

**Anatomy of a Family Law Case: For the New Practitioner**

This program was designed specifically to meet the needs of new family law practitioners. Attendees will learn how to handle a family law case from seasoned family law attorneys and practicing family law judges who will describe the entire process in detail beginning with the first meeting with the client, and provide samples of the forms you will need to complete for your client and the Court. Family Court Judges will tell you what they expect of attorneys who appear before them and attendees will receive practical tips designed to help them be the kind of attorney the Court Clerks and Court Coordinators like and respect. The program concludes with a joint luncheon with attendees of Family Law Trial Tips and Techniques during which a panel of attorneys and paralegals will share the ways they've achieved a successful working relationship both during trial and in the day-to-day operations of their firms.

**Family Law Trial Tips and Techniques** begins with a joint luncheon with attendees of the Anatomy of a Family Law Case program during which a panel of attorneys and paralegals will share the ways they've achieved a successful working relationship both during trial and in the day-to-day operations of their firms. After lunch, those who attend Family Law Trial Tips and Techniques will benefit from hearing from expert family law litigators on advanced family law topics such as e-discovery, prepping witnesses, making objections, filing post-trial motions, and preparing for successful appeals.

**Family Law Conference**

While virtually everyone's lives have been impacted in one way or another by our troubled economy, those with family law-related issues seem particularly affected. Understanding recent changes to Texas' laws, legislation, and regulations and what's been happening both inside and outside of Texas' courts is critical, and makes South Texas College of Law's 24th Annual Family Law Conference truly a "can't miss" event.

In an agenda that is packed with important topics on children's issues, bankruptcy and property issues, divorce and dealing with "difficult" people, enforcement actions within and outside the United States, alternative ways to argue and settle family law disputes, and even marketing and becoming better business people, each presentation is designed to provide information and tips attendees can apply immediately in their practices.

**Two Pre-Conference Sessions:**

**Anatomy of a Family  
Law Case  
and  
Family Law Trial  
Tips and Techniques**

**March 10, 2010**

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**24th Annual  
FAMILY LAW  
CONFERENCE**

**March 11-12, 2010**

South Texas College of Law  
1303 San Jacinto  
Garrett-Townes Hall  
Houston, Texas

Accredited by the State Bar of Texas for up to  
**21.0 MCLE Hours, 5.0 Ethics Hours**

**Anatomy of a Family Law Case  
for the New Practitioner**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

- 7:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:20 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
  - Donald J. Guter, *Dean and President, South Texas College of Law*
  - Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*
- Moderator: Carel Stith, Law Office of Carel Stith**
- 8:30 **Anatomy of a Family Law Case - For the New Practitioner - Part I** ..... (1.75 hours)
  - Carel Stith, *Law Office of Carel Stith Houston*
  - Hon. Bonnie C. Hellums, *Harris County District Court No. 247 Houston*
  - Carlene Johnson Robinson, *Court Coordinator, Harris County District Court No. 247 Houston*
  - Philip Placzek, *Law Office of Philip Placzek Houston*
- 10:15 **Morning Break**
- 10:30 **Anatomy of a Family Law Case - For the New Practitioner - Part II** ..... (1.75 hours)
- 12:15 **Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 12:30 **Lunch Presentation**  
**The Attorney/Paralegal Relationship - Every Day and at Trial**  
*(Includes .50 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (1.0 hour)
  - Jennifer Barnes, *Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C. Houston*
  - Bret A. Bosker, *Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C. Houston*
  - Ana Galvan, *Tindall & England, P.C. Houston*
  - Stacey A. Lafitte, *Barringer & Lafitte, P.C. Houston*
- 1:30 **Adjourn**

