

2005 Family Law and the Military
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Thursday Morning, Feb. 24, 2005

9:15 am In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p>Overview of the Military Legal Assistance Program and Family Related Aspects of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)</p> <p>Explanation of the Military Legal Assistance Program and overview of family related areas of UCMJ, including criminal aspects of failure to pay child support, domestic violence, payment of debts, adultery, and role of chain of command in acting on these allegations.</p> <p>Katherine A. Lehmann, USAADACENFB - Fort Bliss, TX Daniel P. McKernan, U.S. Army - Fort Bliss, TX</p>
9:45 am In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<p>Interviewing and Counseling Service and Family Members</p> <p>Information and materials provided to effectively interview and counsel military-related personnel in accordance with their unique family issues, circumstances and status as they prepare for initiation of Family Law cases.</p> <p>Donald L. Williams, Law Office Of Donald L Williams - El Paso, TX</p>
10:45 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<p>Jurisdiction and Service of Process</p> <p>Acquiring jurisdiction over a service member and perfecting service on and off post.</p> <p>Autumn M. Hayes, Fort Bliss, TX Douglas C. Smith, Douglas C. Smith, PLLC - El Paso, TX</p>
11:45 am In El Paso Only 0.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Lessons from the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence (DTFDV)</p> <p>Key issues and challenges facing the military in responding and minimizing domestic violence.</p> <p>Hon. Peter MacDonald, Hopkinsville, KY</p>

Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 24, 2005

1:00 pm In El Paso Only 0.00 hr 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Legal Consequences of Domestic Violence</p> <p>When violence is a part of the family dynamic, the consequences affect both individuals and systems, including civil and military justice systems. This session addresses the legal consequences of family violence, focusing on the interaction between the individual family members' decisions about how to respond legally to the violence and the legal systems in which those decisions are made.</p> <p>Jay R. Combs, Fort Bliss, TX Frederick L. Hudson, Fort Bliss, TX Hon. Peter MacDonald, Hopkinsville, KY Jesus Rodriguez, El Paso County Attorney's Office - El Paso, TX Moderator: Amy C. Wright, Law Offices Of William D Powers - Austin, TX</p>
2:15 pm In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<p>Debt and Bankruptcy</p> <p>An overview of bankruptcy law and how it relates to family law and other military issues.</p> <p>Edgar J. Borrego, Tanzy & Borrego - El Paso, TX</p>
3:15 pm In El Paso Only 0.82 hr	<p>Establishment and Modification of Support Orders - Understanding the Framework of Support</p> <p>This session covers the establishment and modification of support orders including a discussion of military pay, 2005 pay charts, allowances and net resources.</p> <p>Debra Morgan, State Atty Generals Ofc - El Paso, TX Donald L. Williams, Law Office Of Donald L Williams - El Paso, TX</p>
4:05 pm In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<p>Enforcement of Support Orders</p> <p>A discussion of the special problems and opportunities that abound in collecting child support from the military service member.</p> <p>Debra Morgan, State Atty Generals Ofc - El Paso, TX Kristina K. Voorhies, El Paso Co Domestic Relations Office - El Paso, TX</p>
4:50 pm In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p>Legal Issues Facing the Education of the Military Child</p> <p>This session will focus on legal issues related to the highly mobile military child, including residency, transfer of records, academic requirements, deployment, custody and special programs.</p> <p>Fancy H. Jezek, Holbrook & Jezek - Harker Heights, TX</p>

Friday Morning, Feb. 25, 2005

8:30 am In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p>The Law of Military Retirement</p> <p>An overview of the history and statutory basis for its division, the Uniformed Services Spouses Protection Act and applicable case law.</p> <p>James N. Higdon, Higdon Hardy & Zuflacht LLP - San Antonio, TX</p>
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9:00 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<p>The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act</p> <p>A complete summary of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, adopted in 2003, with the most recent legislative updates from the 108th Congress. The presentation will cover applications of the SCRA specifically targeted at family practitioners and will highlight those sections most likely to be utilized in family law settings.</p> <p>John S. Odom, Jones, Odom, Davis & Politz, L.L.P. - Shreveport, LA</p>
10:15 am In El Paso Only 1.25 hrs	<p>Military Retirement - Its Calculation and the Drafting of Orders Acceptable for Processing by the DFAS</p> <p>Methodology for calculating military retirement and discussion of techniques for drafting orders that DFAS will accept; SBP costs and its calculation, and its effect on retired pay received and who does/should pay for it; dealing with DFAS in registering military retirement orders for receipt of pay and SBP coverage. The session will include a Q&A period.</p> <p>James N. Higdon, Higdon Hardy & Zuflacht LLP - San Antonio, TX</p>
11:30 am In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p>Clarification and Enforcement of the Retirement Order</p> <p>Discussion of statutory and caselaw basics for clarification and enforcement of orders dividing military retirement given prohibition of modifying terms of prior order.</p> <p>Hon. Kathleen C. Anderson, Family Law II - El Paso, TX Ann Crawford McClure, Eighth Court Of Appeals - El Paso, TX</p>

Friday Afternoon, Feb. 25, 2005

12:00 pm In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p>The Uniform Code of Military Justice and Crimes Against Family Members</p> <p>A keynote presentation by the Army's Chief Trial Judge.</p> <p>Denise K. Vowell, Alexandria, VA</p>
1:15 pm In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<p>Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights (USERRA)</p> <p>An overview of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, to give the practitioner an understanding of who is protected by the statute, how to invoke the statute, the reporting requirements after demobilization and methods of enforcement of the statute by judicial means.</p> <p>John S. Odom, Jones, Odom, Davis & Politz, L.L.P. - Shreveport, LA</p>

2:00 pm
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0.75 hr ethics

Unique Parent-Child Issues in the Military Family

A discussion of the unique parent-child issues in the military family including enforcement, military family care plans, primary caretakers, guardianship, relocation, visitation, geographical restrictions and ethical considerations.

Karen L. Gold, El Paso, TX

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Moderator:

Terry G. Pasqualone, El Paso Domestic Relations - El Paso, TX

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