

#### Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Litigation
- Trusts and Estates

#### Education

- J.D., Northeastern University, 1983
- B.A., Clark University, 1980

#### Bar Admissions

- New York (1984)
- Massachusetts (1983)
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (1984)

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Judith L. Poller is a partner and Co-Chair of the Family Law Group at Pryor Cashman LLP. She was recently named among the Top 100 Lawyers in New York City and the Top 50 Female Lawyers in New York City by *Super Lawyers Magazine - Metro Edition*.

Ms. Poller's practice is focused on providing counsel in a broad range of matrimonial and family law matters including divorce, child custody and access, spousal and child support, paternity, and prenuptial, postnuptial and separation agreements, including same sex partner cohabitation agreements. She has extensive trial and appellate experience in addition to settlement resolutions and mediation.

Prior to joining Pryor Cashman in 2009, Ms. Poller was a partner at Dreier LLP, having founded that firm's matrimonial practice. Before that, she was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP in New York. She previously served as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Ms. Poller has been quoted as a family law expert by numerous media outlets including *U.S. News & World Report*, *W* magazine, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Observer*, *Crain's*, *Smart Money* magazine and XM Satellite Radio. She has also written for the *American Journal of Family Law*, the *New York Law Journal* and *Estate Planning* magazine. In 2010, Ms. Poller was named to the Editorial Board of *The Matrimonial Strategist*.

She has been a lecturer for Continuing Legal Education for the New York State Bar Association-Family Law Section and has chaired several seminars for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Ms. Poller has also spoken at the American Bar Association Family Law annual meetings, before the Family Law Section at the National CLE Conference and at the Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts.

Ms. Poller is a fellow in the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, where she has been elected to the Board of Managers and serves on the inter-disciplinary committee, and a member of the Family Law Section of the Bar Association of the City of New York, where she serves on the Matrimonial Law Committee. She is active in the New York State Bar Association Family Law Committee, a member of the Committee for Public Service and Education, and was named to the *New York Super Lawyers* list in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Ms. Poller received a J.D. from Northeastern University in 1983 and a B.A. from Clark University in 1980. She is a member of the Bar of the States of New York and Massachusetts and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

### **Previous Positions**

- Dreier LLP, Partner
- Bryan Cave LLP (previously Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronsohn & Berman), Partner
- Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, Associate
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Law Clerk

### **Publications**

- Co-Author (with Elizabeth Warner), *How to Deal with the Distribution of Intellectual Property Assets in Divorce*, The Matrimonial Strategist, September, 2011
- Author, *Divorce and the "Special-Needs" Child*, Law Journal Newsletters (September 2010)
- Co-Author (with D. Schuck and S. Rabinowitz), *No-Fault Divorce Law Enacted In New York*, Pryor Cashman Legal Update (August 2010)
- Contributing Author, *Strategies for Family Law in New York, 2010 Edition – Leading Lawyers On Developing A Strategic Approach, Managing Client Expectations And Adapting To New Trends*. Authored chapter on "Practicing Family Law In Turbulent Economic Times." Aspatore Books (April 2010)
- Author, *Legal and Financial Issues in a Divorce When There is a "Special Needs" Child*, American Journal of Family Law (Winter 2009)
- Author, *Asset Valuation - The Overseas Residence*, New York Law Journal (April 2008)

### **Speaking Engagements**

- Speaker, *Special Needs: Special Divorces*, Strafford Publications, Inc. (January 2012)
- Speaker/Chair, *The Connection Between Matrimonial Law and Trust and Estates Law*, City Bar Center for CLE, New York, NY (October 2011)
- Speaker, *Planning for the Special Needs Child in Divorce*, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Washington, DC (October 2010)

- Speaker, *Families with Special Needs Children in Collaborative Divorce – A Panel Discussion with Legal, Financial and Psychological Experts*, N.Y. Ass’n of Collaborative Professionals (NYACP), New York, NY (April 2010)
- Speaker, *Hot Financial Topics in Family Law*, Institute for Divorce Financial Analysts (IDFA), Advanced Symposium, Las Vegas, NV (February 2010)
- Speaker, *Special Needs: Special Planning/Legal and Financial Issues in Divorce for the Special Needs Child*, Family Law Section at the National CLE Conference (Winter 2008)
- Speaker, *Special Planning - A Primer on the Legal and Financial Issues for Consideration when Parents with Special Needs Children are Divorcing*, American Bar Association Family Law Annual Meeting (April 2007)
- Speaker, *Complex Child Custody Conundrums: Navigating the Labyrinth*, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (May 2006),
- Speaker, *What Every Matrimonial Lawyer Should Know About Trusts, Estates and Social Security Benefits*, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (May 2005)

### Professional Affiliations

- Board of Managers and Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter
- Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Family Law Section and Matrimonial Law Committee, (2005-07, 2009-present)
- Member, New York State Bar Association, Family Law Committee (Committee for Public Service and Education)
- Member, New York State Bar Association, Trusts, Estates and Surrogate’s Court Committee (2002-05)

### Distinctions

- Named by *The Best Lawyers In America* as one of the leading attorneys in Family Law (2012 edition)
- Named among Top 50 Female Lawyers by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition magazine* (2010 edition)
- Named as “Super Lawyer” in Family Law by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition magazine* (2006-11 editions)

### News

- Partner Judith Poller Responds to Questions Posed by New York Daily News Readers
- Pryor Cashman Launches Women’s Leadership Initiative
- 30 Pryor Cashman Attorneys Selected as NYC Super Lawyers
- Partners James Janowitz, Ronald Kremnitzer and Judith Poller Named Among Top 100 Lawyers In NYC by New York Super Lawyers

- Partners Caden, Heicklen, Janowitz, Kay, Kremnitzer, Poller, Rayner and Schuck Named Among “Best Lawyers in America”
- Pryor Cashman's Judith Poller and Elizabeth Warner Author Article Concerning Distribution of Intellectual Property Assets in Divorce
- Partner Judith Poller Speaks at ICAP Conference About Planning for the Special Needs Child in Divorce
- Partner Judith Poller, Co-Chair of Pryor Cashman's Family Law Group, Named Among Top 50 Female Lawyers in NYC by New York Super Lawyers
- Twenty Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as NYC Super Lawyers
- Partner Judith Poller Acknowledged in New Best Seller About the Rich and Powerful
- Partner Judith Poller’s Article on Divorce and the “Special-Needs” Child Published by Law Journal Newsletters
- Pryor Cashman Family Law Group Releases Legal Update: No-Fault Divorce Law Enacted in New York
- Partner Judith Poller Authors Chapter of Major New Family Law Book
- Partner Judith Poller to Speak at NYCAP Presentation on Families with Special Needs Children in Collaborative Divorce
- Partner Judith Poller Selected for Editorial Board of ALM's The Matrimonial Strategist
- Fourteen Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as 2009 New York Super Lawyers
- Partner Judith Poller Interviewed by Private Wealth About Impact of the Economy on Divorces Today
- Partner Judith Poller Reappointed to Matrimonial Law Committee of New York City Bar
- Matrimonial Attorney Judith Poller Joins Pryor Cashman LLP – Will Co-Chair Expanded Family Law Group

### **Events**

- Partner Judith Poller to Speak About The Connection Between Matrimonial Law and Trusts & Estates Law
- Partner Judith Poller To Speak At NYCAP Presentation On Families with Special Needs Children in Collaborative Divorce