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INTRODUCTION TO 2026-2027 EDITION

The 2026-2027 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.

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- Chapter 1 Antenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements retitled to reflect statutory changes enabling husband and wife to enter into postnuptial agreements altering their legal relations with each other (R.C. 3103.05, 3103.06, 3103.061, Chapter 1)
- Proceedings in Domestic Violence Courts (Sup. R. 65.1, 65.2, Crim. R. 38, Chapter 5)
- Guardian ad litem—Procedure (Sup. R. 8.02, Chapter 15)
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- Attorney disciplinary procedures—Consent agreements (Gov. Bar R. V § 16(A)(4)(e), Chapter 34)

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I welcome Pamela J. MacAdams as coeditor who has already devoted her time efforts and expertise to assure this publication continues to be of the quality readers expect.

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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.

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