

10th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines
July 1-2, 2010 • Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa • San Antonio, TX

Thursday Morning, July 1, 2010

Presiding Officers:

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

Heather Leah King, Koons, Fuller, Vanden Eykel & Robertson, PC - Southlake, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 0.50 hr	Additional Causes of Action in Divorce A discussion of creative and innovative theories of recovery for achieving a disproportionate division of the community estate.
9:30 am 1.00 hr	Business Entities from a Family Law Perspective The impact of business organization and reorganization on divorce. E. Michelle Bohreer, Bohreer & Zucker LLP - Houston, TX Sherri A. Evans, Jenkins & Kamin, LLP - Houston, TX
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 0.50 hr	Getting What You Bargained For Adequate security, real enforceability provisions, closing loopholes, and authorizations to confirm compliance. Warren Cole, The Law Office of Warren Cole - Houston, TX
11:15 am 0.50 hr	Bankruptcy and Family Law This presentation is designed to provide family law practitioners with an introduction into those areas of bankruptcy law that are most likely to impact their practice. By learning to identify potential bankruptcy issues early on, family lawyers will be able to effectively address these issues and avoid being blind-sided by the effects of an unexpected bankruptcy filing. Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX Hon. Leta S. Parks, 247th District Court - Houston, TX

Thursday Afternoon, July 1, 2010

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	LUNCHEON PRESENTATION
11:45 am	Pick up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.
12:00 pm 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Bizarre Facts and Creative Solutions A panel discussion of unique scenarios to awaken our innovative spirits! Moderator: Charles Emmerich Hardy, Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P. - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Martin H. Boozer, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX Panelists: Larry L. Martin, Geary, Porter & Donovan, PC - Addison, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.50 hr	Reimbursement In 2009, the Texas Legislature repealed economic contribution and substituted a broader reimbursement/offset system based on equitable principles. The new law must be read along with a long line of Texas cases dealing with equitable concepts of reimbursement to determine what transactions are susceptible to reimbursement claims and how to prove or defend against them. Thomas P. Goranson, Goranson, Bain, Larsen, Greenwald, Maultsby & Murphy, PLLC - Dallas, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	The Frugal Lawyer Techniques for managing your client's litigation budget without breaking the bank or sacrificing results. Carlos Guillermo Salinas, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid - Austin, TX
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	Grievance Procedures What EVERY lawyer needs to know about the grievance procedures. Robert C. Hinton Jr., Robert Hinton & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	The "Real" Family Law on the Front Lines: Finding Yourself in a CPS Case A nuts-and-bolts view into best practices to use when representing clients involved in child welfare cases, including "contracts of expectations," motions practice, the importance of family engagement, and the need for a law practice model based on collaborative community efforts. Stephanie Smith Ledesma, The Law Office of Stephanie Smith Ledesma - Round Rock, TX
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	Primer: The Military Boot camp for the practitioner: This top ten list will be one of your most valuable resources. What you need to know when military servicemen and women are involved. James N. Higdon, Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P. - San Antonio, TX

4:00 pm 1.00 hr	District Judges Panel Moderator: JoAl Cannon Sheridan, Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, LLP - Austin, TX Panelists: Hon. K. Randall Hufstetler, 300th District Court - Angleton, TX Panelists: Hon. Larry Noll, 408th District Court - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Chris Oldner, 416th District Court - McKinney, TX Panelists: Hon. Judy L. Warne, 257th District Court - Houston, TX
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, July 2, 2010

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8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Legislative Review: What Happened and What's Coming A review of the practical effects of the most significant aspects of family law legislation enacted in the 2009 legislative session, as well as a look ahead at the Family Law Section's 2011 Legislative Initiative and other possible 2011 legislative initiatives from other sources. Jack W. Marr, Marr Meier & Bradicich LLP - Victoria, TX
9:00 am 0.50 hr	Preparing Your Expert for Cross Examination Strategies and tips for preparing your expert witness for cross examination and a <i>Daubert</i> challenge. Richard L. Flowers Jr., McEvily & Flowers - Houston, TX
9:30 am 0.50 hr	Advocating and Defending Unusual Child Support Requests A discussion of how to utilize the rules for varying from the child support guidelines. Cindy Venise Tisdale, Davis & Tisdale - Granbury, TX

10:00 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Who's Your Daddy?: Paternity Fraud</p> <p>Identification and discussion of the various issues and arguments related to the emotionally-charged and controversial subject of paternity testing.</p> <p>Moderator: Jonathan J. Bates, Kinser & Bates, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Brian L. Webb, The Webb Family Law Firm, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Cheryl L. Wilson, Wilson, Pennypacker & Thomson, L.L.P - San Antonio, TX</p>
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Application of Child Development Research to Crafting Age-Appropriate Possession Orders for Children under Three</p> <p>This session discusses and applies current child development research and models to crafting age-appropriate parenting plans for children under three that may be used in possession orders for young children. A research-based general framework for young children's access to each parent is presented. Unique, family-friendly factors not included in the general framework are identified. Finally, the presentation shows how to integrate the unique, family-specific additional factors into the research-based general framework for developing possession orders for children under three.</p> <p>Diana S. Friedman, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jonathan W. Gould, Jonathan W. Gould, Ph.D., ABPP, Forensic Psychological Services - Charlotte, NC</p>
11:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Third-Party SAPCR Issues</p> <p>Making sure your client has the ability to get what he wants. Third-party issues include standing, conservatorship, grandparent rights and access, termination, and adoption.</p> <p>William Merritt Reppeto, McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson & Downing, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p>

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	LUNCHEON PRESENTATION
12:00 pm	<p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
12:15 pm 0.92 hr	<p>Theming Your Case; and Using Electronic Media to Make Your Trial Presentation</p> <p>Don't go to court empty-handed. Learn strategic methods and creative solutions to develop and visually present your SAPCR case to your advantage, including use of electronic media and teleconferencing witnesses.</p> <p>Wendy S. Burgower, Burgower & Rainwater, LLP - Houston, TX Lynn Kamin, Jenkins & Kamin LLP - Houston, TX</p>

1:10 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Negotiation Ethics In negotiations, the line between truth and lies often seems blurred. This presentation clarifies that line and shows how an ethical negotiator is not only a better person, but also a more effective negotiator. Christopher K. Wrampelmeier, Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein, & Johnson, P.C. - Amarillo, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Impacts at Trial: Saving Your Trial from Mistakes Common mistakes made in discovery and during trial, and how to avoid or deal with these mistakes. Specific attention is paid to mistakes made in answering and supplementing discovery, in the presentation of evidence, and in submitting claims and defenses in both jury and bench trials. Chris Nickelson, Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson - Fort Worth, TX
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 pm 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Electronic Evidence Includes ethics, technology, torts, admitting and excluding evidence, damages, and possible jail time. John F. Nichols, Nichols Law PLLC - Houston, TX John F. (Bo) Nichols Jr., Jenkins & Kamin LLP - Houston, TX
3:30 pm 1.00 hr	Associate Judges Panel Moderator: Hon. Solomon John Casseb III, 288th District Court - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, 301st District Court - Dallas, TX Panelists: Hon. Richard Garcia, Children's Court, Bexar County Courthouse - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. J. Andrew Hathcock, District Courts of Travis County - Austin, TX Panelists: Hon. Terri White, 325th District Court - Fort Worth, TX
4:30 pm	Adjourn