

2006 Parent-Child Relationships: The Definitive Short Course
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Friday Morning, Oct. 13, 2006

Presiding Officers:

In Dallas: **Kevin R. Fuller**, Koons, Fuller, VandenEykel & Robertson, - Dallas, TX

In Houston: **Brenda Keen**, Brenda D. Keen, P.C. - Houston, TX

9:00 am In Dallas Only 0.50 hr	<p>How Did We Get Here: The History Behind the Use of Parenting Plans and Parenting Coordinators</p> <p>An examination of the legal origins and theoretical basis of parenting plans in American family law, with a review of current trends and developments in parenting plans and parenting coordinators.</p> <p>Reginald A. Hirsch, Lipstet & Hirsch - Houston, TX Harry L. Tindall, Tindall & Foster - Houston, TX</p>
9:30 am In Dallas Only 0.50 hr	<p>Collaborative Practice Parenting Plan</p> <p>Review of essential requirements of a parenting plan which meets the parties' present and future needs, emphasizing how to develop a plan that will meet the unique needs of the individual clients.</p> <p>Donald R. Royall, The Royalls PC - Houston, TX George M. Parker, Parker & Montgomery - McKinney, TX</p>
10:15 am In Dallas Only 1.00 hr	<p>New Roles and New Players— Who Are These People and What Do They Do and Not Do?</p> <p>Creative use of parenting planners, mental health professionals, and parenting coordinators will be discussed and practical advice will be provided on how the new players can help create superior parenting plans and satisfied clients.</p> <p>Lisa A. Beebe, Tarrant County Family Law Center - Fort Worth, TX Bradley S. Craig, Children in the Middle - Grand Prairie, TX Christina S. Glenn, Family Court Service Director - Fort Worth, TX Hon. Debra Ann Lehrmann, 360th District Court - Fort Worth, TX Susan Marsh, Parenting Partnerships, Inc. - Houston, TX Kathryn Zentner, Counselors of Texas - Austin, TX</p>
11:15 am In Dallas Only 0.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>The Interdisciplinary Expansion of Family Law: Difficult Cases of Ethics and Rules of Professional Responsibility</p> <p>An exploration of the current state of the law and how the dramatically different views of confidentiality versus the need for full disclosure are important in the implementation of parenting plans and parenting coordination for Texas families.</p> <p>William B. Connolly, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 13, 2006

Presiding Officers:

In Dallas: **Jody L. Johnson**, Allison & Johnson - Plano, TX

12:00 pm In Dallas Only 0.75 hr	Luncheon Presentation: A Family Practitioner's Guide to Effectively Negotiating a Parenting Plan: Tools, Tips and Dynamics Smart negotiation of a parenting plan requires new skills and insight into understanding the true interests of the client and finding the road to resolution. Hon. Marlin J. Appelwick, Court of Appeals, Div. 1 - Seattle, WA Jennifer Tull, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
1:00 pm In Dallas Only 0.75 hr	Parenting Plans in High Conflict Cases Is parenting coordination a way to keep kids out of the trenches or is there any hope for the case from hell? Barry S. Coakley, Institute for Families in Transition, In - Dallas, TX Sondra J. Kaplan, Houston, TX Laurie J. Nowlin, Akins & Nowlin PC - Round Rock, TX
1:45 pm In Dallas Only 0.50 hr	Using Parenting Plans to Deal with Special Circumstances Not all cases are cookie-cutter matters. Special circumstances involving the special needs child, medications, educational consultants, and related matters will be addressed. Harry L. Tindall, Tindall & Foster - Houston, TX
2:15 pm In Dallas Only 1.00 hr	Effective and Cost-Efficient Drafting Getting to closure is critical. Drafting a parenting plan that the parties understand and is workable is the foundation for an enduring agreement. Patricia Nellenba Carter, Short Jenkins Kamin, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Kenneth D. Fuller, Koons Fuller & Vanden Eykel - Dallas, TX Marilea Whatley Lewis, 330th District Court - Dallas, TX Charlotte Dawn Rainwater, Burgower & Rainwater, L.L.P - Houston, TX Robert C. Sullivan Jr., Sullivan & Cook - Dallas, TX
3:30 pm In Dallas Only 0.75 hr	Effective Strategies for Reaching Parenting Plan Agreements When settlement appears impossible, special insight and experience is needed to overcome impasse. Experienced attorneys will share their secrets of reaching agreement. Stewart W. Gagnon, Fulbright & Jaworski - Houston, TX Heather Leah King, The King Firm - Fort Worth, TX
4:15 pm In Dallas Only 1.00 hr	Judges Panel Distinguished family court judges provide invaluable insight into approving or rejecting agreed parenting plans. Panel discussion of concerns of the judiciary in "rubber-stamping" unusual, odd-ball, agreed parenting plans. Not to be missed! Hon. Jeffrey V. Coen, Judge, 254th District Court - Dallas, TX Hon. Debra Ann Lehrmann, 360th District Court - Fort Worth, TX Leta S. Parks, Houston, TX Hon. Dean Rucker, 318th District Court - Midland, TX Hon. Frank B. Rynd, 309th District Court - Houston, TX Hon. Doug Warne, 311th District Court - Houston, TX