

# MATTHEW A. OAS

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## BAR ADMISSION

Pennsylvania State Bar, 2012; Active

## EDUCATION

**The Dickinson School of Law** in Carlisle, PA

Juris Doctor, May 2012

Honors: Miller Pro Bono Program Public Interest Advocate

**West Chester University** in West Chester, PA

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 2008

Major: Political Science

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas**

April 2024 – Present

*Custody Hearing Officer, Family Division* – Presided over partial custody trials and interim relief hearings. Issued court orders and wrote recommendations and reports regarding child custody and related issues. Conducting custody conciliations.

**The Honorable Hugh F. McGough**

December 2021 – April 2024

*Judicial Law Clerk and Custody Conciliator, Family Division* – Drafted orders and appellate opinions. Prepared legal research memos for upcoming hearings. Advised on daily proceedings. Reviewed and commented on all motions and exceptions before argument. Oversaw summer internship program.

**Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel**

June 2019 – December 2021

*Staff Attorney, Dependency Division* – Represented juvenile clients at dependency hearings as legal counsel or guardian ad litem. Maintained an active caseload of 30-60 dependency cases.

**Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh**

October 2016 – January 2019

*Staff Attorney, Civil Law Project* – Represented survivors of intimate partner violence in custody, divorce, support, and protection from abuse cases. Maintained an active caseload and participated in regular domestic violence training and PCADV meetings.

**Pyfer, Reese, Straub, Gray & Farhat, PC** in Lancaster, PA

January 2016 – July 2016

*Associate Attorney, Family Section* – Represented clients in custody hearings and divorce settlements. Advised on IT, social media, and advertising.

**Chan, Chevront & Associates** in Lancaster, PA

September 2014 – October 2015

*Associate Attorney* - Represented clients in custody, divorce, SIJS, and asylum proceedings. Appeared before Immigration Judges in both Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

## LEGAL ASSOCIATIONS

ACBA Family Law Section Counsel; Public Service Committee Chair 2019-2021; Law Day Committee Chair 2022-2023; Community Service Committee Co-Chair 2023-Present

Matrimonial Inns of Court, Member 2017-Present

2018 National Trial Advocacy College, University of Virginia School of Law