

Rachel A. Pencu

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Rachel handles matrimonial and family law matters – everything from prenuptial agreements to marriage dissolutions (divorce) to post judgment enforcement and modification proceedings. Rachel understands that each client's needs are unique, and she prides herself in her ability to adapt her representation of clients based on their specific situation and goals. Rachel is able to work cooperatively with clients and other counsel to achieve efficient and positive results, while also being ready to take an aggressive litigation approach when necessary.

Dividing her time between the firm's Bridgeport and Westport offices, Rachel represents clients throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties, often appearing in the Stamford, Bridgeport, Danbury, Milford, and New Haven courthouses. She also volunteers her time by serving as a Special Master, appointed by the Superior Court, to mediate divorce disputes in the judicial districts of Bridgeport, Danbury, Stamford and Milford.

In 2011, Rachel was appointed by then-Governor Malloy to serve as a member on the Commission for Child Support Guidelines. By 2014, she was voted in as a Co-Chair of that committee, which concluded its work in 2015 when the current version of the Connecticut Child Support Guidelines was adopted by the state legislature.

Rachel has been an attorney at Cohen and Wolf, P.C. since graduating from law school in 2004 and has been a principal of the firm since 2012. Rachel served as the firm's Chair of Recruitment Committee for 6 years and currently serves as the firm's Chair of Planning and Practice Management Committee.

PRACTICE AREAS

Family Law

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 2004
• Connecticut Journal of International Law, Editorial Board

Washington University, B.A., 2001

Certified by the Connecticut Judicial Branch to serve as Attorney for the Minor Child or Guardian Ad Litem, 2011

Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Leadership Greater Bridgeport Program, Graduate

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

U.S. Supreme Court

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America[®], "*Lawyer of the Year*", Family Law Mediation, Stamford, CT metro area, 2022

Best Lawyers in America[®], Family Law, 2017-2023

Best Lawyers in America[®], Family Law Mediation, 2021-2023

Best Lawyers in America[®], Family Law Arbitration, 2023

Connecticut Super Lawyers[®], Family Law, 2020-2022

Connecticut Super Lawyers[®] "*Rising Star*", Family Law, 2011-2019

Martindale-Hubbell, AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Rating

Moffly Media's "*Top Lawyers in Fairfield County*", Family Law, 2021

Connecticut Law Tribune, "*New Leaders of the Law*" Award, 2013

Connecticut Law Tribune, *Women in the Law*, 2010

NEWS

Twenty-Two Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2022 Connecticut Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists
10.11.2022

Twenty-eight Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® 2023 in America
08.18.2022

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2021 Connecticut Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars List
Connecticut Super Lawyers®, 10.12.2021

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers®* 2022 Edition
08.19.2021

Twenty-one Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to Moffly Media's 2021 "Top Lawyers in Fairfield County"
List
Moffly Media, 02.28.2021

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to 2020 Connecticut Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars List
10.14.2020

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers®* 2021 Edition
08.20.2020

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2019 CT Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Super Lawyers®, 10.17.2019

Twenty Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to the 2020 Best Lawyers® List
Best Lawyers®, 08.15.2019

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2018 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Super Lawyers®, 10.18.2018

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Lawyers Recognized in The Best Lawyers In America© 2019
Best Lawyers®, 08.15.2018

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "The Best Lawyers in America"© 2018
The Best Lawyers in America©, 08.15.2017

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2016 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Super Lawyers®, 10.18.2016

Cohen and Wolf is pleased to sponsor the Wilton Library's Early Literacy Program
patch.com, 09.07.2016

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named Among The Best Lawyers in America© 2017
The Best Lawyers in America© 2017, 08.15.2016

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named 2015 Connecticut Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers®, 10.22.2015

Twenty-Nine Cohen and Wolf Lawyers Named to 2014 List of Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Super Lawyers®, 10.17.2014

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named New Leaders in the Law
Connecticut Law Tribune, 11.07.2013

27 Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named 2013 Connecticut Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
Connecticut Super Lawyers, 10.21.2013

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named to 2012 Connecticut Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Connecticut Super Lawyers, 11.05.2012

Cohen and Wolf Names Three New Principals
01.04.2012

Eight Cohen and Wolf Litigators Sworn In To The U.S. Supreme Court
10.27.2011

Cohen and Wolf Super Lawyers Announced
10.24.2011

Cohen and Wolf Attorney Appointed to Commission for Child Support Guidelines by Governor
10.01.2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

• Young Lawyers Association, Bridgeport Local Unit, Past Chair

Fairfield County Bar Association

Greater Bridgeport Bar Association

SUPPORT STAFF

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Commission for Child Support Guidelines, Co-Chair, 2011-2015

MoCA Westport (formerly known as Westport Arts Center), Board of Directors