

David S. Abramson

Counsel

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David has a unique skillset that allows him to combine work on complex and high net worth domestic relations matters and work as an [adviser and agent for amateur and professional athletes](#). For more than 30 years he has successfully represented and counseled clients in state and federal courts. In the family law area, David has litigated contested custody cases, including international child abduction under the Hague Convention in the U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Other family law matters that he has handled involve:

- Equitable distribution of real estate and personal property interests
- Retirement and pension assets
- Valuation of business interests, including the valuation of professional sports franchises, campgrounds, construction companies, software companies, and other business entities

In the sports law arena, David has represented dozens of athletes in contract negotiations and endorsements. He is the Chair of Verrill's Sports Law Industry Team. David is a certified Player Agent with the MLB Players Association.

His service as a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and as a founding member of the American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators demonstrates the respect David has earned from his peers in domestic law. His network of trusted professional relationships translates into better negotiations and courtroom results for his clients.

Education

- Pace University School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Maine (B.A., *High Distinction*)

Public Service

- Campaign for Justice, Co-Chair (2023)
- Corporator, Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution
- Board of Directors, Kids First

Services/Industries

- Litigation & Trial
- Family Law
- Individuals & Families

- Advisory Committee to Consider Spousal Support Guidelines
- Varsity Hitting Coach, Falmouth High School
- Advisory Committee, Family Division of the Maine District Court
- Overseers of the Bar, Grievance Commission Panel Member (2003-2020), Chair, Panel E
- Selection Committee for Appointment of Family Law Magistrates, Family Division of the Maine District Court (2016)
- Selection Committee for Appointment of Case Management Officers, Family Division of the Maine District Court (1998) and Family Law Magistrates (2016)
- Maine Justice Foundation (2003-2010)
- Adjunct Professor, Sports Law: A Managerial Approach, University of Southern Maine (2009)
- Advisory Committee to Maine Supreme Judicial Court on the Rules of Professional Responsibility (2001-2003)
- Domestic Relations Advisory Committee, Family Division of the Maine District Court (2002)
- Maine Bar Association, Fee Arbitration Commission (2001-2002)
- City of South Portland Board of Education (1996-1999), Chair (1998-1999)
- Board of Directors, American Red Cross, York County Chapter (1995-1997)

Bar Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts

Memberships

- Maine State Bar Association, Family Law Section; Chair (2003-2004)
- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Maine Founding Member, American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators
- Certified Player Agent, Major League Baseball Players Association

Honors

- AV® rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® Sports Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Portland, Maine (2014)
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® Family Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Portland, Maine (2022, 2024)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® under Family Law, Sports Law in Portland, Maine (since 2007)

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Court and Other Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maine
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Sports Agency

In addition to being well-respected as a family law practitioner, David is a Certified Player Agent with the Major League Baseball Players Association.

David has been instrumental in developing marketing opportunities for his players with companies that share a common vision of success with his clients:

- Adidas
- All Star
- Reebok
- Nike
- Rawlings
- Wilson
- Mizuno
- Topps
- Phiten USA
- Dovetail Bats
- Louisville Slugger
- Old Hickory Bats

David offers pre-draft advice to amateur high school and collegiate baseball players anticipating a career in professional baseball. For those athletes who are draft eligible, he advises his clients with a statewide, regional and national statistical analysis in order to enhance a player's position in the draft and subsequent negotiations with the player's professional ball club. David delivers full-service representation to professional athletes with aggressive advocacy and experienced advice. David served as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern Maine where he taught a course on Sports Law: A Managerial Approach.

David is Falmouth High School's Varsity Hitting Coach, and was an assistant coach in the inaugural season of the Greater Northeast Collegiate Baseball League. In the past, David has been active in local Little League, American Legion Baseball, and Maine Lightning Baseball as a manager and coach. When not traveling to see his players during the baseball season, David can be seen with his family at Hadlock Field as one of the original season ticket holders for the Portland Sea Dogs.

Events

June 27, 2024

MSBA's 2024 Summer Bar Conference: Family Law Mediation & Judicial

Settlement Conferences

Bar Harbor

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Harborside Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME

News

August 15, 2024

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August 17, 2023

82 Verrill Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® 2024, Including 10 Named Lawyers of the Year

August 24, 2022

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August 31, 2021

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August 24, 2020

Nearly 80 Verrill Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® 2021, Including a Dozen Named Lawyers of the Year