

# About DRENDEL & JANSONS Law Group

With roots back to 1961 in Aurora and 1994 in Batavia, Drendel & Jansons Law Group is a family firm providing professional, friendly, prompt and quality legal services. We emphasize communication with our clients and strive to help our clients understand their legal options and participate in the decision making.

The Drendel & Jansons Law Group represents businesses, business owners and their families in the greater Fox Valley area. We are active in the legal community and in our local communities. We develop relationships with our clients and focus on their needs, plans and goals. We are diligent and responsive. We pride ourselves on good communication. We protect our clients; we provide sound counsel; and we work hard to obtain the best results possible.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

**Family Law**, including divorce, parental rights, support, parenting time, maintenance, adoptions and relocation.

**Business**, including corporate and LLC formation, planning, sales, purchases & general help.

**Estate Planning**, including wills, trusts and powers of attorney's.

**Estate & Trust Administration**

**Bankruptcy/ Foreclosure**

**Real Estate** -commercial & residential, sales, acquisitions, development/zoning & litigation.

**Civil/Commercial Litigation**

**Collections & Liens**



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# PUBLICATIONS

Mark has several publications to his credit. Among the publications is a book aimed at attorneys to which he contributed as a co-author: **Strategies for Family Law in Illinois: Leading Lawyers on Leveraging Alternative Dispute Resolution, Negotiating Alimony and Child Support, and Managing Client Expectations (Inside the Minds)** [Paperback] by Aspatore / West Publishing.

Mark also authored a practical, plain-language guide and introduction to the complicated issue of divorce in Illinois: **Divorce Proceedings in Illinois: What You Need to Know** [Paperback] by Aspatore / West Publishing.

## About MARK

Mark D. Brent is a native of Aurora. He graduated with honors (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Illinois in 1988, and the University of Illinois College of Law in 1991. Mark spent several years doing major tort and insurance litigation with Williams and Montgomery in Chicago. He began his focus on Domestic Relations and Family Law in 1997 in Aurora. Mark is well-versed in all areas of family law, and family law is Mark's primary focus. Mark is an aggressive advocate for family law clients, handling all types of cases, with a focus on high-conflict issues, parental rights and removal of children to other states. Mark was a partner in the firm of Goldsmith, Thelin, Dickson and Brown until 2002, at which time he established The Law Office of Mark D. Brent. In order to expand our range of services and better

serve our clients, Drendel & Jansons Law Group and The Law Office of Mark D. Brent merged on December 1, 2009.

Mark is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Kane County Bar Association, DuPage County Bar Association and Kendall County Bar Association. He has twice been the Chair of the Kane County Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Committee. He is a member of the Kane County Bar Association's Family Law Committee. He has been admitted to practice in front of all Illinois State Courts, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and has been granted temporary (pro hac vice) admission to practice in several states.

<http://ilfamilylaw.com>

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# HONORS

National Association of Distinguished Counsel - "The Nation's Top One Percent". An invitation only professional organization that recognizes attorneys who elevate the standards of the bar and provide a benchmark for other attorneys to follow.



The National Advocates - "Top 100 Lawyers". The National Advocates is an invitation only professional organization composed of the top 100 attorneys from each state or region who serve individuals or families needing attorneys to represent them in the American legal system.

American Institute of Family Law Attorneys. Two-time award winner for Top 10 in the region for client satisfaction rating.

Leading Lawyers. Selected by fellow attorneys to be listed as one of the area's leading lawyers in the area of family law.

Kane County Bar Association Pro Bono Award. In 2015, Mark was recognized for leadership in providing free and low cost legal services to the indigent.



# TESTIMONIALS

"I met with many lawyers before I chose Mark and upon meeting him, I knew he was the one. He is very professional and extremely determined. He went above and beyond to fulfill my needs. Anytime I had a question or worry he was a phone call away. His quick response and drive to get me what I wanted showed in our conversations as well as in the court room. I felt very comfortable with my legal matters in his hands and as a result, I got exactly what I wanted out of my case. I could not be happier and would recommend him to anyone who wants a winning case!" -J.M., Family Law Client

"I hired Mark to represent me during my divorce. He handled my case effectively and with zeal. His fees were fair and he was very responsive to my questions. I highly recommend Mark." - Frank, AVVO Review