

Magistrate Joseph Lorman

Joseph M. Lorman was sworn in as Family Court Magistrate by Governor Phil Scott on November 6, 2017.

Lorman, a Rutland resident, had been the southwest regional staff attorney for the Vermont Office of Child Support (OCS) for the past 7 years. In this position, Lorman specialized in all aspects of child support, including litigation, proposed legislation, legislative rule making, appeals, and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA.) Specifically, his practice consisted of the following:

- Representing OCS in hundreds of Judge and Magistrate hearings in the Family Division;
- Obtaining mittimus for the incarceration of contemnors;
- Arguing appeals before the Family Division and the Vermont Supreme Court;
- Conducting administrative reviews and authoring decisions;
- Chairing a legislative workgroup to research, write and recommend proposed legislation;
- Shepherding administrative rule changes through the legislative rulemaking process;
- Drafting pleadings, legal memoranda and discovery devices for the Southwest Region of OCS;
- Conducting statewide trainings on topics of legal import to OCS;
- Researching pertinent caselaw and modifying OCS policy to comport with any changes;
- Providing supervision, legal training and advice to staff in the Southwest Region.

Prior to his work with OCS, Lorman served as an attorney at Rutland-based Ryan, Smith & Carbine, LTD and as a contract attorney in Washington, DC. Previously, he worked at the Federal Trade Commission as an Honors Paralegal Specialist and interned in both the Office of Counsel to the President of the United States and at the Office of the Attorney General in Boston.

A native Vermonter, Lorman graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Rutland and from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude, in Political Science. He earned his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Albany Law School in 2005.