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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 18, 2009

Presiding Officer: Sherri A. Evans, Houston, TX

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

9:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Substance Abuse Cases

Panel discussion of what every attorney should know about drug and alcohol testing. Understanding when to test and what test to use based on the facts of your case. What can the test reveal, and how do you use them in your specific case? What do people do to mask or alter the test results and is it effective? Discussion of the cutting edge types of testing such as the 80 hour test, ETG (liver test), fingernail scrapings and the SCRAM bracelet.

Vickers L. Cunningham, Dallas, TX Beth M. Maultsby, Dallas, TX Jim Turnage, Dallas, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

Economic Contribution and Reimbursement: Where We Are and Where We're Going

An update regarding the Texas legislative session and the subjects of economic contribution and reimbursement.

Jonathan J. Bates, Dallas, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

Mandamus and More: Are Pre-Trial Appellate Rulings a New Free-For-All or Just the Same-Old-Same-Old?

A review of the new standards set out by the Texas Supreme Court for seeking mandamus during the pendency of a case, including an analysis of whether the standards have really been lessened, affording increased availability of the remedy. This presentation also evaluates the availability of other appellate remedies prior to final judgment and their limited applicability to family law cases. The discussion ends with a look at preservation of error, waiver issues, and appellate deadlines from an ethical standpoint.

Richard L. Flowers Jr., Houston, TX Michelle May O'Neil, Dallas, TX

11:30 a.m.

.50 hr

All in the Family

A primer on business entities, what they are, when to use them and how to defend against them.

Amber Liddell Alwais, San Antonio, TX

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Stephen J. Naylor, Fort Worth, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

12:15 p.m. .75 hr

When You Play, You May Pay! Paternity Fraud—The Newest Form of Birth Control

The great debate over when paternity can be disestablished and which grounds are necessary or socially appropriate. Further, when sanctions or consequences are involved.

Moderator: Stephen J. Naylor, Fort Worth, TX Brian L. Webb, Dallas, TX Ellen A. Yarrell, Houston, TX

Author: Natalie Lauren Webb, Dallas, TX

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

1:15 p.m. .50 hr

Surfin' Safari: Websites to Improve Your

A survey of websites that can assist the family law practitioner.

Christopher K. Wrampelmeier, Amarillo, TX

.50 hr ethics

What Would Atticus Do?—Ten Biggest **Ethical Mistakes Family Lawyers Make**

How to avoid a grievance; how to implement protocol to avoid ethics problems; most common grievances/complaints; how to respond to grievances.

JoAl Cannon Sheridan, Austin, TX

2:15 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

The Electronic Evidence "Bible"

Back to basics, everything you need to know regarding federal and state wiretap statutes, invasion of privacy, spoliation of evidence, access to data, surveillance, discovery and admissibility of electronic evidence.

Heather Leah King, Southlake, TX Kathryn J. Murphy, Plano, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m.

Shortening the Dance: The Effective Use of Summary Judgments in Family Law Cases

Recognizing opportunities to utilize the summary judgment process to eliminate claims, narrow issues and promote settlement.

Karl E. Hays, Austin, TX

3:45 p.m. .50 hr

Enforcement of Child Related Issues

Do we pass or do we go directly to jail? John F. (Bo) Nichols Jr, Houston, TX

4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

What the Legislature Hath Wrought

This session addresses bills affecting family law which have passed both houses of the legislature in the 2009 Legislative Session, and some limited discussion of bills which did not pass.

Jack W. Marr, Victoria, TX

5:15 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 2009

Presiding Officer: Karl E. Hays, Austin, TX

8:00 a.m.

Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

Surviving Scalawag Clients with Your Ethics Unsullied

Begin protecting yourself from the first client meeting; practical pointers and ethical traps.

Martin H. Boozer, Austin, TX

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

Cohabitation Contracts

For homosexual and heterosexual couples.

Angeline Lindley Bain, Dallas, TX

9:30 a.m. .50 hr

Property Puzzles: Tracing and Characterization—25 Rules and More

A detailed examination of marital property law, including rules, unanswered questions, tracing methodologies, and practical examples.

R. Scott Downing, Dallas, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

Unique Compensation—What Is It and Who Owns It?

Retention bonuses, endorsement fees, signing bonuses, contingency fees and payments, performance bonuses, and other compensation packages.

Katherine Anne Kinser, Dallas, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

AG Office: Things You Should Know

What amendments are taking place in the family code, administrated remedies, and how not to get trapped in orders you don't see coming.

Cynthia J. Barela, Amarillo, TX Laura D. Hamilton, Amarillo, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

Effective Cross-Examination of Mental Health Experts: Re-Shrinking the Experts

This session addresses a wide variety of practical issues relating to an effective cross-examination of mental health experts. An outline for cross-examination is provided, which allows the Court to hear the methodology, database, the experts specialized knowledge (or lack thereof), and ethical guidelines that the expert employs. In addition, key issues are addressed that the attorney should become familiar with prior to cross-examining the expert so that counsel can be prepared to ask appropriate follow-up questions to answers propounded by the mental health expert.

Mark J. Blotcky, Dallas, TX Keith M. Nelson, Dallas, TX

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Models of Effective Presentations

Visual persuasion: the effective use of trial aids, demonstrative evidence, and summaries at temporary hearings and trial.

Thomas A. Greenwald, Plano, TX Hon. John Christopher Oldner, Mc Kinney, TX

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. .50 hr

Disproportionate Division

Practical pointers if you're seeking a disproportionate division, as well as what strategies you need and how to maximize your client's take.

Warren Cole, Houston, TX

1:45 p.m. .50 hr

Division of Debt

Negative estates, how to deal with debts, and the rights of third party creditors.

Kyle W. Sanders, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m. .50 hr

Jury Selection in the Age of Twitter

Changing demographics, technology, and attitudes toward divorce in the new Millennium along with a decrease in the frequency of jury trials make jury selection in family law cases particularly challenging. This presentation discusses both the process of voir dire and the practice of jury selection with an emphasis on practical tools when time is short.

Kevin Karlson, Frisco, TX

2:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Judges Panel

Moderator: Warren Cole, Houston, TX
Hon. Marilea Whatley Lewis, Dallas, TX
Hon. Lora Jeanette Livingston, Austin, TX
Hon. Larry Noll, San Antonio, TX
Hon. John Christopher Oldner, Mc Kinney, TX
Hon. Judy L. Warne, Houston, TX

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

COMMENTS FROM PAST FAMILY LAW CONFERENCES

"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."

"Good coverage and mix of family law topics."

"Relaxed, fun program but educational."

"I liked the materials and forms that I could take back and apply immediately to my practice."

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

"I loved the hands-on, interactive presentations."

"Lots of useful information."

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

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good through May 17, 2009 (subject to availability)

Parking: complimentary self-parking; Valet \$8/day, \$15 overnight (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 18, 2009, 9 a.m.

conference begins

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