

## Kristopher J. Hilscher

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### EDUCATION

*Juris Doctor* – Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Raleigh, NC

*Bachelor of the Arts, Political Science* – Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, VA

### BAR ADMISSIONS

NC State Bar – No. 39755

United States District Court – Eastern District of North Carolina

### CERTIFICATIONS / HONORS

Fellow – American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)

Board Certified Specialist in Family Law by North Carolina State Bar

Certified Parenting Coordinator

Certified Family Financial Mediator by North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Sullivan & Hilscher Family Law October 2018 - present  
(formerly Law Offices of Mark E. Sullivan, P.A.)  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
*Partner*

Younce, Vtipil, & Baznik, P.A., Raleigh, North Carolina July 2012 – October 2018  
*Family Law Attorney*

Page Law Office, Sanford, North Carolina September 2009 – July 2012  
*Associate Attorney*

### PUBLISHED OPINIONS

*Poindexter v Everhart*, NC Court of Appeals, 840 S.E.2d 844 (N.C. Ct. App. 2020).

### ARTICLES

“Military Divorce: Four Common Questions Answered” American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Military Committee Corner Article, April 16, 2024.

“Navigating Military Benefits in Divorce: A Guide for Non-Military Spouses” American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Marital Property Committee Corner Article, February 2024.

- “Military Divorce: Special Issues,” chapter in Nolo’s Essential Guide to Divorce (authored chapter, book authored by Emily Doskow), 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2024.
- “Intersection of Military Pension Division and NC Statute” North Carolina Bar Association, Family Law Section, NC Bar Blog, January 2024.
- Military Pension Division: A Review of Cases Following Howell v. Howell*, Volume 36 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, Number 1 (2023).
- “Family Law Case Management: Mediation Checklist” American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Corner Article, October 2023.
- “‘Help – I Missed the Boat!’ The Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season” American Bar Association Committee Article, Military Committee of the Family Law Section, March 2023.
- “The Clock is Ticking: Deadlines in a Military Divorce Case” Virginia Family Law Quarterly, Winter 2022.
- “Tips for Your First Military Child Support Case” American Bar Association Committee Corner Article, Child Support Committee of the Family Law Section, November 2022.
- “Lost Military Survivor Benefits? CYA (Complete Your Application)” Family Advocate, American Bar Association, Fall 2022, Vol. 45, No. 2.
- Custody and the Coronavirus: Is A Novel Approach Necessary?* Volume 34 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS, Number 2 (2022). Co-authored with Shannon Gurwitch.
- “Beat the Clock: Deadlines in a Military Divorce Case” The Florida Bar Journal, January/February 2022, Volume 96, No. 1.
- “A Different MDMA: Military Divorce, Malpractice, & the Attorney” Family Lawyer Magazine. Fall 2021.
- “Be Careful What You Ask For: Pension Jurisdiction and Military Divorce” Family Law Section News of the NC Bar Association Blog, Family Law Section. August 2021.
- “Four Tips For Handling a Custody Case with a Military Parent” Family Lawyer Magazine. Fall 2020.
- “Avoiding Mines: What Counsel Should Know When Handling a Military Divorce Case” co-authored with Mark E. Sullivan. ABA Family Law Quarterly: Vol. 53, No. 2 Summer 2019.

“Divorcing the Military Spouse” co-authored with Mark E. Sullivan. Family Advocate, American Bar Association, Summer 2019. Article cited by Payne, Anne M., “Litigation of Divorce or Marital Dissolution from Military Spouse or Between Military Spouses” American Jurisprudence, 172 Am. Jur. Trial 271 (2023).

Revised, edited, and assisted with the military chapter of the following book “Nolo’s Essential Guide to Divorce.” Authored by Emily Doskow.

Provided assistance on military family law for the following article: “Divorce and the Collapse of the Three-Legged Stool: Setting Servicemembers Up for Success in the Age of BRS and COVID-19.” Authored by Samuel Kan. Wayne Law Review Issue 66.22

### **CLE (CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION) PRESENTATIONS**

“Military Disability Retirement Pay and Family Law Issues” 2024 Military & Veterans Law Section Program, NC Bar Association, May 2024.

“Military Divorce Evidence: Identifying, Discovering, Obtaining, Introducing Military Financial and Other Documents” Strafford Live Webinar CLE, May 2024.

“Actionable Intel – Military & Domestic Violence.” American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, Representing Military Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victims, Webinar, April 2024.

“Military Disability Retirement.” American Bar Association Family Law Section Military Committee Brown Bag, April 2024.

