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22nd Annual FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE

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1303 San Jacinto - Garrett-Townes Hall
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Attend Both Conferences and Receive a Total of
17.5 MCLE Hours, 4.75 Ethics Hours

See registration information inside

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

12:00 Registration

12:20

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- ◆ Professor Lisa L. Dahm, *Director of CLE, South Texas College of Law*

12:30 (4.0 hours)

Anatomy of a Family Law Case For the New Practitioner

- ◆ Renee Beilue, *Beilue & Stewart, P.C. Houston*
- ◆ Hon. Bonnie C. Hellums, *247th Judicial District Court Houston*
- ◆ Carel Stith, *Attorney at Law Houston*

This optional session is designed for the new Family Law Practitioner. By attending this session, you will learn how to handle a family law case from seasoned family law attorneys. They 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 you will receive practical tips designed to help you be the kind of attorney the court clerks and Court Coordinators like and respect.

- **Initial Contact and Meeting With the Client** - What do you ask and what tools do you use?
- **What Do You File, and How Do You File It?** - What forms will you need to create and where do you file them?
- **Local Rules** - What you need to know before you get to court.
- **The Temporary Orders Hearing** - What is it? Where is it? Who needs to be there? What should you bring?
- **Discovery** - Is formal discovery mandatory? Can you use informal discovery? What do you need to get and from whom should you obtain it?
- **Settlement** - Can your client's dispute be resolved before trial? What do you do if you do settle? What forms must you complete, and how do you communicate the settlement to the court?
- **The Job Isn't Finished Until the Paperwork is Done!** - Final Orders
- **What Judges Are Looking For and What They Don't Want to See** - When you appear in court, what simple courtesies should you observe? How do you present evidence in the Family Law Courts? How do you ensure you are not the reason your client loses?
- **Family Law Forms From Start to Finish** - From the Court Coordinator - The court clerks and Court Coordinator are critical to your success. What forms must you complete? How can you be the kind of attorney the court clerks and Court Coordinator like and respect?

(There will be a 15 minute break during this session)

4:45 Adjourn

Total MCLE hours for Thursday = 4.0
(No ethics credit)

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:50

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- ◆ James J. Alfini, *Dean and President, South Texas College of Law*
- ◆ Professor Lisa L. Dahm, *Director of CLE, South Texas College of Law*

Morning Moderator:
Renee Beilue, Beilue & Stewart, P.C.

9:00 (.50 hour)

Legislative Update

- ◆ R. Ryan Lindsay, *The Fullenweider Firm Houston*

9:30 (.50 hour)

Economic Contribution for the Lay Person

- ◆ Andrea Gerber, *Andrea Gerber Consulting Houston*

10:00 (.50 hour)

Military Issues

- ◆ Hon. David D. Farr, *Harris County District Court No. 312 Houston*

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Preparing For and Trying Your Property Case on a Shoestring

- ◆ Patricia N. Carter, *Short . Carter . Morris, LLP Houston*
- ◆ John F. (Bo) Nichols, Jr., *Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Houston*

11:30 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Pitfalls in Protective Orders: What Are Judges Looking For?

- ◆ Hon. Leta S. Parks, *Harris County District Court No. 247 Houston*

12:15 Lunch Break (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)

12:30 (1.0 hour, including 1.0 hour of ethics)

Lunch Presentation

The Paralegal Ethics Handbook: What Should Attorneys and Paralegals Know?

- ◆ Ellen Lockwood, ACP, RP, *Certified Paralegal, Clear Channel Communications, Inc. San Antonio*

1:30 After Lunch Break

Afternoon Moderator:
Jennifer Barnes, Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C.

1:45 (.50 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Torts in Divorce

- ◆ Kate H. McConico, *Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C. Houston*

2:15 (.50 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Alimony

- ◆ A. Craig Haston, *Law Office of Craig Haston, P.C. Houston*

2:45 (.50 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Common Psychological Issues in High Conflict Cases

- ◆ Honey A. Sheff, Ph.D., *Clinical Psychologist, Collaborative Professional, Mediator Dallas*

3:15 Afternoon Break

3:30 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Adoptions: From Beginning to End

- ◆ Bret A. Bosker, Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C. Houston

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008 (Continued)

4:15 (.50 hour)

Child Protective Services

- ◆ Hon. Meca Walker, *Harris County District Court No. 309 Houston*

4:45 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Making Mediation Work For You

- ◆ Sam M. "Trey" Yates, III, *Law Office of Sam M. "Trey" Yates, III Houston*

5:30 Adjourn

Total MCLE hours for Thursday = 7.5,
including 2.75 hours of legal ethics

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:55

Welcome Remarks

- ◆ Professor Lisa L. Dahm, *Director of CLE, South Texas College of Law*

Morning Moderator:

Bret A. Bosker, Peltier, Bosker & Griffin, P.C.

9:00 (.75 hour)

Government Pensions: How To Value and Divide Them

- ◆ Robert C. Kuehm, *Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas, L.L.P. Houston*

9:45 (.50 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

The Attorney General

- ◆ Anthony C. Shorter, *Office of the Attorney General Houston*
- ◆ Johnna M. Teal, *Johnna Teal & Associates Houston*

10:15 (.50 hour)

What Technological Evidence is Out There and What Technological Evidence is Admissible?

