

2010 Parent-Child Relationships

January 28-29, 2010 • InterContinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel • Austin, TX

Thursday Morning, Jan. 28, 2010

Presiding Officer:

Sallee S. Smyth, Richmond, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 1.00 hr	Same Time, Same Place, Same Sex: Stay Tuned A discussion of same sex parenting issues involving standing, assisted reproduction, and adoption from both the legal and the psychological perspective. Joan S. Anderson, Joan S. Anderson, Ph.D. - Houston, TX Ellen A. Yarrell, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX
10:00 am 0.50 hr	Relocation in the Age of Technology A look at technology and bonding across the miles, including drafting orders which foster the long distance parent-child relationship, and suggestions to mitigate the psychological effects of distance. Martin Carden, Attorney at Law - Richmond, TX
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 0.50 hr	Kids with Medical Issues/Special Needs Issues of "special needs" children need special attention. This presentation offers tips for managing medicine between disagreeing parents with creative solutions; provides strategies for litigating the right to consent to medical, surgical, and psychiatric treatment; asks "what is invasive medical?" and considers insured and uninsured medical issues including enforcement. Patricia N. Carter, Short, Carter, Morris, LLP - Houston, TX
11:15 am 0.50 hr	Dealing with Ethnic and Religious Issues in a SAPCR The impact of different cultural and religious customs and influences on a SAPCR proceeding; can we separate church and state when kids are involved? Laura D. Dale, Myres, Dale & Associates, P.C. - Houston, TX

Thursday Afternoon, Jan. 28, 2010

Presiding Officer:

Stephen J. Naylor, Law Office of Stephen J. Naylor, PLLC - Fort Worth, TX

11:45 am	Pick up Box Lunch Included in conference registration.
12:00 pm 1.00 hr	Enforcement Demonstration: Effective Enforcement Litigation A live demonstration of the technically precise way to prosecute and defend an enforcement action from start to finish. Panelists: Joseph Indelicato Jr., Joseph Indelicato, Jr., P.C. - Houston, TX Panelists: Daniel J. Lemkuil, The Law Office of Daniel J. Lemkuil - Houston, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.50 hr	Navigating through CPS: Concerns to Anticipate What does it mean when you, as the attorney, find out that Child Protective Services is involved in your case? This session helps the family law practitioner understand the various aspects and complications of dealing with CPS. Lon Michael Loveless, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	Being an Effective Amicus/Ad Litem/Guardian Ad Litem What really makes an effective advocate and how can or should we all take these appointments more seriously? Do ethics matter when your client is a child? Jolyn Colburn Wilkins, Fargason Booth St. Clair Richards & Wilkins, LLP - Lubbock, TX
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	Caution! Acronyms Ahead: Traveling on the Interstate Case Highway Interstate custody and child support cases have roadblocks lurking around every curve. Chart your course with UCCJEA, UIFSA, and PKPA (along with a few others) road maps. Also included, a pre-trip checklist for evaluation and preparation of an interstate case. Karen L. Marvel, Law Offices of Sinkin & Marvel - San Antonio, TX John Christopher Nickelson, Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson - Fort Worth, TX
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	The Extended Family: Rights and Duties of Nonparents How, when, where, and why nonparents such as grandparents, step-parents, aunts, uncles, and siblings have rights under the Family Code and the new Authorization Agreement for nonparent relatives. Barbara D. Nunneley, Nunneley Family Law Center - Hurst, TX
3:45 pm 0.50 hr	Special Evidentiary Issues Social networking and electronic evidence: how to get info in or keep it out. Rick Robertson, Koons, Fuller, Vanden Eykel & Robertson PC - Plano, TX

4:15 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Life after the Child Preference: Where Do We Go from Here?</p> <p>Perspectives on the new legislation from a panel of experts. In reality, is anything really that different?</p> <p>Stephen J. Naylor, Law Office of Stephen J. Naylor, PLLC - Fort Worth, TX Hon. Dean Rucker, 318th District Court - Midland, TX</p>
5:15 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Jan. 29, 2010

