland State University  
Juris Doctorate, 2006

## Indiana University

Bachelors in Criminal Justice  
and Minor in Sociology,  
Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society  
in Criminal Justice, 2002

## Admissions

State: Ohio

Federal: U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

## Commendations

Super Lawyers Rising Star  
(2014)



“Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the high road to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.”

– Margaret Thatcher