

11th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines
June 16-17, 2011 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX

Thursday Morning, June 16, 2011

Presiding Officer:

Heather Leah King, KoonsFuller, P.C. - Southlake, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 0.75 hr	Case Law Update A discussion of recent case decisions and a highlight of cases that are noteworthy to the everyday family law practitioner. Michelle May O'Neil, O'Neil Attorneys Family Law - Dallas, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr ethics	Grievances: The Process, Responses and Most Frequent Complaints Understanding the grievance process and the State Bar's role. Tips on how and how not to respond to grievances and evidentiary hearings. What are the most frequent complaints, and how can you avoid them. R. Scott Downing, McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson & Downing, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr	Just Saying "No" Is Not Enough Affirmative defenses, motions for summary judgment and other pleadings in family law cases. Christopher K. Wrampelmeier, Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein & Johnson, P.C. - Amarillo, TX
11:15 am 0.50 hr	Legislative Update An overview of the key family law issues presented in the 82nd Texas legislative session, including the alimony bill. Charla H. Bradshaw, KoonsFuller, P.C. - Denton, TX

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	Luncheon Presentation
11:45 am	Pick Up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.
12:00 pm 0.50 hr	Managing Stress and Avoiding Burnout Learn stress management skills to not only avoid burnout, but maintain a vital life. Come away with practice techniques that will help you achieve your goals and enjoy your success. Erika Marcoux, Austin Feel Better and One-Heart Vision - Austin, TX
12:30 pm	Break
12:45 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Legal Malpractice and Other Wrong Doing of Fiduciary Duties What are the most significant malpractice exposures of family lawyers? Do they have special exposures which other lawyers tend not to have? Are there any relationships which create problems more common for family lawyers than most other civil litigators? Do violations of ethical rules constitute evidence in malpractice cases? Should family lawyers always have malpractice insurance, and if so, how much? Michael Sean Quinn, Law Offices of Michael Sean Quinn - Salado, TX
1:15 pm 0.75 hr	Characterization of Property An in-depth discussion of characterization of property in divorce, including business interests, trusts and retirement plans. Kathryn J. Murphy, Goranson, Bain, Larsen, Greenwald, Maultsby & Murphy, PLLC - Plano, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Tracing Holes without Records How to effectively present your case to the court when you are unable to obtain all records that are necessary to do so. William Merritt Reppeto, McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson & Downing, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm 0.50 hr	Tuition or Neiman's: Stretching Overextended Budgets and Solutions for the Negative Balance Sheet Practical suggestions for how to deal with the economic issues currently facing our divorcing clients, including underwater real estate, inflated credit card debt and lack of liquidity, and when bankruptcy might be the answer. Wendy S. Burgower, Burgower & Rainwater, LLP - Houston, TX
3:15 pm	Break

3:30 pm 0.50 hr	Valuation How to cross-examine a valuation expert. Sherri A. Evans, Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Haran D. Levy, UHY Advisors FLVS, Inc. - Houston, TX
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	Criminal Aspects of Divorce Helping your client avoid a longer confinement than the marriage. Martin H. Boozer, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX David Ashley Sheppard, Law Offices of David A. Sheppard - Austin, TX
4:30 pm 1.00 hr	The Toughest Issues in Family Law: A Judge's Perspective Moderator: Jack W. Marr, Marr Meier & Bradicich LLP - Victoria, TX Panelists: Hon. Victor H. Negrón Jr., 438th District Court - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Andrea Dianne Plumlee, 330th District Court - Dallas, TX Panelists: Hon. Judy L. Warne, 257th District Court - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Douglas R. Woodburn, 108th District Court - Amarillo, TX
5:30 pm	Adjourn

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8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Protective Orders: Who Needs Them and How to Get Them Advocating for the establishment and enforcement of your clients' family violence and sexual assault protective orders. Carlos Guillermo Salinas, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) - Austin, TX
9:00 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Plutoed Parents: Preventing and Overcoming Parental Alienation One of the most frequent and difficult issues in family law litigation is when one parent claims that the children resist or refuse to spend time with the other parent. Proper management can spare families severe disruptions in parent-child relationships, and restore positive relationships when preventative efforts fail. Diana S. Friedman, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX Richard Warshak, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas, TX

9:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>Conservatorship and Presumptions: Where Is the Starting Line?</p> <p>Presumptions, rules of law and assumptions of fact in contested Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR) cases.</p> <p>Jonathan J. Bates, Kinser & Bates, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p>
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Social Networking Evidence for the Family Law Practitioner</p> <p>This session identifies the various uses of social media evidence in the family law context, and examines discredibility and evidentiary issues presented by social media evidence.</p> <p>John G. Browning, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Discovery: How To Get What You Need—From Economical to Expensive</p> <p>Effective discovery tools, including traditional discovery requests, and obtaining electronic and high-tech evidence.</p> <p>JoAl Cannon Sheridan, Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, L.L.P. - Austin, TX</p>

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	Luncheon Presentation
11:45 am	<p>Pick Up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
12:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Modern Family: Headlines in Same-Sex Family Law Cases</p> <p>Family law cases for same-sex couples generate heat in courtrooms, legal publications and the news. As statutes are changing at the federal and state levels, and cases are decided by the courts of appeals, Texas family lawyers need to know how the effects of same-sex unions play out in dissolution and child custody cases in Texas. This presentation focuses on the latest legal developments that are making headlines across the state and nation within this evolving area of family law.</p> <p>Amy C. Wright, Law Offices of William D. Powers - Austin, TX</p>
12:45 pm	Break
1:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>"Are You My Daddy?" Paternity Fraud and Related Issues</p> <p>Identification and discussion of the various issues and arguments related to the emotionally-charged and controversial subject of paternity testing, including the status of the legislation that was proposed or enacted this legislative session.</p> <p>Holly D. Friedman, The Friedman Law Firm, PLLC - Dallas, TX Katherine A. Kinser, Kinser & Bates, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p>

1:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>International and Domestic Jurisdiction Issues</p> <p>A discussion of the alphabet soup of jurisdiction statutes (UIFSA, UCCJEA, UCAPA, PKPA, FFCCSOA, ICARA) and their impact on your case.</p> <p>Karl E. Hays, Law Offices of Karl E. Hays - Austin, TX Janet McCullar Vavra, Law Office of Janet McCullar, PC - Austin, TX</p>
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Parent Coordination and Facilitation</p> <p>Who qualifies as a parent coordinator? A parent facilitator? What are the differences and how do you know what you really need?</p> <p>Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC - Dallas, TX Jody L. Johnson, Jody Lynn Johnson, P.C. - Plano, TX</p>
2:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Is Your Client Urophobic, a Druggie or Just a Liar?</p> <p>This presentation separates fact from fiction in the practical application of drug tests. Are you utilizing the latest testing methods? Probably not.</p> <p>Miriam Ackels, Ackels & Ackels - Dallas, TX Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, 301st District Court - Dallas, TX Jim Turnage, Forensic DNA & Drug Testing Services, Inc. - Dallas, TX</p>
3:30 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Associate Judges Panel</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Nickelson, Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson - Fort Worth, TX Panelists: Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, 301st District Court - Dallas, TX Panelists: Hon. Nick A. Catoe Jr., Child Support Court, Bexar County District Court - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Richard Garcia, Children's Court, Bexar County District Court - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Diane Haddock, 233rd District Court of Tarrant County - Fort Worth, TX</p>
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