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Crystal Espinosa Buit devotes her practice to providing skilled and supportive legal representation for clients going through complicated and often highly emotional family law matters, including divorce, child support, child custody, alimony and family law litigation. Crystal has significant experience negotiating and drafting prenuptial and postnuptial agreements for couples seeking financial protection and peace of mind. Her clients include high-net-worth individuals, business executives and business owners, doctors, lawyers, professional athletes and other prominent professionals, as well as the spouses of such individuals.

A strong and compassionate advocate, Crystal knows every family is unique and no two cases are the same. She works tirelessly to find creative solutions that minimize conflict and suit each client's best interests and individual needs. A wife and mother of two, Crystal also understands the difficult decisions her clients face, and she works closely with them to keep them informed and supported as they navigate uncharted territory and make important choices for themselves and their children.

With her training and experience in collaborative family law, Crystal believes that most couples and families can benefit from avoiding lengthy courtroom battles by resolving conflicts regarding issues like shared parenting time, child and spousal support, and property division through alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation, arbitration, and collaborative law. When litigation cannot be avoided, she and the firm's other family law attorneys will zealously represent you and your interests in the courtroom.

Practices & Industries

Family & Marital Law

Admissions

Florida

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009; Order of the Coif
- University of Central Florida, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2006; Honors Program; UCF Top Graduate for College of Arts & Sciences

An Orlando native, Crystal is an ardent supporter of her undergraduate alma mater, the University of Central Florida. She currently serves on its Alumni Association Board of Directors and was honored with the UCF Jefferson Award for Constituent Chapter Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her generosity and service to the university.

Previously recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* as a “Florida Rising Star,” Crystal graduated magna cum laude from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. While in law school, she was a member of the Florida Law Review and earned five Books Awards, including Interviewing & Counseling; Negotiation; and Family and Public Policy.

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Ones to Watch, Family Law, 2023-2024
- Rising Star, *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2019
- Jefferson Award, UCF Alumni Association, 2015
- Order of the Coif, University of Florida Chapter
- *The Florida Law Review*
- Book Award, Family & Public Policy, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Book Award, Negotiation, Interviewing & Counseling, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Book Award, Advance Legal Research, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Book Award, Criminal Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Teaching Assistant for Trial Practice, Legal Research & Writing, and Appellate Advocacy
- Legal Extern, United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida, Orlando, Florida
- Speaker on behalf of Newly Admitted Lawyers, Ceremony for Induction of Candidates for Admission to The Florida Bar, The Fifth District Court of Appeals, October 5, 2009

Community Activities

- Leadership Winter Park, Class 33
- University of Central Florida Alumni Association
- UCF Golden Knights Club

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- The Florida Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- American Academy for Certified Financial Litigators (AACFL) Orlando Chapter, Founding Member
- UCF Alumni Board of Directors, 2018-present
- UCF Alumni Association Nicholson School of Communication Chapter, Chair, 2016-2017; Vice Chair, 2015-2016
- UCF Alumni Association Community Volunteers Chapter, Chair, 2014-2015; Board member and Jefferson Awards/Events Chair, 2013-14
- UCF Alumni Association, Scholarship Committee, 2012-present

- Orlando Young Professionals Leadership Development Group, Executive Board Member and Communications Chair, 2011, 2012
- UCF Young Alumni Chapter, Executive Board Member and Professional Chair, 2010-2011
- University of Central Florida President's Leadership Council, 2005-2006

Testimonials

"I had the privilege of having Crystal Buit as my divorce attorney, and I cannot express enough how amazing and helpful she was throughout the entire process. From our very first meeting, Crystal's professionalism and empathy shone brightly, instantly putting me at ease during a challenging time. Crystal's legal expertise is second to none. She guided me through the intricate legal procedures with precision, ensuring that my rights were protected every step of the way. What truly sets Crystal apart is her genuine care for her clients' well-being. She patiently listened to my concerns, answered my questions, and provided emotional support when I needed it most. Crystal's dedication and commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for me were evident in every aspect of my case. She worked tirelessly, leaving no stone unturned, and her attention to detail was impressive. Thanks to her, I emerged from my divorce with a fair settlement and a sense of closure. I wholeheartedly recommend Crystal Buit to anyone seeking an exceptional divorce attorney. Her combination of legal prowess and unwavering support is nothing short of remarkable. She made a difficult journey more manageable, and for that, I am profoundly grateful."

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"Crystal is a brilliant attorney, articulate and professional in everything she does. She also is compassionate and calm and was a confidante, friend, and tremendous support throughout my divorce. I felt like she was a great communicator and responded quickly to my texts and emails. She explained everything to me in terms I could easily understand and I felt comfortable to ask questions. I recommend Crystal Buit without reservation."

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"Taking the step to start divorce proceedings to end my twenty year marriage was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life; and I have had to do some really hard things, so that says a lot. Finding myself in that position; scared, devastated, with absolutely no idea what to expect and what to do was absolutely overwhelming. Having someone like Crystal as counsel, who is incredibly intelligent and knows divorce law coupled with compassion and empathy for my personal situation was nothing short of a God send. I don't wish what I went through on my worst enemy, but if you find yourself in such an unpleasant situation, there is no one better to have by your side through it all."

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To protect the privacy of our clients, names have been removed. Results are case and fact specific.

News

Best Lawyers Recognizes 49 Lowndes Attorneys in 2024, Three Named Lawyer of the Year
08.17.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

46 Lowndes Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in 2023
08.18.2022 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes' Crystal Buit Becomes Founding Member of American Academy for Certified Financial Litigators (AACFL) Orlando Chapter
03.12.2021 | PRESS RELEASE

29 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2019 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
05.29.2019 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Names Crystal Espinosa Buit Of Counsel
04.05.2018 | PRESS RELEASE

Crystal Espinosa Buit Elected To The UCF Alumni Board Of Directors
10.19.2017 | PRESS RELEASE

Publications

Navigating the Legal Maze of Parental Relocation in Divorce
09.26.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida's Alimony Overhaul: New Legislation Changes Modification Standards
07.03.2023 | ARTICLE

New Florida Legislation Helps Unwed Fathers Gain Parental Rights
06.20.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida's Proposed Alimony Reform Alters Parenting Plan Modification Requirements
04.17.2023 | ARTICLE

Florida Legislature Tries Once Again to Overhaul Alimony
03.28.2023 | ARTICLE

Gov. DeSantis Vetoes Florida Legislature's Attempt to Reform Alimony Statutes
06.22.2022 | ARTICLE

Why the Cut-Off Date Matters in Florida Divorces
03.31.2022 | ARTICLE

Lessons from a Celebrity Divorce: The Importance of a Prenuptial Agreement
08.18.2021 | ARTICLE

Gray Divorce: What to Consider When You're Divorcing Later in Life
05.24.2021 | ARTICLE

Florida Supreme Court Rules "Concrete Steps" Not Required to Restore Parent Timesharing Rights
05.03.2021 | ARTICLE

Prenuptial Agreements - Who Needs Them?
12.20.2017 | ARTICLE

Selling/Acquiring Distressed Real Estate In Florida: A White Paper on the Advantages and Disadvantages of Six Alternatives, Including Contract and Due
03.09.2012 | ARTICLE