

2007 Parent-Child Relationships: The Definitive Short Course
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Thursday Morning, Nov. 8, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Harry Lee Tindall, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 0.75 hr	Am I in the Right Place? Jurisdiction in the Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship In today's highly mobile society, the jurisdictional complexities of the UCCJEA, UIFSA, and the Uniform Parentage Act are more important than ever. Explore how to decide if jurisdiction is proper and what do when it's not. Sallee S. Smyth, Attorney at Law - Richmond, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr	Who Are All of These People? 3rd Party Standing and Intervenor The Troxel case has spawned lots of litigation and statutory amendments, and yet we are still faced with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors as parties in cases. Find out how to keep them in and get them out of the courtroom. It has been seven years since the landmark Troxel decision, and shockwaves are still being felt in ways never imagined. K. Nicole Voyles, Webb Voyles & Pruitt - Dallas, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	The World of Court Appointees: Amicus Attorneys, Guardian Ad Litem, Attorneys Ad Litem and Social Studies The role of the court appointed amicus attorney and the attorney ad litem is becoming more and more authoritative in custody cases. Figuring out how to deal with these persons, as well as the social study, is critical to an effective representation of one's client. Reginald A. Hirsch, Law Office of Reginald A. Hirsch - Houston, TX Joseph Indelicato Jr., Joseph Indelicato, Jr., P.C. - Houston, TX
11:00 am 0.50 hr ethics	Will the Real Parents Please Stand Up? In an age of presumed parents, acknowledged parents, and adjudicated parents, identifying who the parents really are, beyond DNA testing, has never been more complicated. Angela G. Pence England, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX

11:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Facing the Diagnosis: Dealing with Mental Health Issues</p> <p>Determining when a parent's mental health diagnosis impacts their parenting, and how, can be a sticky minefield of issues regarding parenting time, rights, and duties.</p> <p>Honey A. Sheff, Honey A. Sheff Ph.D, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
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Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 8, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Bruce D. Bain, Bain, Files, Jarrett, Bain & Harrison, PC - Tyler, TX

12:00 pm	<p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
	Luncheon Presentation
12:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>The Changing Face of Texas</p> <p>Texas is the crossroad of North America. What will Texas look like in the next 20 years? Getting a better understanding of the amazing cultural diversity in our state will be discussed by the Office of the State Demographer. A luncheon presentation not to be missed!</p> <p>Karl Eschbach, Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research - San Antonio, TX</p>
1:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Parenting Across Borders: International Issues in the Parent-Child Relationship</p> <p>Parenting crosses many international borders, creating issues with immigration, enforcement, and finding parents and children in foreign countries.</p> <p>Adair Dyer Jr., Austin, TX</p>
1:45 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Evidence in an Electronic Age</p> <p>Just how do you get those text messages or MySpace pages into evidence? With each technological advance comes more and more evidence and ethical concerns!</p> <p>Hon. Scott A. Beauchamp, 301st District Court - Dallas, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Navigating the Attorney General System</p> <p>The state agency for collecting and monitoring child support can be both friend and foe, depending on how you use them.</p> <p>Alicia Gray Key, Office Of The Attorney General - Austin, TX</p>
3:00 pm	Break

3:15 pm 0.50 hr	Identifying Parental Interests in Parent Child Relationships Defining what your client really wants regarding the parent-child relationship will lead to a maximized return in negotiating, presenting, and drafting your parenting plans. Kristen A. Algert, Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, LLP - Austin, TX
3:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.42 hr ethics	Today's ADR: It's not Just Mediation Any Longer With such a success rate for resolution of cases in mediation, other means of ADR are being further developed and utilized, including arbitration, private judges, and collaborative law. Keith D. Maples, Maples St. Leger - Austin, TX
4:00 pm 1.00 hr	Presenting Your Temporary Order to the Court With limited time, and the playing field being established for the rest of the case, temporary orders hearings are of paramount importance and down right difficult. Learn how to effectively and efficiently present your client's child related issues to set up an easier case resolution. Bruce D. Bain, Bain, Files, Jarrett, Bain & Harrison, PC - Tyler, TX Patricia N. Carter, Short Carter Morris - Houston, TX Moderator: Hon. Roy L. Moore, 245th District Court (Family) - Houston, TX
5:15 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Nov. 9, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Jana Lea Wickham, Hance & Wickham PC - Dallas, TX

8:45 am 0.50 hr	Navigating the CPS System The world of the CPS docket can be a maze of new faces, as well as new administrative procedures. Be prepared to navigate the system no matter which side you are on. Jack W. Marr, Marr Meier & Bradicich LLP - Victoria, TX
9:15 am 0.75 hr	Show Me the Money: Financial Resources of Children The days of simple UTMA's and TUGMA's are long gone. Today, parents are establishing section 529 accounts, special needs trusts, and health saving accounts to deal with children's financial needs. Charlie Gerhardt, CPA - Houston, TX Harry Lee Tindall, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX
10:00 am 0.50 hr	Busting the Guidelines: Presenting the Case for Above-Guideline Child Support With the increased costs of children's activities, including extracurricular activities, sports, and private schools, sometimes the guidelines for child support don't apply. Or, should they? Aubrey Meachum Connatser, Koons Fuller Vanden Eykel & Robertson - Dallas, TX

10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	The Chemically Dependent Client Creating parenting plans to protect the children and address the needs of chemically dependent or alcoholic clients requires an underlying understanding of the issues related to the abuse. William B. Connolly, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX
11:15 am 0.50 hr	Relocation, Relocation, Relocation! The increased mobility of parents, and a client's initial statement of "I have no reason to move out of town," provide creative lawyers the opportunity to craft unique resolutions or force tough modifications in parenting plans. Learn the best ideas on how to allow, as well as prevent, a move of the child. Michael E. Jarrett, Tyler, TX
11:45 am 0.50 hr	Getting What You Got: Enforcement of the Parenting Plan Issues of enforcement cross civil and criminal responsibilities. Making sure your clients reap the parenting plan they were awarded can be tricky. Bruce D. Bain, Bain, Files, Jarrett, Bain & Harrison, PC - Tyler, TX Jacqueline Smith, Houston, TX

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12:30 pm 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Clients I Wish I'd Never Met, or Cases I Wish I'd Declined We all have experiences with clients we wish we had declined. This witty but important discussion includes tips based upon practical experience for listening to that little bell that goes off in our heads! Janet P. Brumley, Verner & Brumley - Dallas, TX
1:15 pm 0.75 hr	Parental Alienation and Estrangement: How Do We Deal with the Aftermath? What do we, as lawyers, do when children won't talk to one of their parents? Jeffrey C. Siegel, Forensic and Clinical Psychology - Dallas, TX

2:00 pm 0.75 hr	Parental Rights and Duties Outside the Family Code Not every parental decision falls within those included in the Family Code. What happens when one parent's house rules conflict with the others, whether it be about prescription drugs, ADHD, surgery, religion, tattoos, piercing, internet usage and cell phones? In the case of a tie, who really wins? Jana Lea Wickham, Hance & Wickham PC - Dallas, TX
2:45 pm 0.50 hr	Dealing with the Death of a Parent Recent legislation is supposed to help us deal with child support and the death of the obligor? Does it? Georganna L. Simpson, Law Offices Of Georganna L. Simpson - Dallas, TX
3:15 pm	Adjourn