

Maria M. Barlow

Maria M. Barlow is the principal attorney at **The Barlow Law Firm, LLC**. She provides affordable, professional legal representation to a diverse community of clients in need. Her practice focuses on *Estate Planning* (Wills & Trusts etc.), *Family Law* (Divorce, Child Support, and Custody), *Conceal Carry Self Defense* and *Personal Injury*.

With over a decade of wide-ranging legal experience in family law, civil and criminal litigation, attorney Barlow has extensive experience in the practice of law including discovery, case management, legal research, and trial preparation, to name a few.

Born and raised in Chicago, Maria completed her undergraduate degree at Northeastern Illinois University, where she graduated cum laude.

After obtaining her undergraduate degree, Maria went on to attend The John Marshall Law School. During her time in law school, Maria was an active member of the *Black Law Students Association*, where she served as president, *Public Interest Law Council*, where she served as president, and the *Criminal Law Society*, where she served as vice president.

Her love for the legal profession began to bud in during her school days. She was an active student as she actively participated in numerous competitions, including ABA Labor & Employee Law Mock Trial Competition and Loan Counselor-Predatory Lending Project.

She also earned numerous awards, including *CALI Award in Payment Systems Law*.

Maria's experience does not stop at lawyering. She is also volunteers her time with many non-profits who's missions align with her own.

Maria has been on Board of Directors for **Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc (MLER)**, Maria counsels on supporting the board with strategic functions in providing the mission, vision, and goals of inclusion and diversity in the legal vocation through supplemental bar process programing.

Additionally, she has also served for **The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association** and **The University of Illinois Extension Council** as well as the **JMDangels Foundation** as a member of the board of directors. She brought her knowledge and experience to the table, providing guidance, leadership, and active support.

Maria is also appointed by the Governor to the Illinois **Healthcare and Family Services** Child Support Advisory Committee member, and the **University of Illinois Extension Council** (2021-2022 Chair).

Maria earned numerous awards for her efforts in providing legal assistance and public service, she strives to work meticulously with her clients to counsel them and continue to reach successful outcomes.

Areas of Practice

- Divorce
- Child Support
- Parenting Time
- Family Law
- Criminal Law

Awards and Recognition

- Demoiselle 2 Femme
- 40 under 40 Women Professionals Award
- Chicago Defender Women of Excellence Recipient
- Super Lawyers Rising Star

Professional Associations and Bar Memberships

- Cook County Bar Association

Civic and Community Involvement

- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Cook County Court Facilitator
- The Dove Tail Project
- Every Women Chicago
- First Defense Legal Aid
- ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational
- I AM A Gentleman, Prospective Charter School
- Zizumbo Charter School

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PUBLICATIONS

Publication name	Title	Date
Nasdaq	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
KOAM News Now	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
News Us	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
The Roanoke Times	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020

Denison Bulletin Review	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
Statesville Record and Landmark	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
Bored Stupid	DIVORCE LAWYER BREAKS DOWN BRAD AND ANGELINA'S MESSY SPLIT	2020
The JJ Report	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
Code View Africa	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
Portal News	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
News Break	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
John Science	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
Celestyles	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
Big Buzz Inc	Reflective Entrepreneurs Share How Their Fathers Inspired Them in Business	2020
Xiphos Web Marketing	Adjusting to the New Normal 8 business Owners Share Their Tips	2020
FundBox	Adjusting to the New Normal 8 business Owners Share Their Tips	2020
CB Nation	Entrepreneurs Explain How They Are Supporting Black Lives Matter & Anti-Racism Protests	2020
It Takes A Village Pet Care	Balance and Reconnect	2020
In The Know (ITK)	TEEN SHARES 'UNWRITTEN RULES' HIS MOM MAKES HIM FOLLOW AS A YOUNG BLACK MAN	2020
Beautybrite	Businesses Supporting Black Lives Matter	2020

Black Employment News	Entrepreneurs Explain How They Are Supporting Black Lives Matter & Anti-Racism Protests	2020
BBC	Why the future of work might be 'hybrid'	2020
The Franklin Newspost	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
Wicked Local	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
NickiSwift	Divorce Lawyer Breaks Down Brad and Angelina's Messy Split	2020
GoErie.Com	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
The Denver Channel	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
Nerd Wallet	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
Herald Courier	How To Be Reunited With Your Long Lost Money	2020
klasing-associates.com	How Attorneys Should Handle Tax Issues With Their Clients	2020
Bustle	What Happens if You Get Caught Having Sex In A Car	2020
Business 2 Community	Why Supporting Your Employees Side Business Is Highly Beneficial To You	2020
Well + Good	How one Woman Balances Financial Shifts due to COVID-19 While Saving for Her Son's College Tuition	2020
D. Science	Why Supporting Your Employees Side Business Is Highly Beneficial To You	2020
Legal Zoom	Do I Need a Lawyer to Write a Will?	2020
Yahoo	Teen shares 'unwritten rules' his mom makes him follow as a young Black man: "This breaks my heart"	2020

Best Company	Reflective Entrepreneurs Share How Their Fathers Inspired Them in Business	2020
Chicago City Wire	Barlow committee reports nearly \$18K in contributions during first quarter	2018
Chicago Defender	Power Play: Maria Barlow for Cook County Defender	2018
Windy City Times	Elections 4th District Cook County	2018
50 Chicago businesses to patronize this holiday season	Rolling Stone	2017
Quick Child Support Tips for the non-custodial parent (when parents have not been previously married)	AVVO	2016
Rolling Out	50 Chicago businesses to patronize this holiday season	2016
2 Civility Interview	Connecting Through Lawyer Mentoring	2014