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INTRODUCTION TO 2025-2026 EDITION

The 2025-2026 edition of *Domestic Relations Law (Baldwin's Ohio Practice)* volumes 1 to 3 provides comprehensive coverage of domestic relations law in Ohio. Judges, law professors, and leading practitioners contributed analysis, commentary, and practical guidance making this title a helpful family law resource. Beatrice K. Sowald retired as co-editor after over thirty years following the release of the 2024-2025 Edition in December 2024. For the 2025-2026 Edition, this title is being updated under the guidance of founding co-editor Stanley Morganstern and Pamela J. MacAdams.

This 2025-2026 Edition of *Domestic Relations Law (Baldwin's Ohio Practice)* volumes 1 to 3 replaces the 2024-2025 Edition volumes 1 to 3 in their entirety.

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- Property agreements between spouses; Antenuptial agreements and postnuptial agreements (Chapter 12)
- Mediation and early neutral evaluation relating to visitation (Chapter 18)
- Personal tax exemption (Chapter 28)
- Counselors and social worker licensing (Chapter 37)
- Action of court on magistrate's decision (Chapter 31)

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Foreword

This 2025-2026 Edition to Baldwin's Ohio Practice, Domestic Relations Law is contemporary guide to the complex laws that impact changing family relationships. As in prior editions, the primary focus is on domestic relations practice in Ohio's Courts of Common Pleas, particularly within Divisions of Domestic Relations.

Baldwin's Ohio Practice, Domestic Relations Law, is the product of many talented individuals, including contributions from many authors, each an expert in an area of domestic practice or related field. A biographical sketch of current contributors to this edition is included in the front of this work. We are grateful to all of them for their work and extremely proud of the result of their collective efforts. Because of their expertise, Baldwin's Ohio Practice, Domestic Relations Law, is the definitive work on the ever-changing subject of family law in Ohio.

Rapidly changing areas, such as enforcement of child support, parenting issues, treatment of retirement benefits in divorce, alternative forms of dispute resolution and tax considerations, are included. Each chapter of the text continues to provide many practice oriented features, such as checklists, practice tips, and new forms, as well as forms from prior editions, incorporated into the textual discussion of the relevant issue.

Author-drafted forms are also provided on CD-ROM, to allow practitioners to select forms and adapt them for use on their word-processing systems. An index provides ready access to each topic covered, including legal terminology and common phrases, to create multiple entry points for research. A Table of Cases, Table of Laws and Rules, and numerous cross references point to related documents.

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