

## Family Law

Moss & Barnett's family law practice group offers a unique blend of creativity, common sense, and compassion, backed by decades of experience in the most personal of legal practices.

We represent clients with difficult family law matters in areas including:

- Dissolution of marriage or legal separation
- Division of complex assets and executive compensation
- Paternity proceedings
- Determining and modifying child support and spousal maintenance orders
- Parenting time and custody agreements and proceedings
- Antenuptial, postnuptial, and cohabitation agreements
- Family law appeals
- Hague Convention proceedings regarding children
- Harassment restraining orders and orders for protection

We are distinctive among full-service law firms for our nationally recognized family law practice. Our lawyers are regularly included in *Minnesota Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, and they are frequent contributors to state and national publications and seminars.

Moss & Barnett family law clients benefit from our in-depth resources to address complex family law issues in business, trusts and estates, tax law, real property, retirement, and other employee benefits. Our lawyers have extensive experience managing complex financial questions related to identifying marital and nonmarital property as well as valuing businesses, professional practices, intellectual property, and spousal maintenance.

### Professionals

Loralee A. Berle

Debra M. Bulluck

Sara R. Buntin

Katherine M. Daugherty

Jana Aune Deach

Brittney M. Jones

Rob A. Marshall

James J. Vedder

April L. Will

## News

Moss & Barnett Family Law Lawyer Debra M. Bulluck Named the Recipient of the Violence Free Minnesota Alice O. Lynch Inspire Award for 2023

09.26.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for 2024

08.17.2023

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2023 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*

07.17.2023

Moss & Barnett Family Law Lawyer James J. Vedder Elected President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML-MN)

06.28.2023

Attorneys Debra M. Bulluck and Madeline E. Davis Join Moss & Barnett

02.24.2023

In Love and Owning a Business in Minnesota? You May Need A Prenup (James J. Vedder quoted) *Star Tribune*, 10.09.2022

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, and *Best Lawyers "Lawyers of the Year"* for 2023

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.18.2022

Kevin M. Busch, Christopher D. Stall, and James J. Vedder Included as *The Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyers of the Year" for 2023

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.18.2022

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2022 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*

07.18.2022

Jana Aune Deach Awarded Professionalism Award by Hennepin County Bar Association Family Law Section

05.31.2022

John P. Boyle and Jana Aune Deach Re-elected to Moss & Barnett Board of Directors

02.23.2022

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2022

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.19.2021

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our 2021 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars*

07.20.2021

Brian T. Grogan and James J. Vedder Re-elected to Moss & Barnett Board of Directors

02.04.2021

Moss & Barnett Announces New Shareholders: Kathy Y. Allen, Kelly C. Engebretson, Brittney M. Miller, John M. Schmid, and Alex R. Schoephoerster

01.20.2021

Jana Aune Deach Selected to Twin Cities Business Notable Women in the Law (2020)

*Twin Cities Business* (October/November 2020 edition), 10.12.2020

Fifteen Moss & Barnett Lawyers Named to 2021 *Best Lawyers*® List

*The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.20.2020

April L. Will Joins Moss & Barnett

08.18.2020

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Listed to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2020

07.20.2020

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Our Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in “The Best Lawyers in America” for 2020

*The Best Lawyers in America*®, 08.15.2019

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2019

07.05.2019

John P. Boyle and Jana Aune Deach Elected to Board of Directors and Beth A. Gliedman Elected a Shareholders of Moss & Barnett

05.02.2019

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in “The Best Lawyers in America” for 2019

08.15.2018

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars” Lists for 2018

07.05.2018

James J. Vedder Named to Courage Kenny Foundation Board  
05.29.2018

Brian Grogan and Jim Vedder Elected to Board of Directors  
03.27.2018

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America®"  
for 2018  
08.15.2017

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"  
Lists for 2017  
07.05.2017

Brittney Miller Guest Speaker at Justice Ann K. McKeig's Investiture Ceremony  
09.15.2016

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America®"  
for 2017  
08.15.2016

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"  
Lists for 2016  
07.05.2016

Jana Aune Deach and Tom Shroyer Elected to Board of Directors  
03.01.2016

Brittney M. Miller Joins Moss & Barnett  
01.18.2016

Mara L. Gollin-Garrett Certified as a MnCP  
07.06.2015

Jana Aune Deach Named 2014 Paul Van Valkenburg Community Service Award Recipient  
03.20.2015

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Selected for Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America®"  
for 2015  
08.18.2014

Moss & Barnett Congratulates Its Lawyers Named to Minnesota "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"  
Lists for 2014  
07.07.2014

James J. Vedder Selected for Admission to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers  
10.18.2013

## Events

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Diamond Sponsor of the 2024 AFCC-MN Annual Conference: "Teens: Current Challenges in Family Law Cases"  
AFCC-MN Annual Conference, East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 NE Second Street, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (in person and online), 07.25.2024