“Military, ADR, and you, Oh My (\*without ruby slippers).” American Bar Association Family Law Section Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee Brown Bag, January 2024.

“Military Family Law: Pension Division” National Business Institute webinar. September 2023.

Organized, coordinated speakers, determined topics and agenda for American Bar Association Key Family Law Matters Involving Military Families Series 1 and 2. April 2023.

“Military Retirement Benefits Onstage: Survivor Benefit Plan and Thrift Savings Plan.” American Bar Association Key Family Law Matters Involving Military Families Series 2. April 2023. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak.

“Military Pension Division.” American Bar Association Key Family Law Matters Involving Military Families Series 1. April 2023. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak.

“Family law and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.” American Bar Association Key Family Law Matters Involving Military Families Series 1. April 2023. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak and Sarah Gerow.

“Dividing Military Retirement and Electing Disability Pay.” Strafford Webinar, January 2023. Co-presented with Dawn Laubach.

“Military Disability in Family Law.” LawPracticeCLE webinar, October 2022. Co-presented with Sarah Gerow.

“Dividing Military Retired Pay/Pension.” National Business Institute webinar, September 2022. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak.

“The Legacy of *Howell v. Howell*: Is Indemnification No Longer Allowed?” National Business Institute webinar titled Military Divorce: The Basics, Perils, and Pitfalls, September 2022. Panel discussion presented with Mark E. Sullivan, Joe DeWoskin, and Vanessa Puhak.

“What You May Have Missed: Military Divorce” National Business Institute webinar, September 2022. Co-presented with Joe DeWoskin.

“Family Law and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act” National Business Institute webinar, September 2022. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak.

Organized, coordinated speakers, determined topics and agenda for National Business Institute webinar titled Military Divorce: The Basics, Perils, and Pitfalls, September 2022.

“Military Divorce: Dividing the Pension” LawPracticeCLE webinar, July 2022. Co-presented with Vanessa Puhak.

“Military Disability Retirement Pay and Issues in Family Law” Helping Our Heroes: Representing Veterans Before the VA, BVA, CAVC and DoD (2021 Military & Veterans Law Section Program) through NC Bar Association, November 2021. Co-presented with Kara Goray.

“Military Pension Division: Boot Camp & Beyond” NBI Top Challenges in Family Law July 2020 CLE Webinar (presentation and manuscript, manuscript co-authored by Mark E. Sullivan).

“Military Divorce: Identifying, Discovering, Obtaining, and Introducing Military Financial and Other Documents,” Strafford CLE Webinar, January 2020. Co-presented with Dawn Laubach.

“Procedures for Terminating Parental Rights,” NBI Seminar, June 2019.

“A Brief Guide to Military Family Support,” Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council (IPAC), June 2019 Child Support Conference.

“Post-Trial Matters in Family Court,” NCBA Finale CLE, February 2019.

“You Can’t Do That: Stop Signs and Solutions in Military Pension Division Cases,” ABA Beacon Live Webinar, March 2019. Co-presented with Mark E. Sullivan.

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSE, MEMBERSHIPS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Licensed Attorney in North Carolina: State Bar No. 39755

### American Bar Association

Family Law Section, Military Committee, Chair 2023-4, Co-Chair 2022-3, Vice Chair, 2021-2  
Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, Appointed Member,  
2022-2025.  
ABA Military Lawyers Coordinating Committee, 2022  
GPSolo Family Law Committee, 2021 - present

### Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating

### Business NC Legal Elite for Family Law

2023 North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly "Leaders in the Law" honoring lawyers who set the standard for other lawyers, make outstanding contributions to the practice of law, show leadership in improving the justice system, act as role models and mentors, and make essential contributions to the legal community.

Featured on CNN's HLN, WRAL, ABC, NBC, The Guardian, Salon, and The Fayetteville Observer

### North Carolina Bar Association, Family Law Section

Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee Appointed Member, 2021-2024  
NC State Bar Family Law Certified Specialist Mentor 2021

### Wake County Bar Association / Tenth Judicial District Bar Association,

Social Committee Co-Chair 2020  
Social Committee Appointed Member 2021, 2022  
Bench Bar Committee, Appointed Member 2023, 2024

### 2022 NC Pro Bono Honor Society Member

Assist Gailor Family Law Litigation Clinic at Campbell Law School with military pension division

### Lee County Bar Association, President 2011-2012, Vice President 2010-2011

Campbell Law Observer Editor-in-Chief, 2008  
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity