

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004 - Present (30 Years total )	Law Offices of Laura M. Urbik Kern, LLC Concentration in Family and Juvenile Law, dissolution, child support, DCFS, custody, adoption, guardianship and representation of children as Court-appointed counsel and/or Guardian ad litem in complex domestic relations and juvenile cases.
2002-Present	40 Hours Mediation training and Mediator Certified
2001- 2004 (3 Years)	Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar, Acker & Kern, P.C. Concentration in municipal prosecution, Family and Juvenile Law, Dissolution, Child Support, DCFS, Custody, Adoption, Guardianship and Representation of Children as Court-appointed counsel and/or Guardian ad litem in complex domestic relations and juvenile cases.
1988 – 2001 (13 Years)	Law Offices of Laura M. Urbik Kern, Hinsdale, Illinois Concentration in all forms of trial litigation, criminal, domestic and juvenile law, and representation of children as court appointed counsel and/or Guardian ad litem in complex domestic relations and juvenile cases.
1985 – 1988 (3 Years)	Assistant States Attorney DuPage County, Prosecuted Traffic, Juvenile and Criminal cases, MRAI, Truancy, Neglect and Abuse.

### SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Present Hearing Officer, Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Committee.
1994 – 2006	Village Prosecutor, Village of Roselle Responsibilities included scheduling motions, court calls, interviewing witnesses, liaison between Chief of Police and Court, representing the Village in traffic court on all Ordinance violations, update Village offense manual and re-draft ordinances.
2000 – 2005	City of Elmhurst Police and Fire Commissioner

1990 – Present	Arbitrator, DuPage County Arbitration Program
1995 – Present	Mediator, DuPage County Mediation Program
1995 – 1996	Commissioner, City of Elmhurst Youth Commission
1993 – 1994	Instructor, University of Illinois Officer Training School Champaign, Illinois Responsibilities included teaching classes, including Law for Corrections Officers (June 1993) and Use of Force Training for Corrections Officers (September 1993).
1991 – 1992	Instructor, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois Responsibilities included teaching classes on Juvenile Law.
1983-1984	Internship, Federal Defender Program, Chicago, Illinois Responsibilities included client interviews and legal research and writing, including editing of Code of Professional Responsibility under Terence McCarthy, Director.
1982 – 1983	Research Assistant, California Western School of Law San Diego, California Responsibilities included legal research and writing for: Professor Thomas Hindes (January 1982 – May 1982) Environmental Law Professor Robert G. Meiners (September 1982 – June 1983) Contract and Labor Law

## EDUCATION

California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, J.D. 1984

University of the Pacific/McGeorge School of Law, Salzburg, 1982

University of Salzburg-Austria, Course work and certification in International Legal  
Studies and Jurisprudence, 1982.

College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, Bachelor of Arts, Government, 1978.

Immaculate Conception High School, Elmhurst, Illinois, 1975.

## PUBLICATIONS AND HONORS

Selected by Peers as Leading Lawyer  
(Top 5% in State in Family Law) 2003 - Present

BV rated by Martindale Hubbell

Top 100 Consumer Lawyers by Leading Lawyers

Top 50 Women Lawyers by Leading Lawyers

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin 2007 Law Day Editorial

Lecturing on Family Law Topics since 1999

2003 Pro Bono Award- DuPage County Bar Association Legal Aid

Editorials- Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Newsletter, September 2003, December 2003, April 2004.

DuPage County Bar Brief, January 1994, Editorial: "Children's Rights"

DuPage County Bar Brief, January 1994, Book Review: "Legal Rights of Children."

American Jurisprudence Award, 1984

Best Appellate Brief Award, May 1982.

