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From the Chair

by Gail C. Calderwood

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As we all leap into Spring, I welcome the change from cold to warmer weather, longer days, and my garden starting to bloom with my glory of the snow flowers blanketing my front bed and daffodils already opening from their buds. There has been change within the Family Law Section of the PBA, as we welcome new co-editors **Judy Springer** and **Elizabeth Fineman**, who have graciously taken up the mantle of publishing the *Family Lawyer*. Joining them are **Mark Ashton**, who will provide his advice in his role on the Editorial Board, and **Adam Tanker** has taken on the role of Bar Review editor. I welcome them, and the Section is deeply thankful for their willingness to volunteer time and energy to producing what is arguably the most important project the Section produces for its Members. I encourage each of you to open the link sent to you quarterly, to access



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the *Family Lawyer*, or seek it out on the members-only portion of the PBA website Section page. We thank **David Pollock** for his many years as past editor, and **Gerald (Jerry) Shoemaker** for his work on the Bar Review for so long.

There have also been changes in the laws with the adoption of the Collaborative Law Act, not to

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GET TO KNOW A MEMBER

Hugh J. Algeo, Esquire



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Hugh is an associate in the Doylestown firm of Eastburn & Gray, PC.

1. Full name?

Hugh Joseph Algeo IV

2. How did you become interested in family law/ why did you choose this area of law?

After law school, I joined Eastburn and Gray. The

family law practice needed support and I found myself drawn to it. I enjoy being in court and dealing with various financial issues. I also really enjoyed tax law as a law student and family law gave me access to tax issues.

3. How long have you been practicing and where?

I have been practicing law at Eastburn and Gray since 2011. I started as a summer associate after my first year of law school.

4. Why did you choose to live and practice in Bucks County?

Bucks County is just a nice place to be. The family law section is a very collegial and helpful group of individuals.

5. What's your favorite thing about Doylestown?

The history and the locally owned businesses. Doylestown is just a good-looking place. It seems like every building has a history. There are also lots of great small shops and restaurants within walking distance of my office.

6. What's your perfect vacation?

Skiing in the woods or sitting on an uncrowded beach, with my family. As a family law lawyer, I have learned to appreciate deep breaths and ambient noise, and I am always seeking them both out.

7. What's your favorite book?

Pillars of the Earth for Fiction, and *Under the Banner of Heaven* for Non-fiction.

8. What's your favorite TV show?

Game of Thrones. Are you allowed to name any other TV show in 2019 as your favorite?

9. What's your favorite movie?

The Big Lebowski or *The Empire Strikes Back*. Not many people are cooler than the Dude or Han Solo.

10. What's your favorite quote?

“When things are heavy, put them down.” I do not know if it is attributable to anyone famous, but it was said to me once and it has stuck with me ever since. It is important to remember that you need not always carry the weight of the world on your back.

11. What's one thing that we don't know about you?

I can juggle. When I was a kid, I taught myself to juggle because it seemed like an important skill to have. It has not come up yet, but I am ready for when it does.

12. What are your pet peeves in terms of practicing family law?

Clients that refuse to see the forest through the trees. They forget their current situation is temporary, and it will always come to an end. Or they become so focused on trivial matters, they cannot see the big picture.

13. Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Chris Hemsworth. He is much better looking and funnier than me, but it is my movie, not yours.