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As a member of the firm's Family Law Practice, Robert represents clients in all stages of family law litigation and his practice involves all aspects of family law, including:

- divorce
- equitable distribution
- custody
- support
- marital agreements
- domestic violence actions

Robert's reported cases include:

- *Parish v. Parish*, 412 N.J. Super. 39 (App. Div. 2010) (establishing new rules and procedures before a court can impose conditions upon filing motions in a family part case)
- *Barr v. Barr*, 418 N.J. Super. 18 (App. Div. 2011) (addressing the equitable distribution of a pension in the context of post-judgment employment efforts)

### Client Resources



### New Jersey Divorce App

For those simply contemplating separation or already in the midst of divorce proceedings in the Garden State, the useful tools included in Fox's New Jersey Divorce App can answer questions, offer insight into aspects of the divorce process that may have been overlooked and provide users with resources they may not have known were available.

The app is currently available for free in the iTunes Store. [To download it, click here.](#)

## **Beyond Fox Rothschild**

Using his experience and industry knowledge in other outlets, Robert serves as an Associate Editor for the *New Jersey Family Lawyer*.

Robert is a regular contributor to Pazoo.com, a health and wellness website, on issues pertaining to family law, divorce and custody.

Since 2009, Robert has volunteered with the Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, representing victims of domestic violence.

In addition, Robert volunteers as a panelist for the Essex County Early Settlement Panel.

## **Honors & Awards**

- Included in a list of "New Leaders of the Bar" by the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2017)
- Included in a list of New Jersey "Super Lawyers" (2017)
- Selected for inclusion among "Ten Leaders – Divorce Law Age 45 & Under" in New Jersey (2016)
- Included in a list of "Trailblazers" in Divorce Law by *The National Law Journal* (2016)
- Selected as a "New Jersey Rising Star" by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* and *Law & Politics Magazine* (2010 through 2016)
- Selected for inclusion in "10 Best for Client Satisfaction" by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys for New Jersey (2015)
- Named the "Second Most Read Contributor in the United States" by Mondaq (November 2015)

## **Practice Areas**

- Family Law
- Litigation
- Appellate Practice

## **Bar Admissions**

- New Jersey
- New York

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## **Education**

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2006)
- State University of New York at Binghamton (B.S., 2000)



## Memberships

- New York State Bar Association, Family Law Section
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Executive Committee, Young Lawyers Division and Family Law Section, Young Lawyers Section
- Essex County Bar Association
- Barry Croland Family Law Inns of Court, Pupil
- Essex County Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel
- New Jersey District Fee Arbitration Committee, Panel Chair

## News

May 5, 2017

**Robert Epstein Named Among New Leaders of the Bar by New Jersey Law Journal**

April 27, 2017

**Law Journal Names New Leaders of the Bar**

New Jersey Law Journal

March 22, 2016

**Three Fox Attorneys Named Among The National Law Journal's Family Law Trailblazers**

March 22, 2016

**Divorce, Trusts & Estates Trailblazers**

The National Law Journal

October 8, 2015

**After Hours: Fox Rothschild Staff Join Corporate Classic 5K Run**

New Jersey Law Journal

June 26, 2015

**Attorneys Rally Around High Court's Gay Marriage Decision**

Law360

June 19, 2015

**Best in Law Blogs: To Consent Or Not Consent, That Is The Question**

The LexBlog Network

March 6, 2015

**2015 New Partners**

New Jersey Law Journal

October 7, 2014

**Why Protecting Your Assets In the Event of Divorce Just Got More Critical**

Main Street

August 18, 2014

**Best in Law Blogs: Marriage at Risk in Today's Environment of Income Inequality?**

The LexBlog Network

June 19, 2014

**People in the News**

The Legal Intelligencer

May 30, 2014

**On The Move: Three New Partners at Fox Rothschild**

New Jersey Law Journal

May 21, 2014

**Fox Rothschild Elevates 13 to Partner**

March 11, 2014

**Best in Law Blogs: Facebook Page of New Jersey Teen Suing Her Parents Can Only Lead to No Good**

The LexBlog Network

January 9, 2014

**Best in Law Blogs: Back Away From Your iPhone – The Perils of Social Media Strike Again**

The LexBlog Network

December 5, 2013

**Best in Law Blogs: Oral Argument – the 'Essential Tools'**

The LexBlog Network

March 20, 2013

**Best in Law Blogs: Woman Obtains Divorce Due to Husband's Small Manhood**

The LexBlog Network

March 15, 2013

**Best in Law Blogs: The Morning After the Divorce Case Ends**

The LexBlog Network

February 19, 2013

**Best in Law Blogs: Mom Insults Son on Facebook - Loses Custody**

The Lexblog Network

## **Publications**

February 2018

**A Review of Cohabitation Law in a Post-Amendment Landscape**

New Jersey Lawyer

October 2017

**"What's Your Number?" Assessing the Value of Palimony Damages**

New Jersey Family Lawyer



January 28, 2017

**Deviating from a Guidelines-Based Child Support Award – An Analysis of Certain Unique Circumstances Detailed in Appendix IX-A**  
2017 Family Law Symposium

