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Phillips Whisnant Gazin Gorczyca & Curtin, LLP

Family Law Litigation, Mediation, Collaborative Law

We are proud to be one of the premier family law firms in Southern California. Phillips Whisnant Gazin Gorczyca & Curtin, LLP, with its 12 seasoned family law attorneys, is always evolving and growing to meet the ever-changing facets of family law. The firm is based in Newport Beach and proudly serves clients throughout the greater Orange County area.

As courtrooms reopened safely in 2022, PWGGC continued its 23-plus-year tradition of excellence by securing favorable resolutions for family law clients during major life events—from high-value divorce and pre- and post-marital agreements to child custody and division of complex marital estates.

"We are equipped to handle any family law case in a live or virtual setting," says managing partner Jacqueline A. Whisnant. "With more than 200 years of collective family law practice, our partners have represented some of the most affluent individuals in Southern California, including executives, entrepreneurs, professional athletes and celebrities. Our team approach is designed to meet every client's needs throughout each step of the process, whether it's litigation, mediation or collaborative."

PWGGC's reputation transcends the courtroom, as well. Many of our lawyers have contributed to the legal community through membership and leadership positions with several legal organizations, including the Orange County Bar Association, the Judiciary Committee and Collaborative Divorce Solutions of Orange County. The firm's lawyers are frequently published in legal and mainstream media and lead educational sessions for members of the bar and the public. "Recognition in peer-reviewed publications is especially meaningful, as it reflects the high regard in which we are held by professionals, including those on the other side of the aisle," says founding partner Judi A. Curtin.

U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" recognizes our commitment to the profession and rates PWGGC as a Tier 1 firm in Orange County in the areas of Family Law and Family Law Mediation for 2023. Our attorneys are also honored within the business and legal community. Eight lawyers are recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for their advocacy in family law. Furthermore, four partners have been named in the Southern California Edition of Best Lawyers® as "Lawyers of the Year" in Orange County: In 2023, Jacqueline A. Whisnant for Family Law and Paula J. Swensen for Collaborative Law; in 2022, Judi A. Curtin and in 2014, Gerald J. Phillips both for Family Law.



"'Honor. Strength. Equity.' are the words embossed on the wall in the entry to our office," says retired founding partner Gerald J. Phillips. "That philosophy reflects our approach to the complex area of family law and our dedication to our clients—many of whom are enduring some of the most difficult periods in their personal and private lives. It is our privilege to diligently represent our clients during those challenging times."