

2006 Family Law On The Front Lines
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Thursday Morning, June 22, 2006

Presiding Officer:

Sherri Ann Evans, Short Jenkins & Kamin, LLP - Houston, TX

8:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>Client Personality Patterns and Case Management Strategies for Family Law Attorneys</p> <p>While each divorce is unique, there are predictable patterns in the behavior of divorcing couples. These patterns are the result of the interactions of the divorcing couples' personalities and sometimes their emotional difficulties, and if properly recognized and managed, can make it easier for family law attorneys to manage their clients and develop workable case strategies.</p> <p>Kevin Karlson, Kevin Karlson, JD., Ph.D. - Frisco, TX</p>
9:15 am 0.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Use and Abuse of Discovery</p> <p>How to avoid going in front of a judge regarding requests for production, motions to compel, etc. How to avoid unnecessary trips to the judge.</p> <p>Barbara D. Nunneley, Nunneley Family Law Center - Hurst, TX</p>
9:45 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Discovery of Medical and Psychological Information</p> <p>This session will cover subpoena rules, including HIPPA requirements.</p> <p>Kathryn L. Pruitt, Webb, Voyles & Pruitt, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Unusual Discovery</p> <p>How to obtain and use those hard-to-get discovery items, including out-of-state depositions, financial records, tax returns, drug test results, police reports, and school day care records.</p> <p>Angela G. Pence England, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX</p>
11:00 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Panel Discussion: Discovery</p> <p>Panel discussion of abusive, medical and unusual discovery issues. Includes Q & A session.</p> <p>Moderator: Barbara D. Nunneley, Nunneley Family Law Center - Hurst, TX Angela G. Pence England, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX Kathryn L. Pruitt, Webb, Voyles & Pruitt, P.C. - Dallas, TX Judy L. Warne, Houston, TX</p>

Thursday Afternoon, June 22, 2006

Presiding Officer:

James A. Vaught, McCullar Vaught, P.C.. - Austin, TX

12:15 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Lunch Presentation: Witness Preparation</p> <p>A smorgasbord of tactics, techniques and other tasty tidbits of wisdom for preparing your witness for court, served up in a multimedia format for your lunchtime dining pleasure.</p> <p>Karl E. Hays, Law Offices Of Karl E. Hays - Austin, TX James A. Vaught, McCullar Vaught, P.C.. - Austin, TX</p>
1:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p>UCCJEA, ABC's of Custody</p> <p>Jurisdictional Jeopardy: HC, UCCJEA, PKPA and other ABC's of Custody.</p> <p>Miriam Ackels Claerhout, Ackels & Ackels LLP - Dallas, TX Lynn Kamin, Jenkins & Kamin LLP - Houston, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>When Do the Constitutional Rights of Children Ripen?</p> <p>Both the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution give each citizen the right to "freely exercise" their religion, but the Texas Family Code give the "right to direct the moral and religious" training to the parents. Case law allows mature children to consent to medical treatment, but this right is also given to the parents. What rights are given to the children in the state of Texas? An examination of the children's rights and the Texas Family Code.</p> <p>Imogen Sherman Papadopoulos, Law Office Of Imogen Papadopoulos - Houston, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>What Parents' Rights Are and Are Not</p> <p>Examination and discussion of rights and limitations of parents, including bypass law.</p> <p>H. E. Mendez, San Antonio, TX</p>
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Grandparents' and Third Parties' Rights</p> <p>Current status of grandparents' and third parties' rights to children after the legislative changes of September 2005.</p> <p>Lisa Lynne Taylor, Lisa L Taylor Attorney At Law - Harlingen, TX</p>
3:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Panel Discussion: Rights</p> <p>Panel discussion regarding children, parents, grandparents and third party rights. Includes Q & A session.</p> <p>William Wren Harris, 233rd District Court - Fort Worth, TX Moderator: H. E. Mendez, San Antonio, TX Imogen Sherman Papadopoulos, Law Office Of Imogen Papadopoulos - Houston, TX Lisa Lynne Taylor, Lisa L Taylor Attorney At Law - Harlingen, TX</p>

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Presiding Officer:

Karl E. Hays, Law Offices Of Karl E. Hays - Austin, TX

9:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>CYA for the COA—Tips for Avoiding Reversal</p> <p>Practical tips to protect against reversal on appeal, beginning with pre-suit considerations, jurisdictional issues, pleading do's and don'ts, and party affiliation, through final judgment, findings, and post-judgment practice.</p> <p>Sallee S. Smyth, Attorney at Law - Richmond, TX</p>
9:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Gathering Electronic Evidence</p> <p>What to look for in an expert; sources of evidence; and techniques for preserving it.</p> <p>Paul Taylor, First Advantage Litigation Consulting - New York, NY</p>
10:00 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Criminal Issues of Electronic Evidence</p> <p>Criminal implications and electronic evidence gathering for the family law practitioner.</p> <p>E. X. Martin III, Attorney at Law - Dallas, TX</p>
10:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Presenting Electronic Evidence</p> <p>Make your evidence admissible, and present for greatest impact.</p> <p>Richard L. Robertson, Koons Fuller Vanden Eykel & Robertson - Plano, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>Panel Discussion: Evidence</p> <p>Criminal issues of electronic evidence, data recovery, and presenting electronic evidence will be discussed. Includes Q&A session.</p> <p>Moderator: Richard L. Robertson, Koons Fuller Vanden Eykel & Robertson - Plano, TX Hon. Frank B. Rynd, 309th District Court - Houston, TX</p>

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Presiding Officer:

Sue McCoy Hall, San Antonio, TX

12:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Lunch Presentation: Mediation, Collaboration and Other Litigation Options</p> <p>To be or not to be a "litigant"—that is the question. Finding the "perfect" way to resolving your client's divorce.</p> <p>Charles Emmerich Hardy, Higdon Hardy & Zuflacht LLP - San Antonio, TX</p>
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The ABC's of Reading a Tax Return</p> <p>Discussion of how to use a tax return to identify useful financial information and to identify items that can cause pitfalls in a divorce. Includes updates of recent tax law developments that can affect parties in divorce.</p> <p>Elizabeth A. Copeland, Oppenheimer Blend Et Al - San Antonio, TX</p>

1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>KISS—Keep It Simple, Sweetie</p> <p>Tips, forms, and links for keeping the presentation of your case straightforward and easy to follow.</p> <p>Patricia N. Carter, Short, Carter, Morris, LLP - Houston, TX Janet McCullar Vavra, McCullar Vaught, P.C. - Austin, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005: Why Do They Call It BARF?</p> <p>Discussion of the impact of recent changes to the Bankruptcy Code on family law practice.</p> <p>Diana S. Friedman, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX Joseph Andrew Friedman, Kane Russell Coleman & Logan - Dallas, TX</p>
2:45 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Removing the Mystique of Judges: Why Judges Rule as They Do</p> <p>Judges have feelings too. Gain some insight into what goes through the mind of a jurist in deciding issues involving custody, adultery, relocation, property awards, domestic violence, outside-the-guidelines child support, as well as other matters commonly presented to the trial judge. A drop box for questions to be addressed will be provided.</p> <p>Warren Cole, Piro, Lilly & Cole, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Hon. Don Rexford Emerson, 320th Dist Ct - Amarillo, TX Lora Jeanette Livingston, Travis County District Court - Austin, TX</p>