October 3, 2016

**A Nuts and Bolts Review of New Jersey Relocation Law – Are We There Yet?**  
The New Jersey Law Journal

June 20, 2016

**Mallamo v. Mallamo: Where Do We Stand 20 Years Later?**  
New Jersey Family Lawyer

May 26, 2016

**A Prenuptial Agreement Protects Your Interest in the Family Business**  
Family Business Magazine

April 19, 2016

**Op-Ed: NJ's Emancipation Statute Brings Changes to Child Support**  
New Jersey Spotlight

February 2, 2016

**NJ Emancipation Statute Will Change Duration of Child Support**  
Family Law Alert

January 21, 2016

**Child Support and Post-Secondary Education**  
Divorce Magazine

July 2015

**Debunking New Jersey's Family Law Myths**

February 19, 2015

**Litigating Cohabitation Under NJ's Amended Alimony Law**  
New Jersey Law Journal

January 1, 2015

**A Primer on Pre-nups**  
The Matrimonial Strategist

October 8, 2014

**The Effect of Emancipation on Child Support**

October 8, 2014

**A Cautionary Tale of Alimony and the IRS**

September 25, 2014

**New Jersey Enacts "Family Collaborative Law Act"**

Family Law Alert

September 19, 2014

**For Better or Worse, Alimony Reform is Here**

Asbury Park Press

September 16, 2014

**New Jersey Enacts Alimony Reform Bill**

Family Law Alert

May 12, 2014

**Divorcing a Narcissist?**

April 10, 2014

**Stop. Collaborate. Listen.**

March 20, 2014

**The Impact of “Grey Divorce” on Retirement Planning**

March 11, 2014

**The Perils of Social Media in Family Law Disputes**

November 2012

**Imputing Income to a Non-Working Spouse During the Pendente Lite Period: A Violation of the Status Quo or a Practical Step Toward the Reasonably Comparable Lifestyle?**

New Jersey Family Lawyer

November 2011

**The Settlement Mindset**

The Matrimonial Strategist

July 2011

**Retiring in a Down Economy**

The Matrimonial Strategist

January 2011

**Social Networking - The Future of Evidence in Matrimonial Litigation?**

The Matrimonial Strategist

April 07, 2008

**The Affirmative Defense to a Vicarious Liability Sexual Harassment Claim**

New Jersey Law Journal

## Events

**Hot Tips in Family Law 2017**

November 10, 2017

New Jersey Law Center



Hosted by: New Jersey State Bar Association

**Advanced Family Law**

September 28, 2017 at 8:30am – 4:40pm  
Holiday Inn

**Child Support Guidelines and Other Child Support Issue-Dependent Parents and Older Children Still Living at Home**

January 28, 2017  
2017 Family Law Symposium  
Hosted by: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education

**How To Take a Family Part Case Through the Court System**

October 27, 2016 at 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Wolkstein Von Ellen & Brown  
Hosted by: New Jersey Bar Association

**How To Take a Family Part Case Through the Court System**

October 20, 2016 at 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Wolkstein Von Ellen & Brown  
Hosted by: New Jersey Bar Association

**Cohabitation and Alimony Payments: Understand the Laws in New Jersey**

July 20, 2016 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
Live Webinar  
Hosted by: Lorman

**Matrimonial Law: Divorce Bootcamp - It's All About the Money**

February 6, 2016 at 9:00am – 2:00pm  
The Heldrich  
Hosted by: New Jersey Association for Justice

**Making the Most of Early Settlement Panel (ESP)**

December 2, 2015 at 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Connell Foley  
Hosted by: Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

**Debunking Family Law Myths from Coast to Coast**

February 5, 2015  
Hosted by: Fox Rothschild LLP

**37th Annual Tax and Financial Planning Seminar Series 2014-2015**

October 20, 2014  
Hosted by: Fox Rothschild LLP

**Family Law: Breaking Up is Hard to Do**

February 25, 2014  
Holiday Inn Cherry Hill  
Hosted by: Sterling Education Services, Inc.

# Podcasts

**In this series of podcasts, Robert is joined by Eliana Baer for a casual but informative discussion of some of the most timely and important topics in divorce law. Together, they identify trends in the law and provide an overview of how the courts, lawyers and litigants are responding to issues that arise in Family Courts every day.**

## **- The Perils of Social Media in Family Law Disputes**

In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer highlight the potential risks for family law litigants who use social media platforms and why it is so critical to apply a greater degree of caution when using such sites while involved in a family law dispute.

[Download the podcast and transcript.](#)

## **- The Impact of “Grey Divorce” on Retirement Planning**

In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer highlight the practical implications associated with the recent uptick in divorce among the “Baby Boomer” generation – those over the age of 50 – with a particular focus on how retirement planning for both spouses is affected.

[Download the podcast and transcript.](#)

## **- Stop. Collaborate. Listen.**

In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer explain why these three golden words are so critical to successful outcomes in divorce mediations and highlight the perils that can occur when divorcing spouses refuse to heed this advice during settlement talks.

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## **- Divorcing a Narcissist?**

In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer highlight the special considerations that should be taken into account when divorcing someone who has a narcissistic personality.

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## **- The Effect of Emancipation on Child Support**

In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer discuss emancipation, and specifically, what impact it has on the requirement to pay – or not pay – child support.

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## **- A Cautionary Tale of Alimony and the IRS**





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In this podcast, Robert and Eliana Baer explore the tax deduction of alimony, and specifically, why it is critical to structure a divorce or settlement agreement that leaves no ambiguity regarding deduction in the eyes of the Internal Revenue Service.

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**New Jersey Family Legal Blog - [View Blog](#)**