Special Commendation for outstanding performance in Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument, May 1982

### TASK FORCES AND COMMISSIONS

Special Committee on Juvenile Justice, 2010-2011

Member: Special Committee on Child Representatives, 2000

Legislation Chair: Visitation Council of Catholic Women, 1999-2007

Member: Attorney General's Task Force on Violence to Children, 1997-2000

Member: Special Task Force on Children's Representatives, 1997-1999

Member: Task Force on Unified Family Courts, 1997-1999

Member: Committee to Establish Juvenile Conflict Attorney, DuPage County 1988

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (past or current member)

Illinois State Bar Association member 1984-present

- Member of Family Law Committee 2000-Present
- Family Law Section Council 2014-2013
- ISBA Legislation Committee 2009-2013
- Vice Chair Child Law Section Counsel- 2010-2011
- Ex-Officio: Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council, 2004-2005.
- Chair: Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council 2003-2004
- Vice Chair: Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council, 2002-2003
- Secretary: Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council, 2001- Present

- Assembly Member: Illinois State Bar Association, 2001-2008
- Member: Continuing Legal Education Committee of Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council, 1998-2001

DuPage County Bar Association (1984-present)

- Member, Committee Member and Liaison to DuPage County Bar Association Children's Rights Committee- 1998
- Board of Directors 1994-1997
- Chair & Founder Children's Rights Committee 1993-1994
- Family Law Committee 1984-present

Association of Family Court and Conciliation Courts

DuPage Juvenile Officers

DuPage Women Lawyers Association

Illinois Juvenile Officer Association

Illinois Mediation Counsel

National Association of Certified Mediators

National Association of Counsel for Children

Pro Bono Staff Attorney, CASA of DuPage, 1996-2000

Pro Bono Attorney, through DuPage County Legal Aid Office, 1986-present

Forensic Forum Fellow

Illinois Collaborative Law Fellow

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

YWCA Legal Night Instructor, 1996-2010

## LICENSES

Supreme Court of the United States, 2009

Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, 1984

United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1984

State of New York Supreme Court, 1985

## PRESENTATIONS

DuPage County Professional Women's Network, 2008

Think Tank- Family Advocacy

Member, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, 2005-Present

Illinois Bar Fellow, 2000-Present

Participant, Law Day Mock Trial, 1999-present

Member, Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce, 1996-1998

Hinsdale Rotary 1994-1996

## CLE CERTIFICATIONS

- 2015:** Do's and Don'ts of Starting your own Law Practice  
Incarcerated Litigants  
Parents with Mental Illness & Undiagnosed Disorders  
Child Custody, Risk and Relocation: Developing Long Distance Parenting  
Retirement Assets in Divorce: Avoiding Mistakes, Best Practice
- 2014:** What's Trending in Illinois Family Law  
Domestic Violence Screening in Mediation  
National Organization of Bar Counsel Mid-Year Meeting  
Military Divorce: Identifying, Obtaining and Introducing Military Financial  
Practice Succession & Transition
- 2013** Solo and Small Firm Conference:  
- Intro into Legal Research  
- Advance Legal Research  
- Criminal law Update  
- DUI Traffic Law  
- Financial Statements, yours and your clients'  
- Social Media Email and Digital Evidence  
- The Frugal Firm  
- The Alphabet Soup of Social Security & Medicare Law  
- Federal and State Tax Update
- Speaking to Win: Building Effective Communication Skills  
Mediation Training  
Volunteer Training for Lawyers Assistance Program  
(program for Attorney's struggling with alcohol)
- 2012** Attorney Ed in Child Custody and Visitation  
Parental Alienation: The Research and the Courts  
Committee on Legislation Meeting  
Managing Personality Disordered Parents  
Advance Parenting Coordination Practice: Working More Effectively  
with Parents and Children  
MCLE Certification
- 2011** Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Board Seminar  
The Big Picture - Advanced Family Law  
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and Mediation Issues  
Elder Law Issues for Everyone: Your Aging Clients, Their Parents and You  
Child Law Section Meeting  
Elder Care Law Committee / MCLE Meeting  
ADR Committee Meeting  
Second Chance: The End of Looking Back
- 2010** AAML: Advance Family Law 2010 Seminar

DCBA Law Practice Management Committee, MCLE Meeting  
Pro Bono Basics for Assisting Youth in Need  
Advance Mediation Training  
The Silent Victims: How Witnessing Domestic Violence Impacts  
Children's Development  
Teaching Certificate for Divorce and Family Mediation Training