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Firm Announcements

Firm Honors and Presentations

Senior Attorney Melanie D. Fenwick Thompson was honored to present a CLE on Transfers from Superior Court to Juvenile Court at the Parent Attorney Training at the DeKalb County Juvenile Court on October 4, 2018.



Attorney Fenwick Thompson was awarded the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Award at the ceremony on October 16, 2018.

Attorney Fenwick
Thompson
presented at the
GABWA Trial
Masters Boot
Camp on the topic
of Witness



Preparation.



Newest Team Members

Kristy Olds

Kristy Bell Olds is a native of Norcross, Georgia. She graduated from Meadowcreek High School and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She has extensive experience in management, family law, and Juvenile Court procedure, as well as loss prevention investigations, Corporate Security, and event planning. While in college, she was selected by Delta Air Lines to intern with their Corporate Security Office and was subsequently hired for the summer by their Cargo Safety and Security Department. After college, she worked with at-risk youth as a Chief Intake Officer, as well as served as the Clerk of Court [Read more...](#)



Latest Technology

As we continue to maximize our efficiency to better serve our clients, we recently updated our technology to provide a cutting edge case law management software: MyCase. MyCase allows for our clients to: have access to their files, download their documents, message our staff, upload documents, comment on documents, receive invoices and make electronic payments. Streamlining our communications, our documentation and our payment system saves our clients time, money and ensures proper and efficient case management. Be sure that you have registered to access our client portal!!



Client Highlights





Rasheeda and Kirk Frost

Over the last 10 years, the team at Fenwick Thompson & Associates has represented Rasheeda and Kirk Frost in their various business and entertainment enterprises, including D-Lo Entertainment. We continue to represent them and look forward to their new ventures in 2019.

Child Custody

Fenwick Thompson & Associates successfully argued to maintain jurisdiction in the State of Georgia, at the onset of this Divorce case, with minor children. Almost two years after the initial pleadings were filed, a final hearing was set and the Court allowed the parties one day to present their case, over FTA's objection. Our client had not seen 2 of her children in almost a year. After hearing evidence presented by FTA, at the conclusion of day one, the court understood the urgency of FTA's request for a second day and granted an additional day. The Court ruled in favor of FTA in this highly contested, 2 day divorce/custody trial, and awarded our client custody of all three of her children.

Legal Updates



Child Support

A self-executing custody provision is error, and a trial court must include reasonable and necessary work-related child care expenses and health insurance expense attributable to a child or children in calculating child support, held the 3rd Division of the Georgia Court of Appeals, but a trial judge has considerable discretion in deciding custody and attorney fees in a legitimation case. [Bridger v. Franze, A18A1230 \(2018\).](#)

Contempt/Custody

To address educational decisions concerning minor children requires a change of custody action which must be filed as a separate case, held the 4th Division of the Georgia Court of Appeals, and a contempt matter does not confer jurisdiction to change custody. [Borgers v. Borgers, A18A0910 \(2018\).](#)

Property Division

The U.S. Supreme Court cases of [Howell v. Howell](#) and [Mansell v. Mansell](#) prohibit a Georgia divorce court from awarding any portion of Military Disability pay received by a military retired spouse to the other spouse, and rental income that will no longer be received by a spouse once rental property is sold cannot be counted as income in calculating child support, held the 1st Division of the Georgia Court of Appeals. [Phillips v. Phillips, A18A1193 \(2018\).](#)

Upcoming Events

Georgia Online Parenting Seminar

Winning Your Case With a Better Memory

December 12, 2018

The State Bar of Georgia Conference Center

Powerful Witness Preparation

December 12, 2018

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