



## Benjamin M. Williams

Senior Attorney

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Benjamin Williams practices in the Southfield office of Foster Swift as a member of the litigation practice group, focusing on family law cases including divorce, child support, and spousal support, and criminal defense.

Prior to his arrival at Foster Swift in September 2023, Ben was an Assistant State's Attorney in Chicago, Illinois for almost 13 years, where he tried hundreds of bench and jury trials. From 2018 to 2023, Ben was assigned to the Felony Trial Division where he prosecuted a wide range of felony cases, including first degree murder, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, criminal sexual assault, and other violent crimes. Earlier in his career, Ben worked in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the State's Attorney's Office where he conducted paternity, child support, and civil contempt hearings. Over time, Ben realized that assisting people with domestic relations cases was some of the most rewarding and valuable work he had ever done.

In coming to Foster Swift to focus on family law, Ben brings his significant courtroom experience to assist families navigating the complex and often emotional world of domestic relations court. Ben works closely with his clients to determine their goals, knowing that decisions regarding divorce, child custody, parenting time, child support, and spousal support have affects far beyond the courtroom. In so doing, Ben can best determine whether a client's long-term goals are best served by compromise or aggressive courtroom litigation.

Ben received his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2008. Prior to that, he graduated with his B.A. from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is fluent in Spanish.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice  
Criminal Law  
Divorce  
Family Law  
General & Commercial Litigation

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### EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law,  
J.D. *Magna Cum Laude*, 2008  
Emory University, B.A. History &  
Spanish, 2003

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### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
Illinois  
California (Inactive)

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### CLERKSHIP(s)

Illinois 4th District Court of Appeals,  
2009-2010

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**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Children Are Our Future: Mastering Advanced Concepts of Custody, Parenting Time & Support,**  
*American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) Conference, May 2, 2024*

**RECENT BLOG POSTS**

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