

# RONALD S. LADDEN

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

- November 1999 to Present                      Co-Owner/Partner – Ladden & Allen, Chtd., Chicago, IL  
***Concentration: Family Law***
- March 1, 1999 to November 1999              Owner – Ronald S. Ladden & Associates, Chicago, IL  
***Concentration: Family Law***
- April 1989 to March 1999                      Director – Pretzel & Stouffer, Chtd., Chicago, IL  
***Concentration: Co-Head of Family Law  
Section of firm.***
- 1978 – April 1989                                Partner – Epton, Mullin & Druth, Ltd., Chicago, IL  
***General Responsibility:*** Primary responsibility for numerous cases at trial and appellate level involving family law litigation.
- 1956 – 1978                                        Sole practitioner with emphasis concentrated in family law.

### ***EDUCATION***

- B.A. – 1953  
Drake University – Des Moines, IA
- J.D. – 1956  
DePaul University Law School – Chicago, IL

### ***ADMITTED TO PRACTICE***

Illinois and United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

### ***PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORIA***

Fellow of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.  
President of Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers November 1, 1989 – October 31, 1990.  
Governor Elect to National Board of Governors of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, November 1, 1991 – October 31, 1994. Illinois Chapter Vice President of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Illinois Chapter Sub-board of Examiners (1984 – 1986). Seminar Committee (1986 -). Fellow of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Chicago Bar Associates; Matrimonial Law Committee. Illinois State Bar Associates; Family Law Section (ISBA Family Law Section Council). American Bar Association Section of Family Law (ABA Executive Council

Custody Committee). Associate Editor, Illinois Journal of Family Law. Lecturer on various topics of family law. Author: “*Irrationally Held Truths: A Mildly Iconoclastic Look at the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act*,” Illinois Bar Journal, Vol. 70, No. 10, June 1982. “*The Uniform Premarital Agreement Act: An Ill-Reasoned Retreat from the Unconscionability Analysis*”, American Journal of Family Law, Vol. 4, No. 3, Fall 1990. Reviewed, 8 Journal of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 145, Spring, 1992. Author: “*Enforceability of Jewish Marriage Contracts in Civil Courts*”, American Journal of Family Law, Fall 1992. “*Preparing Clients for Custody Litigation*”, FAIR\$HARE, Vol. 14, No. 6, June 1994. “*Take it to Trial*”, Family Advocate, Vol. 23, No. 2, Fall 2000. Listed in “*The Best Lawyers in America*”, Seaview/Putnam, 1983. Named to Illinois Leading Lawyers Network – 2006. Guest on CLTV “Your Money” program; interviewed regarding benefits and detriments of pre-nuptial agreements, September, 2005.

Lecturer and demonstrator for Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Lecturer for American Bar Association, San Diego, California, 1993: “*Preparing Clients for Custody Litigation*”

Presenter to International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Paris, France, November 1995; “*Implications of Baby Richard Case*”

Lecturer for American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Koloa, Hawaii, March 1996: “*Enterprise vs. Personal Good Will: Where are We?*”

Presentment of paper to Illinois State Bar Association on removal of children to sister states, June 1996  
Graduate Mediation Institute of America, Inc., May 1996

Presenter to Chicago Bears Football Team Rookie Class, August 1999: “*Illinois Parentage Act: The High Cost of Sex*”

Board of Managers – USA Chapter, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2003 - 2006)

Board of Managers – American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2006 - )

Lecturer for Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Chicago, 2007: *“Analysis of Maintenance Obligations in Diverse Fact Patterns”*

Presentment of paper to International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, St. Petersburg, Russia, September 2007: *“The Phenomenon of the Intimate Terrorist: What To Do About & With Him”*

Lecturer for Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Chicago, 2008: *“Vocational Assessments When Determining Maintenance”*