

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 2000 - 2019

## 2015

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**Now:** Partner at Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP  
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**Then:** Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

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**Then:** Chapman and Cutler LLP

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**Then:** Kirkland & Ellis LLP

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**Now:** Collison Law Offices Ltd.  
**Then:** Collison Law Offices Ltd.

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**Now:** Partner at Hall Prangle & Schoonveld LLC  
**Then:** Hall Prangle & Schoonveld LLC

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**Now:** Partner at Cogan & Power P.C.  
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**Now:** MSD Injury Lawyers  
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**Now:** Partner at Davis Friedman LLP  
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**Now:** General counsel and assistant secretary at Lifeway Foods Inc.  
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**Now:** Director of school growth at Cristo Rey Network  
**Then:** Dudley & Lake

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**Now:** Partner at Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC  
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**Now:** Senior legal counsel, litigation and dispute management at Accenture LLP  
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**Now:** Partner at Winston & Strawn LLP  
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**Now:** Associate at Clifford Law Offices  
**Then:** Clifford Law Offices

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**Now:** Partner at Kogut & Wilson LLC  
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**Now:** Principal at Berger Schatz  
**Then:** Berger Schatz

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**Now:** Partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP  
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**Then:** Quarles & Brady LLP

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**Now:** Shareholder at Littler Mendelson P.C.  
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## Looking for commonality

In her family law practice at Berger Schatz, Karen Krehbiel is committed to relying more heavily on alternative dispute resolutions and resolving cases outside of court.

"Over time, I've come to conclude that whenever it's possible, the best avenue to go down is either a directly negotiated outcome between lawyers or guiding people through alternative dispute resolution," she said. "I think it's better for my clients and better for families too."

Matrimonial law can be especially adversarial, she said.

"I try looking for the commonality when I can," she said.

Krehbiel, a University of Michigan Law School graduate, began practicing commercial and securities litigation at Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy in New York City. From there, she joined Skoloff & Wolfe in Livingston, N.J. and practiced family law before joining Berger Schatz in 2005.

Krehbiel traces her experience with family law to her work representing neglected and abused children for Lawyers for Children, a nonprofit legal organization in New York City.

"I really enjoyed working directly with people," she said. "I eventually really missed one-on-one client contact and feeling like I was helping people."

Krehbiel said she shifted her practice to matrimonial law because she can still handle complex

cases but has the ability to work directly with others.

Looking ahead, Krehbiel said she hopes to continue practicing more collaboratively as well as mentoring other colleagues in the profession and encouraging collaboration in an adversarial field.

Krehbiel said she also would like to make space for her co-workers who need to work part-time temporarily.

"I wouldn't be here if people hadn't given me the flexibility to work part-time," she said.

The firm's willingness to accommodate the needs of her work/life balance is one reason Krehbiel has remained with Berger Schatz for more than a decade.

"Balance is really important in this intense field," she said.



**Karen Krehbiel**  
 Class of 2015