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Selected by peers as a **Leading Lawyer in:**
Family Law

Extensive Experience in:
Complex Matrimonial Litigation
Complex Visitation and Custody
Parentage Determination
Post-Judgment Enforcement
High Profile Cases

County: Cook
Litigator: Yes

Practice Description:

Mr. Toback's practice is limited to Matrimonial and Family Law at the trial court and appellate court levels. He has extensive experience in contested and uncontested divorces including matters dealing with custody, visitation, children's issues, paternity, extended family practice, domestic violence, post-divorce modification and enforcement, and pre-and post-nuptial agreements. Mr. Toback also has extensive experience with cases involving complex financial strategies, business valuations and tax issues in divorce and family law cases. He is certified by the Circuit Court of Cook County of Illinois for Court appointment as a Child's Representative, Guardian ad Litem and Attorney for Children.

Notable Cases and Results:

Mr. Toback has successfully litigated numerous high profile cases in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. In *Re: Marriage of Walgreen*, Mr. Toback successfully defended Loren Walgreen against her In-Laws' attempts to terminate her parental rights and adopt her children. In *Re: Marriage of Reynolds*, Mr. Toback successfully achieved the return of former Congressman Melvin Reynold's children to the state of Illinois after an alleged wrongful taking of the children to the state of Florida. Mr. Toback and his partner, Steven Lake, successfully litigated the property distribution of one-half of a \$40 million lottery grand prize to his client, over strenuous opposition by the husband to such an award.

Bar Admissions:

State of Illinois, 1982
District Court Northern District of Illinois, 1982

Hourly Rate: \$301-\$400/hour

Retainer: Varies upon case.

Date of Birth: 1958

Law School: The John Marshall School of Law, J.D., 1982

Law School Honors/Involvement: Graduated with distinction, 1982

Undergraduate School: State University of New York at Albany

Bar/Professional Association Involvement:

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
President, Illinois chapter, 1998-2000
Illinois State Bar Association
Past chair of the Family Law Section Council
Past editor of its newsletter
Former chair of its Continuing Legal Education Committee
Chicago Bar Association
Matrimonial Law Committee
Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association
Director-At-Large, 2001-2002

Community Involvement:

Mr. Toback was named one of the ten top divorce lawyers in Chicago by the *Chicago Sun-Times* on August 6, 2000.

Published Legal Writing:

"Maintenance," *Family Law Handbook*, Illinois State Bar Association

"Removal: A Historical and Practical Perspective," *Illinois Family Law Report*, November 1992

"Changes to IMDMA May Make It Easier for Spouses to Obtain Maintenance," *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, October 1992

"Dissipation of Marital Assets: A Review and Criticism," *Illinois Bar Journal*, April 1991

"Domestic Relations - Quick Guide for the Legal Assistant," IICLE, 1989

"Paternity Proceedings," chapter 63, *Family Law & Practice*, Matthew Bender 1986

"Refusal to Submit to Paternity Blood-Testing A Legal Quagmire," *Illinois Family Law* at 1, November/December 1984

Legal Lectures:

Panelist, "Trial Of A Divorce Case," Young Lawyers Section Of The Chicago Bar Association, December 10, 1998

Judge/evaluator, The National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Division and The John Marshall Law School, April 3, 1998

Moderator, Attorney/Judge Business Valuation Panel discussion: "Achieving the Goal: Litigation Issues - Business Valuations," Clifton Gunderson L.L.C., Northbrook, Illinois - January 19, 1998

"Effective Solutions: Litigation Issues 1997," Valuation Case Law Update, Berger Goldstein & Co., Northbrook, Illinois - January 20, 1997

"Third Party Practice In Custody Cases," AAML DuPage County, April 15, 1996

"Issues Affecting Valuations of Closely Held Corporate Practices and Personal Service Practices," Critical Solutions Litigation Issues 1996, Berger Goldstein & Co., Northbrook, Illinois - January 15, 1996

"Zells and Beyond - Business Valuations and Goodwill," Illinois State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting, December 9, 1994

Moderator, "Family Law Update," Illinois State Bar Association Annual Meeting, June 24, 1994

"Dissipation Current Court Trends, and Tips on Presenting Your Case," Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, "Getting the Financial Edge," April 28, 1994

"Family Law Case Update," Illinois State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting, December 1993

Newsletter editor, Illinois State Bar Association, "Dissipation Update Recent Cases are Changing The Way Courts Look at Dissipation," The Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association, April 14, 1993

"Recent Case Developments," Illinois State Bar Association mid-year meeting, December 1992

"Maintenance Law Update," Illinois State Bar Association Annual meeting, June 1992

"Child Support and The Guidelines," The Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association, April 8, 1991

Instructor, "Discovery for Matrimonial Lawyer: The Cash Business Finding Income and Assets," IICLE, February 18, 1991

"The Great Dissipation Debate," Illinois chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, May 1, 1990

"Illinois Family Law Basic Concepts and Special Problems: Paternity Cases," IICLE, September 8 and 9, 1988

Firm Description:

Lake Toback is one of the largest law firms in the state of Illinois devoted exclusively to family and matrimonial law. The attorneys of Lake Toback strive to give their clients the individual attention each deserves. Lake Toback's goal is to serve the best interest of the family.

Parking:

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