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CO-CHAIR, MATRIMONIAL AND FAMILY LAW PRACTICE GROUP

Brett Ward concentrates his practice in all areas of matrimonial and family law, including divorce, paternity, custody and child protective matters. Brett has extensive experience in negotiating prenuptial, separation and settlement agreements. He has significant litigation and trial experience in New York's Family and Supreme Courts. Brett also has experience with international custody and child support matters. Brett has also successfully appeared before the appellate courts. Brett has served as a mediator and as an expert witness on New York family law issues.

Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York

Memberships

- New York County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- Brandeis University, BA
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, JD

Recognitions

- 2024, Family Law in New York, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®
- 2023, "Hollywood's Troubleshooters: Who the Stars Call to Put Out Fires and Prevent Future Disasters," listed in *The Hollywood Reporter*
- 2023, "Top Entertainment Dealmakers and Litigators," listed in *Variety's 2023 Legal Impact Report*
- 2022, Distinguished Leader, listed in the *New York Law Journal*
- 2022, Family Law Trailblazer, listed in *The National Law Journal*
- 2020, "Top 500 Leading Family Lawyers," listed in *Lawdragon*
- 2018–2023, New York, Family/Matrimonial, listed in *Chambers High Net Worth*
- 2013–2023, New York "Super Lawyer" in Family Law, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2011–2012, New York "Rising Star" in Family Law, listed in *Super Lawyers*

Professional Activities

Brett is a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and the co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee. He is co-chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association Committee on Committees, serves on the Association's Matrimonial Law and Family Court Committees, and is a former member of the Association's Board of Directors. Brett is the Co-President of Brandeis University's New York Alumni Chapter and sits on the University's Alumni Board of Directors.

Brett is also a neutral evaluator for the New York Supreme Court, donating hours to assist matrimonial litigants in resolving their cases without the need for trial.