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	<p>SUBSTANCE ABUSE FACT PATTERN</p> <p>Revolving around a specific fact pattern involving substance abuse, Friday morning speakers discuss a variety of topics involved in these very difficult cases.</p>
8:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Extreme Client Makeover</p> <p>Whether you just add a little make-up or completely rework your client's physical and emotional presentation, what can or should you get away with when putting the client's best foot forward?</p> <p>Cynthia J. Barela-Graham, Law Offices of Cynthia J. Barela-Graham - Amarillo, TX Kevin Karlson, Karlson Communications/Media - Frisco, TX</p>
9:30 am 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Ethical Tightrope: Advocate, Informant, Filter or Rehabilitator</p> <p>Sometimes there's no way around it . . . you are on the wrong side of the facts. How do you effectively represent your client while remaining conscientious about what is best for the child? And when should you concede your client's ability to effectively function without third party control?</p> <p>James E. Monnig, Law Office of James E. Monnig - San Antonio, TX</p>
10:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Discovery and Evidentiary Issues in Substance Abuse Scenarios</p> <p>A look at the resources available and the limitations imposed when you are trying to expose or defend against a substance abuse allegation.</p> <p>Heather Leah King, Koons, Fuller, Vanden Eykel & Robertson PC - Southlake, TX</p>
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>ADR is NOT a 4-Letter Word! Hot Tips for Successful Litigation Alternatives</p> <p>More cases settle in mediation than go to trial. Are you and your clients prepared? Hot tips and thoughtful discussion about how you can be better prepared for a winning resolution of your case.</p> <p>Charles Emmerich Hardy, Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P. - San Antonio, TX</p>

11:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>The 2 Steps to the 12 Steps: How to Determine if a Parent is a Druggie, a Drunk, or Just Dry</p> <p>This presentation addresses strategies for representing either side on a potential substance abuse case including appropriate screenings, necessary evaluations, optional evaluations, and how to protect the child.</p> <p>Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC - Dallas, TX Diana S. Friedman, Diana S. Friedman, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jim Turnage, Forensic DNA & Drug Testing Services, Inc. - Dallas, TX</p>
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Cynthia J. Barela-Graham, Law Offices of Cynthia J. Barela-Graham - Amarillo, TX

12:00 pm	<p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration.</p>
12:15 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Creative Solutions in Substance Abuse Cases: Drafting Enforceable Orders for Ongoing Monitoring/Visitation</p> <p>An examination of ways to ensure that you have enforceable yet livable orders for both parents and children in substance abuse situations.</p> <p>Moderator: Harry L. Tindall, Tindall & England, PC - Houston, TX Panelists: William B. Connolly, Connolly & Shireman, LLP - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Bonnie Crane Hellums, 247th Judicial District Court - Houston, TX Panelists: Honey A. Sheff, Honey A. Sheff, Ph.D, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
1:15 pm	<p>Break</p>
1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Creative Solutions for Unique Visitation Issues</p> <p>Creating a possession order for a child under 3? Dealing with difficult visitation scenarios for long distance visits, parents who do shift work, and children who are home schooled? This presentation offers viable solutions.</p> <p>Larry L. Martin, Geary, Porter & Donovan, PC - Addison, TX Thomas Van Hoose, Plano, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Hidden Child Support Resources</p> <p>There is more to child support than a salary check. Explore the sources to elevate "net resources."</p> <p>Patricia A. Wicoff, Schlanger, Silver, Barg & Paine, L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>

2:30 pm
0.50 hr ethics

Mitigating the Reality of an Unfavorable Jurist

Collaborative law offers a unique alternative to litigating in front of an unfavorable judge.

Janet P. Brumley, Verner & Brumley, P.C. - Dallas, TX

3:00 pm

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