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Attorney David Baram, was admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association in 1978. He is currently associated with the law firm of O'Malley, Deneen, Leary, Messina and Oswecki with offices in Windsor and Bloomfield. Attorney Baram was the Managing Member of his former law firm of Baram, Tapper & Gans, LLC.

David has many years of municipal and regional experience, having served as Mayor of Bloomfield (1983-1989), Chairman of the Capitol Region Council of Governments (1987-1989), President of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce (1997-1998), State Representative of Bloomfield/Windsor (2009-2017), and Chairman of the Bloomfield Center Fire District Board of Commissioners (2006 –2017). David's years in government service have enabled him to develop a high level of experience in the areas of municipal law, land use and zoning, administrative hearings and appeals, and zoning litigation. His familiarity with the business community provides David with unique insight in the practice of business law, commercial and real estate transactions, employment law and probate/succession planning. He also serves as legal counsel to the Connecticut Package Store Association. Attorney Baram has mediated several local disputes.

In November 2017 Baram was first elected Judge of Probate for the Tobacco Valley Probate District consisting of the towns of Bloomfield, Windsor Locks, East Granby and Suffield. He retired as Probate Judge on January 3, 2023. David maintains an active probate practice as a private attorney, that includes probate, estate planning, mediation, and litigation. While Probate Judge, David had several legal opinions published in the Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal. He was known for his knowledge of the law, compassion, fairness, patience, and dedication. David wrote many articles for community newspapers and spoke before local organizations, explaining the probate process.

Prior to becoming a Probate Judge, David Baram was elected to the Connecticut State House of Representatives for the 15th District in a special election on March 24, 2009. He was re-elected in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016. David was Chair of General Law with cognizance over consumer protection and alcohol matters, and served on the Judiciary Committee and Banking Committees. He was also appointed to the Speaker's Committee on Domestic Violence and the Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (MORE). He was also appointed Chair of a Task Force to revise the Real Estate Disclosure Form, Co-Chair of an Alimony Reform Committee, and Co-Chair of the Cadmium in Children's Jewelry Task Force.

David served as Chairman of the Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee from 2006 to 2017 and is Past President of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT). He is the former President of JFACT Fund. He is a life board member, and past chair of the membership committee, of the Hartford Jewish Community Center. David is a former member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation and is past chair of its Community Relations Council. He was a board member of the Summer Wind Performing Arts Center in Windsor. David was President of the Connecticut Valley Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). He was also the Vice President of the Solomon Schechter Day School and chaired its \$10 million Building Committee. He is a past President of Beth Hillel Synagogue, Federation Homes, Inc. and was Chairman of Bloomfield's Charter Revision Commission.

David is known for his sensitivity to community and family issues. He provides legal representation and mediation to individuals in a variety of family matters. He uses his background, negotiating and courtroom skills to protect their rights in matters of child custody, support, alimony, and property distribution. He draws on this knowledge to draft financial, separation and prenuptial agreements.

David has received numerous recognitions for his community activities including: Connecticut Jaycees Outstanding Young Citizen's Award (1983), CRCOG Regional Leadership Awards (1987 and 1990), CIGNA's Bloomfield High School "David Baram Scholarship" (1990), the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce "Oliver Filley Award" (1995), the CT Valley USCJ Regional Leadership Award (2004), the Israel Bonds Leadership Award (2007), Rotary's Paul Harris Award (2010), CT Forest and Park Associations recognition for his authorship of the Land Use Recreation Immunity Bill (2011), the Town Crier Award for COST (Council of Small Towns), and the AARP Distinguished Service Award for his work on elder issues. He was honored as Co-Legislator of the Year by the Associated Builders & Contractors Association of Connecticut in 2017.

David was named to the 2010 New England Super Lawyers list and was named to America's Most Honored Professionals in 2011. He was distinguished as a Super Lawyer by his colleagues for the years 2009, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. David and his wife reside in Bloomfield CT and his two sons live in Los Angeles, California.