

# Gerri L. Sperling

## Counsel

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Gerri L. Sperling came to Strassburger McKenna Gutnick and Gefsky in 2016 as Counsel. She brings over thirty years of experience to her diverse practice areas, including health law, employer-employee relations and adoptions, guardianship and surrogacy.

Ms. Sperling's vast background in health law includes assisting health insurers, hospitals, and other healthcare providers in drafting and reviewing employment, service and vendor contracts, advising on regulatory matters, and litigating provider and coverage disputes in federal and state courts.

Her employment law experience includes drafting and implementing personnel policies; drafting and reviewing restrictive covenant and other employment agreements; reviewing severance packages and executive compensation packages for employees; preparing severance agreements on behalf of employers; representing employers in defending discrimination claims and wage and hour claims, and most importantly, advising clients how to avoid those claims in the first instance.

Finally, Ms. Sperling gains her greatest fulfillment helping individuals become families through her work in adoption, guardianship and surrogacy. Ms. Sperling has handled over 900 adoption cases, including domestic, international, and stepparent adoptions. Related to her adoption practice, Ms. Sperling has obtained experience with guardianships and surrogacy. Her experience as an adoptive parent informs her adoption practice; knowing what her clients are experiencing gives her invaluable insight into the process.

Ms. Sperling is known for her energy, dedication to her clients, and enthusiasm for helping them achieve results. Ms. Sperling obtains great satisfaction in assisting clients in avoiding litigation and minimizing risk.

Outside of work, Ms. Sperling enjoys reading, cooking, yoga, studying French, following the Pittsburgh Pirates and spending time with her husband, daughter and Havanese dog.

### Practice Areas

- Crisis/COVID-19 Legal Counseling Services
- Healthcare Law
- Employer-Employee Relations
- Public/Non-Profit
- Adoption and Guardianship

### Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania

### Education

- J.D., Boston University School of Law
- B.A., cum laude, University of Pennsylvania

### Professional Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

### Recognition & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Rating AV® Preeminent, 2017
- Best Lawyers in America, 2020, for Family Law (Adoptions)

### Community Involvement

- Jewish Residential Service, President, Board of Directors
- Pace School, Member and past President, Board of Directors
- Adagio Health, Inc., Secretary, Board of Directors