Update on Antenuptial Agreements  
Live Webcast Seminar, 05.16.2024

Elimination of Bias: An Interactive Approach to Confronting Bias and Conflict in Family Law Matters  
The 2024 Family Law Institute, St Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, 03.25.2024

Legislative Advocacy, Domestic Violence, and Child Custody: Next Steps for Minnesota  
The 2024 Family Law Institute, St Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, 03.25.2024

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2023 AAML Minnesota Divorce Camp: "We Need to Talk . . . Approaching Difficult Conversations with Confidence and Skill"  
Madden's On Gull Lake, 11266 Pine Beach Peninsula Road, Brainerd, MN 56401, September 28 - October 1, 2023

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2023 AFCC-MN Annual Conference: "Unlocking your implicit biases: What are you really bringing to the table?"  
AFCC-MN Annual Conference, East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 NE Second Street, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (also available online), 07.27.2023

Jana Aune Deach and Moss & Barnett are Pleased to be a Silver Sponsor of AAML-MN's 2022 Divorce Camp  
Madden's On Gull Lake, 11266 Pine Beach Peninsula Road, Brainerd, MN 56401, 09.29.2022

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2022 AFCC-MN Annual Conference: "What To Do When a Child Resists or Rejects a Parent: Building a Tool-Kit for Professionals"  
AFCC-MN Annual Hybrid Conference, East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 NE Second Street, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (also available online), 07.28.2022

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information  
Minnesota Paralegal Association April Family Law Sectional (Remote Attendance via Zoom), 04.19.2022

Divorce A to Z: Antenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements  
Minnesota CLE Divorce A to Z Webcast Series, 04.13.2022

Moss & Barnett is Pleased to be a Silver Sponsor of A Toast to Courage  
Virtual Event, 10.08.2021

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Gold Sponsor of the 2021 AFCC MN Annual  
Conference: The Intersection of Culture with Custody and Parenting Time Decisions in Family Court  
2021 AFCC MN Annual Conference, Wellstone Center, St. Paul, MN, 07.29.2021

10 Methods to Make Analyzing Spousal Maintenance Cases Easier  
100+ Sure-Fire Strategies and Tips for the Family Lawyer (Minnesota CLE Live Online Program),  
07.14.2021

The Art of Antenuptial Drafting: For Estate Attorneys  
St. Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, 06.10.2019

The Art of Antenuptial Drafting: Advanced Session  
St. Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, 03.18.2019

The Art of Antenuptial Drafting: Beginner Session  
St. Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102, 03.18.2019

Moss & Barnett's Family Law Team is Pleased to be a Sponsor of HCBA's Family Law & Civil Litigation  
I Best Practices: Special Considerations for Bench Trials and Evidentiary Hearings CLE  
Atlas Grill & Clubroom 200 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 02.20.2019

Domestic Violence & Child Custody: What is the Best Interest of the Child?  
Global Rights for Women free continuing legal education seminar, Nilan Johnson Lewis PA, 120  
South Sixth Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 09.15.2017

Divorce Attorney's Guide to Financial Documents and Tax Returns  
National Business Institute (NBI) Live Teleconference, 01.23.2017

Moss & Barnett is Pleased to be a Silver Sponsor of A Toast to Courage  
Radisson Blu Mall of America, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425, 10.14.2016

Court Case Attorney Panel  
26th Annual Business Valuation Conference, University of St. Thomas - Schultze Auditorium, 46  
11th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55403, 04.29.2016

"Navigate Your Way Through Divorce," 7th Annual Divorcing Divas Conference  
Divorcing Divas 7th Annual Conference, Minneapolis Marriott West, 9960 Wayzata Boulevard, St.  
Louis Park, MN 55426, 10.24.2015



What's Yours is Yours and What's Mine is Mine: Is This My Future Reality?

Breakout Session at "Navigate Your Divorce Journey," 7th Annual Divorcing Divas Conference, Minneapolis Marriott West, 9960 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55426, 10.24.2015

Here Be Dragons: Conquer Your Fear of the Unknown and Gain Knowledge to Design Your Roadmap to the Future

Morning Keynote at "Navigate Your Divorce Journey," 7th Annual Divorcing Divas Conference, Minneapolis Marriott West, 9960 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55426, 10.24.2015

## Publications

10 Questions with Debra Bulluck

*Hennepin Lawyer*, 01.11.2024

Breaking the Ice: Attorney honored for abuse-survivor advocacy

*Minnesota Lawyer*, 11.02.2023

Minnesota State Bar Association Donor Spotlight: Debra Bulluck

*Minnesota State Bar Association*, 07.05.2023

Table of Experts: Women in Law (Jana Aune Deach, Panelist)

*Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*, 03.31.2023

Can Parents Handle the Truth? A Primer on Child-Inclusive Mediation

*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Winter 2023)*, 03.21.2023

Retirement and Spousal Maintenance As Baby Boomers Reach Their Golden Years

*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Winter 2023 edition)*, 03.21.2023

Estate Plan Implications in Divorce

*Best Lawyers: The Family Law Issue 2023\**, 12.19.2022

The Dangers of DIY Divorce: Omitted Assets and the Case of *Pooley v. Pooley*

*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Fall 2022 edition)*, 12.15.2022

Trouble at Home

*Best Lawyers: The Family Law Issue 2022\**, 12.20.2021

Breaking the Ice: Family law attorney works to 'minimize conflict, consequences'

*Minnesota Lawyer*, 03.11.2021

Co-Parenting in the Era of COVID-19

*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Fall 2020 edition)*, 12.15.2020

When DNA Isn't the Tie that Binds

*Best Lawyers: The Family Law Issue 2021\**, 12.08.2020

Paternity Presumptions in the Age of the Modern Family  
*Moss & Barnett Advocate (Summer 2019 edition)*, 08.05.2019

Annotated Antenuptial Agreement  
*Minnesota CLE InFORMed Document Series*, 03.18.2019

Recent Supreme Court Decisions Highlight Need for Estate Planning and Family Lawyers to Collaborate  
*Summer 2018 Firm Newsletter*, 08.22.2018

Presumptions in Paternity Cases: Who Is the Father in the Eyes of the Law?  
*Family Advocate, Volume 40, No. 4 (Spring 2018), Parentage and the Modern Family\**, 04.23.2018

In Whose Best Interest? Custody and Parenting Time Decisions in the Context of Family Violence  
*Global Rights for Women\**, 12.08.2016

Spousal Maintenance Obligations Upon Retirement  
*Summer 2016 Firm Newsletter*, 07.18.2016

From Private to Public: The Impact of Domestic Violence in the Workplace  
*Global Rights for Women\**, 05.24.2016

Minnesota Family Law Financial Deskbook, Third Edition (2016)  
*Minnesota State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education*, 01.01.2016

Spousal Maintenance and Retirement: How to Advise Clients in a Post "Lee v. Lee" World  
*Published in MSBA Family Law Forum Winter 2012-13 ( Vol. 21, No. 1.) Reproduced with permission. All rights reserved.*, 02.01.2013

Is the "Schmitz" Formula Underwater?  
*Published in MSBA Family Law Forum, Winter 2012-13 (Vol. 21, No. 1). Reproduced with permission. All rights reserved.*, 02.01.2013

Family Law Presumptions: What Is Being Presumed?  
*Winter 2013 Firm Newsletter*, 02.01.2013

Options for Managing the Cost of Divorce in a Down Economy  
*Spring 2010 Firm Newsletter*, 04.01.2010

## **Prominent in Minnesota Family Law**

During our decades of practice, we have become known at the local, state, and national levels for developing and interpreting Minnesota family law. Individually and collectively, our lawyers are endorsed by the legal community, which in turn adds to our effectiveness in dispute resolution.

Moss & Barnett's family law team also has extensive experience working in all areas of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), including early neutral evaluation, mediation, moderated conferences, child-inclusive mediation, arbitration, consensual special master proceedings, and other court or



private programs.

## **Working With Families**

The family law attorneys at Moss & Barnett understand that the working notion of “family” is ever changing, and we are committed to improving Minnesota family law to meet the challenges and unique circumstances of individual clients and their families.

We educate, advise, and advocate for our clients, helping them make clear, rational decisions in the face of sensitive personal issues. Because Moss & Barnett is a full-service law firm, our family law team offers clients unique and cost-effective support from other Moss & Barnett attorneys practicing in business, trusts and estates, tax law, real property, and employee and retirement benefits.

## **Resolving Disputes/Litigation**

Our clients are facing personal and difficult legal issues, and the results we achieve will shape their futures and ability to move forward. Moss & Barnett works collaboratively and involves clients at every stage in the process. The overriding goal is to create an acceptable solution that helps clients maintain control of their lives and avoid unnecessary litigation.

We appear on behalf of clients in mediation, early neutral evaluation, arbitration, and moderated settlement conferences. We also have extensive courtroom and trial experience and are fully prepared to litigate zealously for our clients if agreements cannot be reached, whenever it is in the client’s best interest.

## **A Common-Sense Approach**

The legal process can exact a financial and emotional toll on clients in family law matters. Our “common-sense” commitment to resolving our clients’ disputes seeks to minimize the inherent difficulties experienced in family law matters. Our lawyers are highly skilled at various alternative dispute resolution methods, including mediation, early neutral evaluation, arbitration, and moderated settlement conferences.

Ultimately, we seek to guide clients through difficult personal matters for themselves, their family members, their business or professional relationships, and all others affected by the matter.