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Michael G. Ruppert is the senior partner in the law firm of Ruppert & Schaefer, P.C. Since his admission to the legal profession in 1978, he has represented clients in virtually all areas of Family Law.

Mr. Ruppert received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his Juris Doctorate from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He has taught at and written materials for continuing legal education seminars for lawyers on topics including asset distribution in divorce, child custody and support matters, and pension and retirement benefits.

Additionally, he has authored a number of articles for the Indiana University Law Review concerning the development of issues and legal author in family law. Mr. Ruppert is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and add Hamilton County Bar Association.



Year Joined Firm

1996

Areas of Practice

Divorce
Family Law

Litigation Percentage

100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

Certified Legal Specialties

Certified Family Law Specialist – Family Law Certification Board

Bar Admissions

Indiana, 1978
U.S. District Court Southern District of Indiana
U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

Education

Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio
Honors: Editor-in-Chief, The Gavel
National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Midwest Regional Institute - 1983
Indiana University B.A. - 1974

Published Works

Family Law An Analysis of Current Issues of Interest to the Practitioner -- The Impact of Relocation On Custody Litigation: A Look at the Law, Case Evaluation, Negotiation and Trial, ICLEF, 1989
Matrimonial Law -- Military Retirement Benefits In Or Out Of The Pot?, ICLEF, 1990
Matrimonial Law -- Military Retirement Benefits In Or Out Of The Pot?, The Indiana Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1990
Child Custody and Visitation in Indiana: Discovery Techniques; Experts; Modification; Ethical Considerations (Co-Author), National Business Institute, Inc., 1991
Divorce Drafting -- Notice and Intent to Leave Jurisdiction, ICLEF, 1991
Family Law Continuing Legal Education -- Worksheet Oriented Summary of Amendments to Child Support Guidelines With Cases to Watch (Co-Author), Indianapolis Bar Association, 1993
Family Law Continuing Legal Education -- Legislative Amendments to Indiana's Child Custody Statutes, Indianapolis Bar Association, 1994
Equitable Distribution in Divorce Settlements in Indiana, National Business Institute, 1996
Hot Tips From Family Law Experts, ICLEF, 1998
Statewide Visitation Guidelines, Grandparent Visitation, Relocation and Paternity, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2001
Planning Your First Divorce Case, ICLEF, 2001
Family Law, Case Law and Ethics Update, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2001
Tax Issues for Family Law Practitioners, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2001
Developments in Social Security Law, Indiana Law Review, Volume 22, 1989
Survey of Recent Developments in Family Law, Indiana Law Review, Volume 23, 1990
Developments in Social Security Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 24, 1991
The Continuing Evolution of Indiana's Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 25, 1992
The Progression of Indiana's Family Law in 1992 (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 26, 1993
1995 Survey of Indiana Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 29, 1996
Survey of Indiana Family Law in 1996, Indiana Law Review, Volume 30, 1997
Survey of Developments in Indiana Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 37, 2004
Recent Development: Indiana Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 28, 2005
Recent Developments: Indiana Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 39, 2006
Recent Developments: Indiana Family Law (Co-Author), Indiana Law Review, Volume 41, 2008

Representative Cases

Hammes v. Brumley, 659 N.E.2d 1021 (Ind. 1995)

Classes/Seminars

Lecturer, Family Law An Analysis of Current Issues of Interest to the Practitioner -- The Impact of Relocation On Custody Litigation: A Look at the Law, Case Evaluation, Negotiation and Trial, ICLEF, 1989
Lecturer, Matrimonial Law -- Military Retirement Benefits In Or Out Of The Pot?, ICLEF, 1990
Lecturer, Matrimonial Law -- Military Retirement Benefits In Or Out Of The Pot?, The Indiana Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1990
Lecturer, Child Custody and Visitation in Indiana: Discovery Techniques; Experts; Modification; Ethical Considerations, National Business Institute, Inc., 1991
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Lecturer, Equitable Distribution in Divorce Settlements in Indiana, National Business Institute, 1996
Lecturer, Hot Tips From Family Law Experts, ICLEF, 1998
Lecturer, Family Law, PEC Bar Review for Indiana, 1998 - 1999
Lecturer, Statewide Visitation Guidelines, Grandparent Visitation, Relocation and Paternity, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2000
Lecturer, Planning Your First Divorce Case, ICLEF, 2001
Lecturer, Family Law, Case Law and Ethics Update, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2001
Lecturer, Tax Issues for Family Law Practitioners, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2001
Lecturer, Family Law, Indiana Bar Review, 2000 - 2009

Honors and Awards

Included in Indiana Super Lawyers, 2005 - 2014

Professional Associations and Memberships

Indianapolis Bar Association
Indiana State Bar Association, Family Law Section
Hamilton County Bar Association
ISBA Hague Convention International Child Abduction Case Referral Volunteer
Indianapolis Athletic Club
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Member

Past Employment Positions

Miroff, Cross, Ruppert & Klineman, Of Counsel, 1991 - 1996
Ruge & Ruppert, Partner, 1986 - 1991
Barteau & Deal, Associate, 1984 - 1986
Ancel, Miroff & Frank, P.C., Associate, 1981 - 1984
Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc., Staff Attorney, Children's Rights Project
Cleveland Legal Aid Society, Legal Intern