- ◆ David A. Greetham, *Managing Director of the Computer Forensics and E-Discovery Group, Hill Schwartz Spilker Keller LLC (HSSK Group) Houston*

10:45 Morning Break

11:00 (.50 hour)

Overcoming the Fear of E-Filing!

- ◆ Craig D. Dillard, *Boyar & Miller Houston*

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008 (Continued)

11:30 (.50 hour)

Top Ten Things NOT To Do In Court

- ◆ William Morris, *Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C. Houston*

12:00 Lunch Break (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)

12:15 (.75 hour, including .75 hour of ethics)

Lunch Presentation

Trial Notebooks: Building Them and Using Them in Court

- ◆ Melody J. Goodwin, *Burgower and Rainwater, L.L.P. Houston*
- ◆ Tara Luedke-Mora, *Vernier Law Firm, P.C. The Woodlands*
- ◆ Charlotte D. Rainwater, *Burgower and Rainwater, L.L.P. Houston*

1:00 After Lunch Break

Afternoon Moderator:

Cheryl O'Day, Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C.

1:15 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Contempt

Moderator:

- ◆ Kate H. McConnico, *Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C. Houston*

Panelists:

- ◆ Cheryl Coleman, *Coleman & Associates, PC Houston*
- ◆ Daniel Lemkuil, *The Law Office of Daniel J. Lemkuil Houston*
- ◆ Hon. Conrad L. Moren, *Harris County District Court No. 310 Houston*

2:00 (.75 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Forms, Checklists and What to Bring at Entry

- ◆ Hon. Roy L. Moore, *Harris County District Court No. 245 Houston*

2:45 Afternoon Break

3:00 (.50 hour, includes .25 hour of ethics)

Mediation, Rule 11, and Enforcement

- ◆ Heather M. Hughes, *Law Office of Heather M. Hughes Houston*
- ◆ Angela Pence England, *Tindall & Foster, P.C. Houston*

3:30 (.50 hour, including .25 hour of ethics)

Appealing Your Family Law Case

- ◆ Chad M. Forbes, *Wright Brown & Close, L.L.P. Houston*
- ◆ Justice Eva M. Guzman, *Fourteenth Court of Appeals Houston*
- ◆ Joseph Indelicato, Jr., *Joseph Indelicato, Jr., P.C. Houston*

4:00 Adjourn

Total MCLE hours for Friday = 6.0,
including 2.0 hours of legal ethics

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May 22-23, 2008

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Registration Form

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Family Law Conference March 5, 6 & 7, 2008

- \$125 Anatomy of a Family Law Case For the New Practitioner - Wednesday, March 5 only
- \$395 Family Law Conference - Thursday & Friday, March 6 & 7 only
- \$450 All Three (3) Days - March 5, 6 & 7

- \$325 for full-time paralegals for Thursday and Friday (\$380 for all three (3) days)

Tuition includes continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and course materials.

- \$140 Course Materials for Thursday and Friday Only - hardcopy (includes shipping & handling)

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Confirm your registration at:

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No written confirmation will

be sent.

Allow one week to process.

No refunds after 5:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

See refund policy above.

Registration Information

Location: South Texas College of Law, Garrett-Townes Hall (in the atrium), 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002. For directions, call Kimberly Smith at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253. For map, visit www.stcl.edu/01/welcome/map_houston.htm.

To Register: See Registration Form. For those who register early, course books, meals and seating will be reserved until the start of the first presentation. Allow one week to process registration. Confirm your registration at www.stcl.edu/cle/registrationconfirmation.html. **No written confirmation will be sent.**

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Texas Board of Legal Specialization Credit: Accredited in Civil Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law, and Family Law.

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.

Refund Policy: Refunds, less a \$45.00 processing fee, are given to those who cancel in writing by 5:00 p.m., March 4, 2008. No refunds will be granted thereafter. Course materials will automatically be shipped via UPS (please allow 3 weeks for delivery) to prepaid registrants who were not able to attend. Substitute attendees are accepted.

Hotel Accommodations: Two great hotels in the Historic Humble-Oil Building, located two blocks from the law school are each offering a rate of \$131 per night, guaranteed until February 20, 2008.

Courtyard by Marriott, 916 Dallas Street, Houston, Texas, (888) 269-2163.
Residence Inn by Marriott, 904 Dallas Street, Houston, Texas, (800) 730-3931.
Reservations may be made at <http://cwp.marriott.com/houdu/stcl/> or directly with the hotel. Please indicate you are attending the South Texas College of Law Continuing Legal Education program to receive the discount rate.

Parking: Fannin Garage, 1112 Clay Street (between Fannin and San Jacinto), \$5.00 per day (Early-Bird Special: Enter by 9:00 a.m. and pay only \$3.00 to park on the tenth floor and above), no in-and-out privileges. Reserved parking for the disabled on floors 5, 7, 9 and 11 near the elevator. Classified Parking System (surface lots at Polk and Austin), \$4.00 per day. Main Street Garage, 1301 Main Street, \$9.00 per day. Additional parking is 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 8, 2008 or as soon thereafter as possible.