

FIVE DOCUMENTED FACTS ABOUT CONNECTICUT FAMILY COURT

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1. The firm said it themselves. One Old Greenwich family-law firm's own marketing video lists its advantages: experts, accountants, therapists, mediators — **“the judges.** Those relationships that we form... give our clients the best possible outcome in their case.” Their words, on camera, under their own name.

2. The statewide rulebook was written with their committee. The judge who runs Connecticut's Family Division signed the statewide order that governs every divorce case (effective 1/1/2025). His own published article says it was developed in **at least seven meetings (2021–2022)** with the CT Bar's Family Law Section — whose officer chairs in those exact years included this firm's partner (CLE Chair 2021, Vice Chair 2022–23, **Chair 2023**). The Section's sitting Secretary **today** is another partner of the same firm — currently litigating under those rules.

3. The footnote and the introduction. The judge's own 2025 article rests its first citation on an article by a former partner of the firm's predecessor (and son of its founder). In March 2022, the firm's named partner personally delivered the introductions at the bar program where the judge taught *“What is a judge looking for during a TRO hearing”* — twelve months before his statewide elevation.

4. Eight lawyers, six leadership tables. Per the firm's own website: officer ladders culminating in the presidency or chairmanship of the CT Bar's Family Law Section, the 22-member CT matrimonial lawyers' academy, the **Greenwich Bar Association**, the Fairfield County bar's family section, the Stamford courthouse Special Masters program (co-chaired 2008–2020), and the CT Bar's **Bench/Bar Committee** — the committee about judge-lawyer relations itself.

5. None of it was disclosed. Connecticut's judicial ethics rule (2.11(B)(2)) requires judges to disclose on the record anything parties “might reasonably consider relevant” to fairness — *even when the judge sees no basis for stepping aside*. In the Stamford case that sparked this inquiry, the docket shows the judge's signature applying his framework, the firm on the other side, the Section Secretary as counsel of record — and **no disclosure of any of the above.**

What we did NOT find (honesty matters): no payments, no gifts, no co-authored articles, no secret meetings — CT judges aren't elected, and every meeting cited comes from the court's own published account. This is not a bribery story. It is a **disclosure** story. The law's remedy for relationships is a paragraph on the record. That paragraph never appeared.

The one question: *If it were your kids and your home on the table — would you have wanted to know?*

DO SOMETHING (10 minutes):

- Lived it? Faced this firm in a CT family case? **Call 1-877-542-4578** or visit www.sgbclassaction.com
- Ask your state rep & senator (cga.ct.gov): *“Will you support requiring family-court judges to disclose, on the record, rulemaking and bar-leadership relationships with firms appearing before them?”* (Legislators vote on every judge's reappointment every 8 years.)
- Demand public family-court assignment + GAL-fee data.

This sheet states documented facts and asks whether they should have been disclosed. It does not assert that any judge or lawyer broke any law. Every fact is sourced at the website above; errors will be corrected prominently.