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**THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 2008**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Katherine A. Kinser, Pezzulli Kinser, L.L.P.,  
Dallas, TX**

**7:45 a.m. Registration Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

**9:00 a.m. .50 hr including .50 hr ethics**

**Developing the Attorney/Client Relationship**

Practical considerations regarding building solid relationships, gathering necessary information, assessing the case, communicating effectively, setting and managing client expectations, training the client and associated ethical concerns.

Jonathan J. Bates, Dallas, TX

**9:30 a.m. .75 hr**

**Temporary Hearings at Break-Neck Speed**

How to prepare for the 20-minute hearing on three days notice!

John F. (Bo) Nichols Jr, Houston, TX  
Barbara D. Nunneley, Hurst, TX

**10:15 a.m. .50 hr**

**Tilting at Windmills: Representing Non-Parents in Suits Affecting Parent-Child Relationships**

Insights into representing non-parents in suits affecting parent-child relationships, including grandparents and other relatives, unmarried co-habitants, and litigants in same-sex partnerships.

Lynn Kamin, Houston, TX  
Co-Author:  
Sharon D. Cammack, Houston, TX

**10:45 a.m. Break**

**11:00 a.m. .50 hr**

**Trust Fund Babies and Their Issues**

Patricia A. Wicoff, Houston, TX

**11:30 a.m. .50 hr**

**Helping Your Client Deal with Debt in Divorce**

A review of the law related to debt in divorce, management rights, division of debt in divorce, enforcement of decree provisions related to post-divorce payment of debts, with practical tips for addressing client issues and questions related to debts.

Michelle May O'Neil, Dallas, TX

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Jonathan J. Bates, Pezzulli Kinser, L.L.P.,  
Dallas, TX**

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

**12:00 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch**

**12:15 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics**

**The Art of Negotiation**

Hon. Frank W. Sullivan III, Arlington, TX  
Christopher K. Wrampelmeier, Amarillo, TX

**1:00 p.m. Break**

**1:15 p.m. .75 hr**

**Internet Landmines: What Every Family Lawyer Needs to Know**

From YouTube to Facebook to MySpace, the Internet is an important tool for family lawyers, especially in gathering information for custody disputes. This class will provide family lawyers with a no-nonsense checklist for what they MUST know to keep from being blindsided in court by Internet evidence.

Ada E. Brown, Dallas, TX  
E. X. Martin III, Dallas, TX

**2:00 p.m. .50 hr**

**Private Termination and Adoption**

Handling a private termination and adoption doesn't have to be so scary for all involved. Recognizing the sadness of the birthparents and the anxiety of the adoptive parents can make a world of difference in designing a home for the child. This presentation hopes to give attorneys the needed understanding for intrastate and

interstate adoptions as well as tips on working with the hospital staff, birthparent and adoptive families, and the Interstate Compact.

Susan A. Rankin, Dallas, TX

**2:30 p.m. .50 hr**

**Navigating the Attorney General Maze**

This presentation will provide forms and tips for dealing with the Texas Office of the Attorney General on child support issues with added insight from a former employee of that office.

Cynthia J. Barela, Amarillo, TX

Co-Author:  
April Palmer, Amarillo, TX

**3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:15 p.m. .50 hr**

**In Chambers Conferences: Making Them Count**

This session includes issues dealing with in chambers conferences, such as when a record is needed, whether it's binding or advisory, and whether or not there is a risk to the lawyer or judge.

Heather L. King, Southlake, TX

**3:45 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics**

**Preparing Your Client for the Social, Psychological or Home Study**

How to work with the psychologist or social worker. When do you overstep your boundaries? How much is enough? Can you send them information without telling the other side?

Beth M. Maultsby, Dallas, TX

**4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr**

**Making the Most of Social Studies and Psychological Evaluations**

Determining what type of report you really need and why; tips on selecting the expert; new social study guidelines and qualifications; and referral questions, psychological testing, evidentiary issues (including res judication in a modification) and cross-examination techniques.

Moderator: Diana S. Friedman, Dallas, TX  
Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, Dallas, TX  
Barry S. Coakley, Dallas, TX  
Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Dallas, TX

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

## FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 2008

### Presiding Officer:

Karl E. Hays, Law Office of Karl E. Hays,  
Austin, TX

8:30 a.m. Conference Opens

9:00 a.m. .75 hr

### Personal Injury Lawsuits in Intimate Relationships

What sorts of tort remedies are available for those in intimate relationships? How do you file these sorts of suits? What do the pleadings look like? When do you file them? If you win, how do you collect? Find out all of this and more from a family lawyer AND a personal injury lawyer.

