

Barnes & Diehl profiles



Erik Baines joined Barnes and Diehl in 2014. A 2002 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Erik enjoyed a career as an educator and as a business owner prior to attending the University of Richmond School of Law. Following law school, Erik completed a judicial clerkship with the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Continuing his commitment to education, Erik has taught business law courses as an adjunct at Virginia Commonwealth University and served as a guest lecturer at his law school alma mater discussing the practical and personal aspects of family law with students. For nearly a decade, Erik has drafted a biannual update on Virginia family law for the Virginia State Bar. As a member of Fishburne Military School's Alumni Association Board of Directors, Erik enjoys supporting Fishburne's mission of raising up young men as it once did for him.

Complex cases often involve innovative solutions, at which Erik excels. Erik practices estate and family law, including drafting and negotiating the terms of prenuptial, marital, or separation agreements, wills and trusts, as well as litigating complex divorces, custody and support proceedings. Erik is one of a handful of Virginia lawyers who litigates international child abduction matters.

Erik enjoys giving back to his community and understands the stress and emotion each client feels when engaging in litigation. As an advocate, Erik engages with every client to find or create a solution to the problems and issues facing each of them. Erik lives in Bon Air with his family and is a husband, father, and co-parent.

Gwen Massie Wind is an attorney with Barnes & Diehl, P.C. and has focused on family law since graduating from the University of Richmond School of Law in 2011. During law school, Gwen discovered her passion for family law while working at the Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic. After law school, Gwen interned for Justice Elizabeth McClanahan at the Virginia Supreme Court before entering private practice. Since 2011, Gwen has been practicing exclusively in the area of family law and represents clients in courts across the Commonwealth of Virginia. She handles matters including property division and distribution, spousal and child support, divorce, custody and visitation, property settlement agreement negotiations, and pre and post-marital agreements. Gwen has been named a SuperLawyers Rising Star every year since 2014.

Gwen is very active in various local bar organizations serving on the board for the Metropolitan Family Law Bar Association and as Chairperson of the Litigation Section for the Richmond Bar Association. Gwen has been involved also with community organizations such as LINC (Legal Information Network for Cancer) and the Alzheimer's Association in Richmond. She is also very involved with numerous community projects through the Parent's Association of her son's school and her church.

Gwen lives in Richmond, Virginia with her husband and two children. Gwen understands that her family law clients are in situations that involve all aspects of their lives and their most important relationships and is able to help her clients navigate these difficult situations with empathy.

"Each family law case is unique and my approach is to treat the client as if he or she is my only client because I would want the same for my own family."
— Gwen Massie Wind



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