**Family Law Trial Tips  
and Techniques**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

- 12:00 **Registration and Lunch** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
  - 12:30 **Lunch Presentation**  
**The Attorney/Paralegal Relationship - Every Day and at Trial**  
*(Includes .50 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (1.0 hour)
  - 1:30 **After Lunch Break**
  - Moderator: Bret Bosker, Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C.**
  - 1:45 **Electronic Evidence and Discovery** ..... (.75 hour)
    - Reginald A. Hirsch, *Law Office of Reginald A. Hirsch Houston*
    - Kyle W. Sanders, *Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C. Houston*
  - 2:30 **Witness Preparation**  
*(Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (.50 hour)
    - Joseph Indelicato, Jr., *Joseph Indelicato, Jr., P.C. Houston*
  - 3:00 **Afternoon Break**
  - 3:15 **Objections: Getting It In and Keeping It Out** ..... (.50 hour)
    - Warren Cole, *Law Office of Warren Cole Houston*
  - 3:45 **Post-Trial Motions** ..... (.50 hour)
    - Angela Pence England, *Tindall & England, P.C. Houston*
  - 4:15 **Appellate Issues for the Family Law Practitioner**  
*(Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (.50 hour)
    - Chad M. Forbes, *The Forbes Firm, PLLC Houston*
    - Lucy H. Forbes, *The Forbes Firm, PLLC Houston*
  - 4:45 **Adjourn**
- Total MCLE Hours for Wednesday: 7.25 hours, 1.0 hour of legal ethics (A.M. session = 4.5 hrs., .50 ethics hr. ■ P.M. session = 3.75 hrs., 1.0 ethics hr.)

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- 8:35 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
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  - Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*
- Morning Moderator:**  
**Melody J. Goodwin, Burgower & Rainwater, L.L.P.**
- 8:45 **Legislative Update** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Deborah L. Wright, *Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Houston*
- 9:15 **Economic Contribution is Gone. What Happens Next?** ..... (.50 hours)
  - A. Craig Haston, *Law Office of Craig Haston, P.C. Houston*
- 9:45 **Collaborative Law** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Harry L. Tindall, *Tindall & England, P.C. Houston*
- 10:15 **Preparing for Mediation**  
*(Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (.50 hour)
  - Jane Navid Joseph, *Jane Joseph, Attorney/Mediator Houston*
- 10:45 **Morning Break**
- 11:00 **Preparing for Trial - Children Issues** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Charlotte D. Rainwater, *Burgower & Rainwater, LLP Houston*
- 11:30 **Grandparents - What's New?** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Lynn Kamin, *Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Houston*
- 12:00 **Temporary Orders On The Fly!** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Maisie Barringer, *Barringer & Lafitte, P.C. Houston*

- 12:30 **Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 12:45 **Lunch Presentation**  
**What Do Attorneys and Paralegals Need to Know About Paralegal Ethics?**  
*(Includes 1.0 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (1.0 hour)
  - Debra Crosby, *Kasling, Hemphill, Dolezal & Atwell, L.L.P. Austin*
- 1:45 **After Lunch Break**
- Afternoon Moderator:**  
**Stacey A. Lafitte, Barringer & Lafitte, P.C.**
- 2:00 **Nuts and Bolts of Appointments, Protective Orders, and Working with CPS**  
*(Includes .50 hour of legal ethics)* ..... (1.0 hour)
  - Amy Allen, *Looper Reed & McGraw Houston*
  - Ashley Robinson, *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Houston*
  - Hon. Meca Walker, *Associate Judge, Harris County District Court No. 309 Houston*
  - Hon. Judy Warne, *Harris County District Court No. 257 Houston*
- 3:00 **What Family Lawyers Need to Know About Bankruptcy** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Hon. Jeff Bohm, *United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas Houston*
  - John F. "Bo" Nichols, Jr., *Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Houston*
- 3:30 **Afternoon Break**
- 3:45 **Alternatives to Trial** ..... (.50 hour)
  - Barbara K. Runge, *Attorney at Law Houston*

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- 4:15 **Teaching Lawyers to be Better Business People** .....(1.0 hour)  
 • Sam M. "Trey" Yates, III, *Law Office of Sam M. "Trey" Yates, P.C. Houston*
- 5:15 **Adjourn**
- Total MCLE Hours for Thursday: 7.5 hours, 1.75 hours of legal ethics

**Friday, March 12, 2010**

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:40 **Welcome Remarks**  
 • Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*
- Morning Moderator:  
 Nan Gibson, Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P.**
- 8:45 **Dealing with Difficult People - Theory and Reality (Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)** .....(.75 hour)  
 • Joan S. Anderson, Ph.D., *Houston*  
 • Nan Gibson, *Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Houston*
- 9:30 **Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods (Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)** .....(1.0 hour)  
 • Hon Conrad L. Moren, *Associate Judge, Harris County District Court No. 310 Houston*  
 • Hon Brenda G. Mullinix, *Associate Judge, Fort Bend County District Court No. 387 Richmond*  
 • Hon Leta S. Parks, *Associate Judge, Harris County District Court No. 247 Houston*
- 10:30 **Morning Break**
- 10:45 **I Don't Want My Fiancé or Spouse to Have My Property** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Alvin L. Zimmerman, *Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C. Houston*  
 • Gary J. Zimmerman, *Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C. Houston*