Jeana L. Allbright Lungwitz, Austin, TX  
Leslie M. Stewart, Austin, TX

9:45 a.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

### Representing and Defending Against the Impaired Parent

Considerations in cases dealing with high conflict and bad facts, such as drug use, mental impairment, bad parenting and clients who ignore or refuse your advice, and how to prepare your case when these issues arise.

Wendy S. Burgower, Houston, TX  
JoAl Cannon-Sheridan, Austin, TX

10:15 a.m. .50 hr

### The Littlest Victims: How Domestic Violence Impacts Your SAPCR

It is clear that the exposure of children to domestic violence has a significant negative impact on their emotional, social, and cognitive development. What steps should be taken in presenting your case to the court to protect the children from further exposure?

Angela G. Pence England, Houston, TX

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. 1.00 hr including .50 hr ethics

### Electronic Evidence—Fighting the War of the Roses in the Electronic Age

An interactive discussion of issues relating to the discovery and admissibility of electronic evidence as viewed from the Bench and from the trenches.

Moderator: Karl E. Hays, Austin, TX  
Reginald A. Hirsch, Houston, TX  
Hon. Marilea W. Lewis, Dallas, TX  
John Wiechman, Arlington, TX

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

### Presiding Officer:

Sherri A. Evans, Jenkins & Kamin LLP,  
Houston, TX

### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

12:15 p.m. .75 hr

### Use of Technology in Trial

This session focuses on how technology can best be used in the courtroom to make a better presentation to the trier of fact.

Bruce L. Beverly, Fort Worth, TX

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

### Looking at Assets Beyond Their Face Value

Some assets are not as they appear to be. There can be risk issues, questionable side effects and volatility in value. What ethical obligation do we have to discuss these financial concepts with our client?

Tracy B. Stewart, College Station, TX  
Randall B. Wilhite, Houston, TX

2:00 p.m. .50 hr

### Presenting a Tracing Case at Trial

An examination and discussion of the case law and rules of tracing combined with a demonstration applying these rules.

Ann E. Coover, Corpus Christi, TX

2:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

### View from the Bench

For once, judges will describe the best of the presentations, behavior and professionalism they have seen and give you tips on how to make their "best" lists.

Moderator:  
Warren Cole, Houston, TX

Panelists:  
Hon. Lisa A. Beebe, Fort Worth, TX  
Hon. Don R. Emerson, Amarillo, TX  
Hon. Patrice McDonald, Conroe, TX  
Hon. John Christopher Oldner, Mc Kinney, TX  
Hon. Judy L. Warne, Houston, TX

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

## COMMENTS FROM LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE

*"Enjoyed the practical tips—dealing with a difficult client, presenting calculations to court, and the panel discussions."*

*"Liked how the program addresses real situations instead of textbook information."*

*"This conference is the ultimate Family Law CLE! I love this CLE program and look forward to it every year—it's my mini-vacation."*

*"I loved the hands-on, interactive presentations!"*

*"Overall program taught me a great deal, although I have been practicing for a long time."*

*"A+ excellent presenters, relevant topics, and engaging presentations . . ."*

*"Hot topics and thought-provoking. Your thoughtfulness in planning this curriculum is apparent. Thank you for incorporating the practical component into this conference."*

*"This was a great seminar that I really enjoyed! The schedule was also good—still allowed plenty of family time."*



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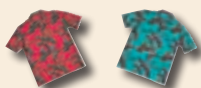
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June 16, 2008 —5 p.m.

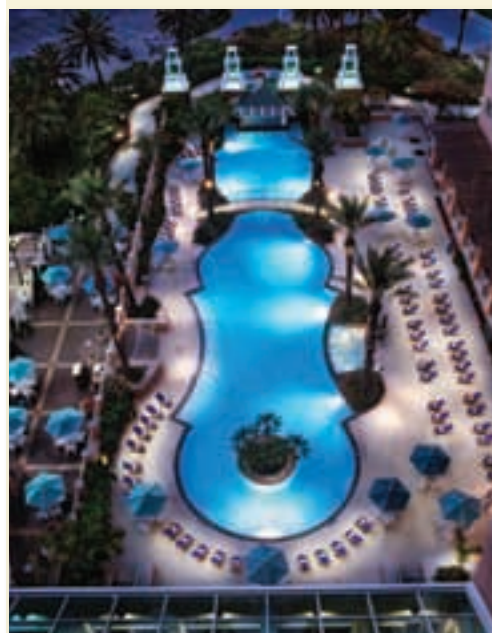
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