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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 2005

Presiding Officer: Jimmy Vaught, Austin

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. 1.50 hrs including 1.00 hr ethics

Mental Health Track

This session will cover different major mental disorders and mental impairments exhibited by problem clients and specific methods of communication and intervention that attorneys can utilize to facilitate good client communication. Presenters will also discuss prudent office practices for dealing with impaired clients and how to access referral sources to secure assistance for impaired clients. Ethical issues related to legal advocacy, securing assistance for impaired clients, use of guardian and attorney ad litem and amicus attorneys for children at risk, and use of guardians for adults at risk will be presented. In addition, mandatory withdrawal and remedies to the attorney should a mandatory withdrawal be denied will be covered.

Thomas L. Ausley, Austin
Jan Marie DeLipsey, Dallas
Jack Ferrell, San Antonio

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

Marking the Front Lines of Cultural Differences

Family attorneys learn how dynamics of cultural values influence their interactions with multicultural clients and handling cases involving international child abduction, adoption, and immigration issues.

Adair Dyer, Austin
Susan Dyer, Austin

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

A.R.T.—Should Biology Be the Organizing Principle of Parentage?

In determining parentage—which principles should prevail? Intention of the parties, contracts, DNA—strictly biology or a new concept of “biology-plus”? Presenters in a point-counter-point format will debate the issues.

Sallee S. Smyth, Houston
Ellen A. Yarrell, Houston

12:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Sherri A. Evans, Houston

1:00 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

Technological Tools and Treachery

What you can do, should do, and cannot do with technology, and practical solutions to ethical dilemmas.

Sydney A. Beckman, Arlington
Jack B. Zimmermann, Houston

1:45 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

Caught in the Crossfire: When Does Failure to Protect from Domestic Violence Become Child Abuse?

This presentation will review the current controversy regarding whether a domestic violence victim's failure to protect a child from exposure to, or witnessing of, domestic violence constitutes child abuse. Relevant Texas statutes and cases, as well as ethical considerations, will be reviewed. Tactics for handling specific situations will be addressed, including: responding to an investigation by Child Protective Services; representing the victim parent, perpetrating parent, or third party interveners; and identifying effective services for clients.

Bree Buchanan, Austin

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. .50 hr

Protective Orders

This session includes a legislative and case law update, with strategies for case handling.

Jeana L. Lungwitz, Austin
Amy C. Wright, Austin

3:00 p.m. .50 hr

Baby Needs a New Pair of Shoes: Modifying and Collecting Child Support

A discussion of practical tips and innovative methods for modifying and enforcing child support.

Karl E. Hays, Austin

3:30 p.m. .50 hr

Temporary Orders

A practical guide to the handling of Temporary Orders in suits affecting the parent-child relationship, including divorce and non-divorce instances with a focus on the expedited presentation of evidence together with a discussion of strategies within the typical restraints of the Temporary Order process.

H. E. Méndez, San Antonio

4:00 p.m. Break

4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

Ethical Dilemmas Panel

Ethical considerations for family lawyers in the handling of family law cases including divorce, modifications and adoptions.

Moderator: William D. Powers, Austin
Diana S. Friedman, Dallas
Lynn Kamin, Houston
Jo Chris G. Lopez, San Antonio

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 2005

Presiding Officer: Lynn Kamin, Houston

8:30 a.m. .75 hr

Property Division

Trial of a property case, including identification, characterization and valuation of marital property.

Warren Cole, Houston

9:15 a.m. .75 hr

Retirement Assets

A review and analysis of the determination, valuation and characterization of retirement assets in divorce.

Randall B. Wilhite, Houston

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. .50 hr

Business Valuation in Small Estates

Some estates cannot afford to pay a valuator to perform a business valuation. We will explore methodologies to estimate values in small community estates.

Haran Levy, Houston
Janet McCullar, Austin

10:45 a.m. .50 hr

Tax: What Every Family Lawyer Should Know about Taxes

This presentation will advise on the tax consequences of various decisions in divorce and point out common tax pitfalls made in preparing divorce decrees and agreements.

Elizabeth A. Copeland, San Antonio

11:15 a.m. .50 hr

Not a Million Dollar Tort

Consider pursuing a tort claim arising from your family law case. Additional causes of action may be available to your client pursuant to statute and common law.

Tiffany Carnes, Austin
Leslie Stewart, Austin

11:45 a.m. Lunch on Your Own

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Sue Hall, San Antonio

1:00 p.m. .50 hr

Starting Gate to Finish Line: A Winning File

The essentials of opening, maintaining and closing your file.

Barbara D. Nunneley, Hurst

1:30 p.m. .50 hr

Collecting Judgments

Practical methods for securing and collecting judgments for child support, awards of property and attorney's fees.

Eric Robertson, Austin

2:00 p.m. .50 hr

Discovery on a Shoestring

Discovery can be a pricey, time consuming proposition. What cost effective discovery tactics are available to give the most "bang for your buck," especially for that financially challenged client?

Janet Heppard, Houston

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. 1.00 hr including .50 hr ethics

Judges' Panel

Ever wonder what judges consider when making their decisions? This panel of District Judges comment on what they consider, and what is important to them, when deciding issues which frequently arise in family law cases such as adultery, relocation, disproportionate division of property, child support outside the guidelines, domestic violence, same sex custody and access, and interviewing children.

Moderator: Janet McCullar, Austin
Hon. Darlene Byrne, Austin
Hon. John K. Dietz, Austin
Hon. Janis L. Yarbrough, Galveston

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

SAMPSON AND TINDALL'S FAMILY LAW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sampson and Tindall's Family Law Legislative Update, June 29, is a half-day program covering the new substantive changes affecting your family law practice. UT Law Professor John J. Sampson and Houston attorney Harry L. Tindall will lead the discussion. Register for both Family Law on the Front Lines and the Family Law Legislative Update and save \$50.

These events are part of UT Law's Hawaiian Shirt conferences, both informal and informative—participants are all invited to dress "beach casual." Join us at Moody Gardens for first-class CLE and stay over for the July 4th weekend!

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- ☐ ADD Family Law Legislative Update, June 29, 2005 \$75.00

I cannot attend the conference; I'd like to register for the Legislative Update only:

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KEY DATES

Registration and Cancellation

June 22, 2005, 5 p.m.

•last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

June 24, 2005, 5 p.m.

•last day for full refund

June 27, 2005, 5 p.m.

•last day for partial refunds
\$50 processing fee applied

June 29, 2005

•Legislative Update begins

June 30, 2005, 9 a.m.

•Front Lines Conference begins

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