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PRACTICE AREAS: Family Law

Jim has significant trial and settlement experience in complex marital dissolution matters, including the division of marital and nonmarital assets, the division of closely held businesses, spousal maintenance, child support, and custody issues. He brings a compassionate approach to difficult family law cases in both alternative dispute resolution forums and litigation.

Jim has substantial experience in settling and trying complex marital dissolution cases. He regularly advises in the areas of:

- Antenuptial and postnuptial agreements
- Business valuation litigation
- Complex litigation and settlement of marital and nonmarital assets
- Complex nonmarital tracing
- Spousal maintenance and child support
- Custody settlement and litigation
- Settlement negotiations
- Appeals

Jim has worked with children in numerous contexts over the years and is sensitive to the emotional challenges presented by difficult family situations. He works diligently to minimize these potentially stressful situations and produce favorable results for his clients.

Prior to joining Moss & Barnett, Jim clerked for Hennepin County District Court Judge Mary DuFresne. In addition to participating in landmark family law cases in Minnesota, he contributes articles on family law topics to professional journals and lectures on a multitude of family law issues.

Jim also serves on Moss & Barnett's board of directors.

Representative/Reported Cases

- *In re Marriage of Li-Kuehne v. Kuehne*, A17-1462 (Minn. Ct. App. 2018)
- *Hermer v. Cisek*, A16-0482 (Minn. Ct. App. 2017)
- *Coleal v. Coleal*, A16-1502 (Minn. Ct. App. 2017)
- *Winer v. Winer*, A15-0339 (Minn. Ct. App. 2016)
- *In re Marriage of Li-Kuehne*, A07-807 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007)
- *Grimes v. Grimes*, A06-1047 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007)
- *Murra v. Murra*, A05-2547 (Minn. Ct. App. 2006)
- *Fruehling v. Fruehling*, A04-302 (Minn. Ct. App. 2004)
- *In re Benshoof*, CO-02-525 (Minn. Ct. App. 2002)
- *Geske v. Marcolina*, 642 N.W. 2d 62 (Minn. App. 2002)

Education

Hamline University School of Law, J.D.

University of Minnesota Twin Cities, B.A.

Classes / Seminars Taught

Adjunct professor for Family Law Lab, Hamline University School of Law

“Presumptions in Family Law: What Is Being Presumed?” Minnesota Family Law Institute (March 2013)

“Procedural & Substance Fairness in Antenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements,” Minnesota State Bar Association (November 2009)

“Antenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements for the High-Net-Worth Client,” Minnesota Family Law Institute (March 2009)

“Financial Issues in Antenuptial & Postnuptial Agreements,” Minnesota Family Law Financial Deskbook CLE (May 2008)

Admissions

Minnesota

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year," Family Law, Minneapolis (2023)

The Best Lawyers in America (2015-present)

Top 100 list, *Minnesota Super Lawyers* (2015-present)

Minnesota Super Lawyers (2012-present)

Minnesota Rising Stars (2004-2011)

Excellence for the Future Award, Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) – Legal Advocacy (1999)

CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Professional Responsibility (1999)

News

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

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

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 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

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

07.18.2022

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

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

The Best Lawyers in America, 08.20.2020

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

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

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

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

Speaking Engagements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publications

Estate Plan Implications in Divorce
*Best Lawyers: The Family Law Issue 2023**, 12.19.2022

Trouble at Home
*Best Lawyers: The Family Law Issue 2022**, 12.20.2021

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

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

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

Professional Associations

Minnesota State Bar Association

Hennepin County Bar Association (former member, Family Law Executive Committee)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow and member, Board of Managers

Minnesota Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, President (2023-Present);
President Elect (2021-2023)

Board Memberships

Board member, Courage Kenny Foundation

