

10TH BIENNIAL
FAMILY LAW
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Leading Experts Will Discuss Newly Enacted Legislation from the 81st Texas Legislature

A staggering 966 changes have been proposed to the Family Code. With a new Speaker in the Texas House and bipartisan spirit generally prevailing in the Capitol, it appears the Family Code will be amended in significant ways that will affect the family lawyers' practice. This legislative update is designed to make you aware of the new substantive changes to the Code and how those changes will affect your practice.

- Repeal of economic contribution and return to equitable reimbursement
- Corrective legislation for allocation of separate and community interest in employee benefits
- Changes to the Standard Possession Order reflecting a need for clarity and a gradual expansion of possession and access for the non-primary parent
- New qualifications for parenting coordinators and their responsibilities
- Gestational agreements for single parents
- Elimination of the requirement to designate the primary residence of the child
- New provisions for rescission of voluntary acknowledgments of paternity
- Elimination of time periods for challenging paternity
- New provisions for termination of parental rights due to mistaken belief of paternity
- Siblings rights to access for children in DFPS care
- Rights of deployed military personnel with regard to parenting plan rights
- New protective order provisions relating to teen dating violence
- New child support laws and more revisions to the CPS laws
- Both good and bad bills that did not pass

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Earn up to 3.00 Hours of Credit; Specialization Approved for Family Law

San Antonio—June 17

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Includes complimentary refreshments

1:30 p.m. Session Begins
1.50 hrs

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Session Resumes
1.50 hrs

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Houston—June 25

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Includes complimentary refreshments

1:30 p.m. Session Begins
1.50 hrs

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Session Resumes
1.50 hrs

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Dallas—June 26

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
Includes continental breakfast

8:45 a.m. Session Begins
1.50 hrs

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Session Resumes
1.50 hrs

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

About Family Law Legislative Update

The University of Texas School of Law is delighted to join with the Texas Family Law Foundation to offer the 10th Biennial Family Law Legislative Update—the definitive post-legislative preview of new rules and key legislative developments for family law practitioners.

This biennial update has been offered over the last 20 years as “Sampson and Tindall’s Family Law Legislative Update.” Under the leadership of John J. (Jack) Sampson and Harry L. Tindall, the program has developed into the must-attend post-legislative event.

Professor John J. Sampson of the University of Texas School of Law specializes in Texas family law. He served as the editor of the *State Bar Family Law Section Report* from 1976 to 2008, and continues as a leading commentator and scholar of family law in Texas and nationally.

Harry L. Tindall of Tindall & England, P.C. is a Texas Commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law. He previously served as Chair of the Drafting Committee for the Uniform Parentage Act (2000), helping secure its passage in Texas in 2001.

The School of Law, Prof. Sampson and Mr. Tindall together with the Texas Family Law Foundation combine their experience and resources to present the 10th Biennial Family Law Legislative Update.

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The Texas Family Law Foundation

The Texas Family Law Foundation was founded in 2001 to provide family lawyers with a stronger voice in the Texas Legislature.

Historically, the Family Law Section of the State Bar has had only limited authority to address legislative issues affecting the Family Law Bar. The Foundation not only provides expert support for the Section's approved legislative package, but also goes beyond the constraints placed on the Family Law Section and engages in a broad range of legislative efforts in support of Texas family lawyers and their clients. In addition, the Foundation provides up-to-the-minute information on the activities of the Texas Legislature and how changes in the law may affect family law practitioners.

In 2007, the Texas Family Law Foundation began a partnership with the Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA) and their lobbyist, Steve Bresnen, which took previous lobbying efforts to a new dimension. Since then, the Foundation has provided a unified voice for family lawyers at the Capitol and created new, meaningful relationships with legislators, who now look to the Foundation for input and guidance on issues affecting Texas families. Working alongside Mr. Bresnen and support staff at TTLA, the Foundation has come to be viewed as the "go-to" group for family law issues in the legislative process.

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☐ San Antonio (conf. date June 17), due June 10 ☐ Houston (conf. date June 25), due June 17 ☐ Dallas (conf. date June 26), due June 18

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RELATED CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO

The University of Texas School of Law presents the 9th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines in San Antonio on June 18-19.

The 2009 conference provides resources, strategies, and solutions for real-world issues faced by family law practitioners. Session topics include everything from paternity fraud to enforcement, drug and alcohol testing, electronic evidence, and more.

Extend your stay and attend both the Family Law Legislative Update and Family Law on the Front Lines at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, San Antonio. Faculty and attendees are encouraged to dress casually and bring the family!



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SAN ANTONIO

June 17, 2009

CONFERENCE LOCATION



Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa
9800 Hyatt Resort Drive
San Antonio, TX 78251
210-647-1234

Special Room Rate: \$204
good through May 17, 2009
(subject to availability)

Parking: complimentary
(subject to change)

KEY DATES

June 10, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

June 12, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for full refund

June 15, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for partial refunds
\$50 processing fee applied

June 17, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
conference begins

HOUSTON

June 25, 2009

CONFERENCE LOCATION



South Texas College of Law
1303 San Jacinto Street
Houston, TX 77002
713-659-8040

Parking: Self-parking lots nearby
(subject to change)

KEY DATES

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June 19, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for full refund

June 22, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for partial refunds
\$50 processing fee applied

June 25, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
conference begins

DALLAS

June 26, 2009

CONFERENCE LOCATION



Belo Mansion
2101 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75201
214-220-0239

KEY DATES

June 18, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for early registration
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June 19, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for full refund

June 22, 2009, 5 p.m.
last day for partial refunds
\$50 processing fee applied

June 26, 2009, 8:45 a.m.
conference begins

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