

8th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines
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Thursday Morning, June 19, 2008

Presiding Officer:

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

7:45 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
9:00 am 0.50 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, Kinser & Bates, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
9:30 am 0.75 hr	Temporary Hearings at Break-Neck Speed How to prepare for the 20 minute hearing with three days notice! John F. (Bo) Nichols Jr, Jenkins & Kamin LLP - Houston, TX Barbara D. Nunneley, Nunneley Family Law Center - Hurst, TX
10:15 am 0.50 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. Co-Author: Sharon D. Cammack, Jenkins & Kamin, LLP - Houston, TX Lynn Kamin, Jenkins & Kamin LLP - Houston, TX
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am 0.50 hr	Trust Fund Babies and Their Issues Patricia A. Wicoff, Schlanger, Silver, Barg & Paine, L.L.P. - Houston, TX
11:30 am 0.50 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, O'Neil Anderson - Dallas, TX

Thursday Afternoon, June 19, 2008

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Jonathan J. Bates, Kinser & Bates, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX

12:00 pm	Pick up Box Lunch
12:15 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	The Art of Negotiation Frank W. Sullivan III, Arlington, TX Christopher K. Wrampelmeier, Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein, & Johnson, P.C. - Amarillo, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.75 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 Elene Brown, McKool Smith, P.C. - Dallas, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 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 Amanda Rankin, Rochelle & Rankin - Dallas, TX
2:30 pm 0.50 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-Graham, Law Offices of Cynthia J. Barela-Graham - Amarillo, TX Co-Author: April Palmer, Law Offices Of April A Palmer - Amarillo, TX
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm 0.50 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 Leah King, Koons Fuller Vanden Eykel & Robertson - Southlake, TX
3:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 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, Goranson, Bain, Larsen, Greenwald, Maultsby & Murphy, PLLC - Dallas, TX

4:15 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Making the Most of Social Studies and Psychological Evaluations</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, 301st District Court - Dallas, TX Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Social Study Evaluator - Dallas, TX Barry S. Coakley, Institute for Families in Transition - Dallas, TX Moderator: Diana S. Friedman, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
5:15 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, June 20, 2008

Presiding Officer:

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

8:30 am	Conference Opens
9:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>Personal Injury Lawsuits in Intimate Relationships</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jeana Lungwitz, Domestic Violence Clinic - Austin, TX Leslie Michelle Stewart, Houston, TX</p>
9:45 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Representing and Defending Against the Impaired Parent</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wendy S. Burgower, Burgower & Rainwater, LLP - Houston, TX JoAl Cannon Sheridan, Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, LLP - Austin, TX</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>The Littlest Victims: How Domestic Violence Impacts Your SAPCR</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Angela G. Pence England, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX</p>
10:45 am	Break

11:00 am 1.00 hr 0.50 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, Law Offices Of Karl E. Hays - Austin, TX Reginald A. Hirsch, Law Office of Reginald A. Hirsch - Houston, TX Marilea Whatley Lewis, 330th District Court - Dallas, TX John Wiechman, TLSI, Inc. - Arlington, TX
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Friday Afternoon, June 20, 2008

Presiding Officer:

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

12:00 pm	Pick up Box Lunch
12:15 pm 0.75 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, Bruce L. Beverly, Attorney, P.C. - Fort Worth, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 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, Stewart Financial Consulting - College Station, TX Randall B. Wilhite, Fullenweider & Wilhite, L.L.P. - Houston, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 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 Eileen Coover, Coover & Coover - Corpus Christi, TX

2:30 pm
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, The Law Office Of Warren Cole - Houston, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Lisa A. Beebe, 231st District Court - Fort Worth, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Patrice McDonald, County Court at Law 3 - Conroe, TX

Panelists:

Hon. John Christopher Oldner, 416th District Court - McKinney, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Judy L. Warne, 257th Judicial District Court - Houston, TX

3:30 pm

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