



Keeping It All Together: Today's Family Law Paralegal CPE, Part II

Friday, March 19, 2021
Live Webcast

North Carolina: 6.50 CPE Hours

Includes:

1.00 Ethics/Professional Responsibility

Planned by the NCBA Paralegal Division

This CPE is for all paralegals, regardless of their level of family law experience. New and seasoned paralegals can benefit from this program as we discuss depositions, arbitrations, using OurFamilyWizard, NC Child Support Guidelines, defining the modern family and termination of parental rights. Of course, there is always room for ethics to round out the day! NC certified paralegals, come sharpen your skills and learn new ones while completing your CPE credits for the year all at one time!

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Friday, March 19, 2021
8:30 AM–4:25 PM

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

8:35 All About Depositions

Gaff and Hopkins

This session explores Rule 30 and Rule 32 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Learn about depositions upon oral examination, including when depositions can be taken, notice of examination requirements, examination and cross-examinations, objections, and *de bene esse* depositions. This session also discusses how to prepare your attorney and client for a deposition.

9:30 Break

9:40 Arbitrations

Grace

With the courts backlogged from the effects of COVID-related restrictions and closures, litigants are turning more often to arbitration to resolve their cases. This presentation reviews the NC Family Law Arbitration Act and provides helpful forms and tips for a successful arbitration.

10:35 Break

10:45 Utilizing OurFamilyWizard: Streamline and Improve Co-parent Communication and Simplify Case Management

Kestnbaum

Through communication technology with OurFamilyWizard, simplify and strengthen communication between your clients and their respective co-parents. Learn how to connect to clients on OurFamilyWizard and how to generate reports of communications.

11:40 Break

11:50 NC Child Support Guidelines: It's "Never Enough!" or It's Always "Too Much!"

Ruth

This session provides an overview of the North Carolina Child Support Guidelines and cases outside the guidelines. Learn about gathering financial information and determining income, how and where to file for child support, and enforcement and modification of child support orders.

12:45 Lunch Break

1:15 Family Law 2.0: The Future Is Already Here (Legal Issues in Constructing and Defining the Modern Family)

Tharrington

It is important to understand the changing composition of the American family. Assisted reproductive technology, defining and re-defining parentage, and how the legalization of same-sex marriage has impacted family law are just a few of the topics at hand. This session provides information on the current omissions and deficiencies in North Carolina law with regard to the construction and definition of the modern family.

2:10 Break

2:20 Everything You Need to Know About Termination Proceedings

Putiri

This session provides an overview of the statutes for understanding the parental rights termination process. In addition, learn best practices to streamline information-gathering from the client, get tips for creating a case checklist to make sure nothing unexpectedly causes delay, and discuss ways to be prepared for pre-trial and trial.

3:15 Break

3:25 Overview of the North Carolina State Bar (and Why It Matters to Paralegals!)*

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This session provides information on the structure and purpose of the North Carolina State Bar, including resources available to both lawyers and paralegals through the State Bar. Hear about the importance of paralegals and the role they play in self-regulation of the legal profession, including common ethical pitfalls and how to avoid them.

4:25 Adjourn

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