- 11:15 **Characterization Issues After Sharma** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Adam J. Morris, *Short ■ Carter ■ Morris Houston*
- 11:45 **How to Make - Or Break - a Reputation (Includes .50 hour of legal ethics)** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Janice Pardue, *Cornell & Pardue Houston*
- 12:15 **Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 12:30 **Lunch Presentation  
 A Look at the Bench (Includes 1.0 hour of legal ethics)** ..... (1.0 hour)  
 • Hon. Ken Wise, *Fridge Resendez & Wise LLC Houston*
- 1:30 **After Lunch Break**
- Afternoon Moderator:  
 Jennifer Barnes, Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C.**
- 1:45 **Torts in Divorce** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Kate H. McConnico, *Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C. Houston*
- 2:15 **Understanding Mental Health Evaluations and the Mental Health Process** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Bruce R. Steffler, *Bruce R. Steffler, P.C. Houston*
- 2:45 **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00 **Mexico - A Different Country, But Not an Insurmountable Obstacle in Family Law Proceedings** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Michael Rojas, *Peniche & Rojas, PLLC Houston*
- 3:30 **Enforcement: Nuts & Bolts (Includes .25 hour of legal ethics)** .....(.50 hour)  
 • Hon. Roy L. Moore, *Associate Judge, Harris County District Court No. 245 Houston*
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

Total MCLE Hours for Friday: 6.25 hours, 2.25 hours of legal ethics

**Registration Form**

**South Texas College of Law  
 24th Annual Family Law Conference, March 10-12, 2010**

- 1 Tuition for Attorneys**
- \$150 Anatomy of a Family Law Case (Wed. a.m.)
  - \$135 Trial Techniques (Wed. p.m.)
  - \$250 All Day Wednesday
  - \$445 Family Law Conference (Thurs. & Fri.)
  - \$535 Trial Techniques (Wed. p.m.) and Family Law Conference (Thurs. & Fri.)
  - \$655 All Three Days (Wed., Thurs, & Fri.)

- Tuition for Paralegals/Legal Assistants**
- \$125 Anatomy of a Family Law Case (Wed. a.m.)
  - \$110 Trial Techniques (Wed. p.m.)
  - \$200 All Day Wednesday
  - \$345 Family Law Conference (Thurs. & Fri.)
  - \$410 Trial Techniques (Wed. p.m.) and Family Law Conference (Thurs. & Fri.)
  - \$460 All Three Days (Wed., Thurs, & Fri.)

I am unable to attend. Please ship me the course manual.  
 \$145 - Hardcopy only (includes shipping and handling). Allow three weeks for delivery.

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**PHONE** (Credit card only) (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253

**FAX** (Credit card only) (713) 646-1780

## REGISTRATION

Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments and course manual. No written confirmations will be sent. Allow one week to process. Confirm your registration at [www.stcl.edu/cle/registrationconfirmation.html](http://www.stcl.edu/cle/registrationconfirmation.html).

## REFUND POLICY

Refunds, less a \$45.00 processing fee, will be given to those who cancel in writing by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010. No refunds will be granted thereafter.

## ACCREDITATIONS

### Anatomy of a Family Law Case

Accredited by the State Bar of Texas for 4.50 MCLE Hours, including .50 Legal Ethics Hour.

Accredited by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law and Family Law.

### Family Law Trial Tips and Techniques

Accredited by the State Bar of Texas for 3.75 MCLE Hours, including 1.0 Legal Ethics Hour.

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### Family Law Conference

Accredited by the State Bar of Texas for 13.75 MCLE Hours, including 4.0 Legal Ethics Hours.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited, partial tuition scholarships are available for attorneys with government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Direct written requests to Jean Zoch, Associate Director.

## JUDGES

Full-time active Texas court judges and associate judges may attend for a reduced tuition of \$75. Attendance is required. Call Kimberly Smith for more information at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253.

## HOTEL - \$139 per night. Guaranteed until February 23, 2010.

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## PARKING

Fannin Garage, 1112 Clay Street, \$6.00 per day (Early Bird Special: Enter by 9:00 a.m. and pay only \$4.00). Reserved parking for the disabled on floors 5, 7, 9 and 11 near the elevator.

Additional parking available in garages and on surface lots near the law school.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

For any special needs as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act, call Kimberly Smith at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253 by February 19, 2010 or as soon thereafter as possible.