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Jillian's practice focuses primarily on family and matrimonial law, including all aspects of divorce, custody, equitable distribution of assets, and child/spousal support, as well as separation agreements, prenuptial agreements, and postnuptial agreements.

Jillian also assists with adoptions, including step-parent adoption, and represents clients in matters concerning domestic violence orders of protection. Prior to returning "home" to Syracuse, Jillian clerked for the Honorable John H. Tisdale of the Circuit Court of Maryland, and practiced privately in Maryland and Washington, D.C. Jillian is an active participant in the New York Bar and remains a member of the Maryland Bar.

Professional and Community Activities:

Current:

- Board of Directors, Central New York Women's Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Hiscock Legal Aid Society
- Board of Directors, East Syracuse-Minoa Education Foundation
- Board of Directors, East Syracuse-Minoa Youth Sports Association
- Volunteer at the Onondaga County Family Law Clinic
- Member, Onondaga County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
- Central New York 40 Under 40 2019
- Youth soccer and lacrosse coach

Prior:

- Board of Directors, Montgomery County Bar Association, Maryland Bar Association, Women's Bar Association
- Montgomery County, Maryland Inns of Court
- Member, Montgomery County Bar Association, Frederick County Bar Association and Maryland Bar Association
- Tutor for middle school and high school students
- Board of Directors, Onondaga County Bar Foundation

Recognitions:

- Upstate New York Super Lawyers "Rising Star": 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Hanna S. Cohn Pro Bono Award 2018
- Empire State Counsel, 2014 (recognition for contributions to pro bono service)
- Onondaga County Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, 2014
- Maryland Super Lawyers "Rising Star": 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- National Association Women Lawyers Law Student Award, 2006

Practice Areas:

- Estates, Trusts & Personal Planning
- Family & Matrimonial Law
- Litigation

Admissions:

- New York State Bar
- Maryland State Bar
- Washington D.C. State Bar (currently inactive)

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts from College of the Holy Cross
- Jurisdiction Doctor from Washington & Lee University School of Law

Experience:

- Represents clients in matters ranging from simple cases to complex divorce litigation involving substantial assets and high net worth individuals
- Negotiates marital agreements (separation, prenuptial, postnuptial, custody plans)
- Works closely with forensic accountants to value assets and businesses
- Skilled at working to creatively resolve problems, as well as litigating issues in court
- Has represented children in contested divorce and custody cases