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### THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 29, 2009

#### Presiding Officer:

Harry L. Tindall, Houston, TX

#### 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

#### 8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

#### 9:00 a.m. .50 hr

##### Case Update

A survey of case law developments from the past year, including UCCJEA and Hague cases.

Charles Emmerich Hardy, San Antonio, TX

#### 9:30 a.m. .50 hr

##### Child Support and the Failing Economy

How to establish or modify child support in a failing economy. What to do when your obligor becomes under- or unemployed, whether intentionally or not.

Bruce D. Bain, Tyler, TX

#### 10:00 a.m. Break

#### 10:15 a.m. .75 hr

##### Obtaining Child Support

This session will address collecting support when the obligor is incarcerated, underemployed, receiving benefits, etc. Presenters will also discuss what the Attorney General's Child Support Division can do for your client and to your client as well as the full range of judicial and administrative remedies available.

Barry J. Brooks, Austin, TX  
Karen L. Marvel, San Antonio, TX

#### 11:00 a.m. .50 hr

##### CPS Perspectives

A culture clash with courtroom consequences: when social workers investigate, adjudicate and plan before or during a law suit, what is a lawyer to do?

Charles G. Childress, Austin, TX

#### 11:30 a.m. .50 hr

##### Special Needs Trusts and Child Support Payments

The importance of structuring child support payments into a special needs trust at the time of divorce in order to preserve public benefits for a disabled child.

Pi-Yi Mayo, Baytown, TX

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

#### Presiding Officer:

Brian L. Webb, Dallas, TX

#### 12:00 p.m. .25 hr

##### A View from Above: Parent-Child Issues for the Supreme Court

Justice Harriet O'Neill, Austin, TX

#### 12:15 p.m. Lunch on your Own

#### 1:30 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### Getting the Information from Third Parties About Kids

The do's and don'ts of obtaining information from schools/educators, therapists/mental health professionals, and other third parties in the present HIPAA era. When, where and how HIPAA applies.

Joseph Indelicato Jr., Houston, TX

#### 2:00 p.m. .50 hr

##### Special Evidentiary Issues Relating to Children

Getting child-related and child-initiated evidence into admissible form, child hearsay, and issues unique to CPS cases.

Hon. Judy L. Warne, Houston, TX

#### 2:30 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### The Impact of Technology on the Parent-Child Relationship

How technology has impacted the parent-child relationship and why parents and attorneys should be warned.

Reginald A. Hirsch, Houston, TX

#### 3:00 p.m. Break

#### 3:15 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### Where Family Law and Criminal Law Collide: Electronic Eavesdropping, Family Violence, and Child Abuse

How a criminal defense attorney and a family law attorney can work in harmony when dealing with the criminal and family law implications of spying on a spouse and/or child and assaulting a spouse and/or child physically or sexually.

Kathryn L. Pruitt, Dallas, TX  
Robert N. Udashen, Dallas, TX

#### 4:00 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### Discovery and Evidence

How you find out the evidence exists in the first place, how to get it into evidence, and what you can and can't use in court.

Heather Leah King, Southlake, TX

#### 4:45 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### Civil and Ethical Implications of Electronic Evidence

Civil and ethical issues related to electronic data, including access to data, surveillance, destruction of evidence, wiretap statutes and invasion of privacy.

Kathryn J. Murphy, Plano, TX

#### 5:15 p.m. Adjourn

### FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 30, 2009

#### Presiding Officer:

Angela G. Pence England, Houston, TX

#### 8:45 a.m. .50 hr

##### Deconstructing Rights, Powers, and Duties: What Do They Really Mean?

Are we paying enough attention to the allocation of parental rights and duties? What is or isn't invasive? What can one managing conservator really do for the over-scheduled child? How to make sure your client really understands their JMC decision making rights.

Angela G. Pence England, Houston, TX

#### 9:15 a.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### The Sixth Sense: I Hear Voices, But Is the Child Being Heard? (Which Perspective Really Matters to the Court?)

Roles of the non-evaluator in a child custody matter: defining the roles of the mental health professionals, parent coordinators, parent facilitators and child specialists, before, during and after litigation; including qualifications of the experts, drafting of orders, confidentiality and mediation.

Diana S. Friedman, Dallas, TX  
Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Dallas, TX

#### 10:00 a.m. Break

#### 10:15 a.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

##### Mental Health Care Experts

The irreconcilable differences between therapeutic and forensic roles and making sure you are getting what you want.

Jonathan W. Gould, Charlotte, NC  
Lynn Kamin, Houston, TX

11:00 a.m. .50 hr

**Unconventional Parenting Issues**

Explore strategies and drafting issues for cases involving same-sex parents, non-parent conservators, and other non-standard child-related situations.

Amy Lambert, Austin, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

**Meaningful Parenting Time under Unusual Circumstances (Visitation)**

Understanding when drafting outside a standard possession order is best for your client: to include sample creative visitation schedules; sample visitations for odd schedules (e.g. parents who work night shifts or the parent who works 24 on/48 off); special holidays; resources for supervising entities; alcoholic/addict/sex offender; samples of other orders which can be helpful such as if the child takes medication that one parent objects to; first right of refusal; and neutral exchange places.

Amy A. Geistweidt, San Antonio, TX

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**Presiding Officer:**

Amy Lambert, Austin, TX

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

12:00 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

12:15 p.m. .50 hr

**Children's Rights in Court**

Hon. Rhonda G. Hurley, Austin, TX

12:45 p.m. Break

1:00 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

**LOST! The Legal, Practical and Emotional Conundrum of Losing Custody**

Assessing the loss and reviewing the options for moving forward; dealing with client emotions; evaluating what went wrong, if anything.

Sallee S. Smyth, Richmond, TX

1:30 p.m. .50 hr

**Parenting Across State Lines**

This session will cover jurisdiction and venue issues, modification of enforcement of out-of-state custody and child support, as well as dealing with the complexities of the UCCJEA and UIFSA.

Brian L. Webb, Dallas, TX

2:00 p.m. .50 hr

**Relocation Update**

This session reviews key relocation statutes and case law, discussing recent relocation decisions of the last three years. It will also review means of long distance contact, including electronic access, as well as a review of the rules of airlines regarding children traveling alone.

Larry L. Martin, Addison, TX

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

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January 21, 2009–5 p.m.

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