



Practical Magic

2020 Essentials of Family Law

Thursday–Friday, November 5–6, 2020
Live Webcast

North Carolina: 12.00 MCLE Hours

Includes

1.00 Ethics/Professional Responsibility

1.00 Technology Training

Qualifies for NC State Bar Family Law Specialization

Planned by the NCBA Family Law Section

Unlocking the magic of family law begins with a thorough understanding of the basics. During this two-day CLE, attendees learn the ins and outs of postseparation support and alimony, key components of civil procedure and discovery, elements of alienation of affection and criminal conversation claims, and the practice and procedure for appeals. But no foundation would be complete, of course, without a solid understanding of contempt, domestic violence and equitable distribution.

To be truly successful, you must hone the power of these family law concepts through practical application. Listen as experienced practitioners share tips for drafting child custody orders and teach how to apply the NC Child Support Guidelines, how to make and defend objections, and how to use and present illustrative or summary exhibits.

At the conclusion of this captivating program, attendees are equipped with the skills necessary to practice family law with confidence — no magic spells required.

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THURSDAY–FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5–6, 2020

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 | 8:55 A.M.–4:10 P.M.

8:55 Welcome and Introductions

**9:00 Contempt
Howell**

Review recent appellate decisions, attorney's fees, and the differences between civil and criminal contempt. Learn about purposes, procedures, burdens of proof, and purge conditions and sentences.

10:00 Break

**10:10 Civil Procedure and Discovery
King**

Discuss key components of civil procedure and discovery, including service of process, jurisdictional requirements, standing and intervention, pleadings, and Rule 8. Examine North Carolina subpoenas, out-of-state subpoenas, discovery requests and objections.

11:10 Break

**11:20 Postseparation Support and Alimony
Simos**

Hear about the ins and outs of postseparation support and alimony, including entitlement and marital misconduct, proving dependency on the supporting spouse, showing reasonable needs and ability to pay, method of payment and enforcement, and modification or termination.

12:20 Lunch Break

**12:50 Child Support
Munroe**

Explore the application of North Carolina Child Support Guidelines, and when and how to deviate from those guidelines. Discuss best practices for drafting child support orders, strategies for enforcing the orders, the imputation of income and showing bad faith, and the establishment, modification and termination of child support.

1:50 Break

**2:00 Domestic Violence
Bosquez**

Review the definition of domestic violence and its components, including a personal relationship, subjective fear, harassment and substantial emotional distress. Learn about the types of relief available, expiration and renewal, and enforcement and violations, as well as the differences between Chapter 50B — including temporary custody — and Chapter 50C.

3:00 Break

**3:10 Technology[†]
Payne**

Dive into the paperless law firm and the basics of paperless law in the courtroom. Compare and contrast the use of on-site versus cloud-based providers for storing law firm files, client documentation and evidence. Discuss presentation tools and security and ethical concerns.

4:10 Adjourn

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020 | 8:55 A.M.–4:10 P.M.

8:55 Welcome and Introductions

**9:00 Child Custody
Glazer**

Discuss the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and burdens of proof for parent-parent custody. Hear practice tips for drafting child custody orders and explore grandparent custody and visitation.

10:00 Break

**10:10 Equitable Distribution
Hawley**

Walk through equitable distribution orders and judgments, including distributional factors, presumptions, burdens of proof, classification, expert valuations, and discovery and valuation issues. Examine in-kind distributions versus distributive awards and the use of N.C.G.S. § 50-20(i) and 50-20(ii).

11:10 Break**11:20 Evidentiary Foundations and Objections****Jurney**

Review exhibit selection and preparation and its uses in trials versus depositions. Learn how and when to make objections and how to defend them, how to use and present illustrative or summary exhibits, and how to introduce financial and electronic exhibits, photographs and more.

12:20 Lunch Break**12:50 Alienation of Affection and Criminal Conversation Claims****Bryan and Jenkins**

Explore the elements of alienation of affection and criminal conversation claims, applicable statutes of limitations, defenses, malice and strict liability, and burdens of proof. Analyze jurisdictional issues and constitutional concerns and discuss proving and defending damages.

1:50 Break**2:00 Appellate Issues****Watts**

Delve into the practice and procedure for appeals, including the time for appeal, interlocutory appeals, making and preserving the record, the oral argument, and online resources available.

3:00 Break**3:10 Ethics/Professionalism*****Ehrmann**

Hear about the ethical and practical guidelines for working with the court, clients and colleagues, advising your clients, and managing their expectations. Review courtroom decorum, working with pro se parties, fee agreements and avoiding a grievance.

4:10 Adjourn**SPEAKERS**

- Andrea Bosquez, Bosquez Porter Family Law, Raleigh
- Kimberly W. Bryan, Parker Bryan Family Law, Raleigh
- Jacob C. Ehrmann, Montford Family Law, Asheville
- Seth A. Glazer, Godley Glazer & Funk PLLC, Mooresville
- Lee C. Hawley, Roberson Haworth & Reese PLLC, High Point
- Cheryl D. Howell, UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill
- Stephanie T. Jenkins, Parker Bryan Family Law, Raleigh
- Alicia D. Jurney, Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers LLP, Raleigh
- Katherine H. “Katie” King, Wake Family Law Group, Raleigh
- Anna Warburton Munroe, Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler, Winston-Salem
- Ronald D. “Ron” Payne II, Apple Payne Law PLLC, Kernersville
- Susan S. Simos, Kurtz Evans Whitley Guy & Simos PLLC, Winston-Salem
- Rebecca K. Watts, Collins Law Group, Charlotte

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