

FAMILY LAW ESSENTIALS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

From the moment your client walks into your office, you will face any number of challenges. Family law issues are tricky and range from financial to emotional. Knowing where to turn, what to request, and the questions to ask can make or break the case in your favor. Join a faculty of experienced family law practitioners as they share pragmatic advice on the issues key to presenting your case.

Attend this seminar to:

- Learn what questions to ask during the initial meeting with your client
- Gain insight on important procedures
- Know what forms every family lawyer needs
- Determine maintenance, child support and property division
- Discover how to develop a positive and ethical relationship with your client
- Get important pointers on how to write quality parenting plans and settlement agreements

Whether you are just beginning to handle family law matters, or you are a veteran who could benefit from practice pointers, forms, checklists and tips, you won't want to miss this program!

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Evaluating the Client and the Case

This session focuses on how to establish the attorney-client relationship, evaluate your client and your client's case, and understand your client's objectives. It also examines entering into fee agreements, commencing the action, making decisions on initial filing, and creating realistic expectations.

ST. LOUIS: **Venus A. Jackson** *Law Office of Venus A. Jackson, Esq., LLC*

INDEPENDENCE: **Courtney B. Waits**, *Waits Law Firm, LLC*



**Venus A.
Jackson**



**Courtney B.
Waits**

9:30 a.m. Custody Issues That You Must Know

Establishing custody and parenting plans is one of the most difficult tasks for a family law attorney. This session will discuss the types of custody, including third party custody, who has standing, and how to handle parental alienation. The session will also focus on involuntary termination of parental rights, age appropriate parenting plans, enforcing custody orders, and how to request emergency custody.

ST. LOUIS: **Henry M. Miller**, *Grant, Miller & Smith, LLC*

INDEPENDENCE: **David G. Bandré**, *Bandré Hunt & Snider, LLC*



**Henry M.
Miller**



**David G.
Bandré**

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. What Every Family Law Practitioner Needs to Know About Support

This session provides a discussion of Missouri's current child support guidelines, Form 14 issues, spousal support issues, discovery, and post-majority support.

BOTH LOCATIONS: **Daniel J. Pingelton**, *The Pingelton Law Firm*



Daniel J. Pingelton

11:45 a.m. Lunch (*on your own*)



Melinda J. Bentley



Alexandra E. Hutchings



Stephanie L. Jones

1:00 p.m. The Ethics of Positive Client Relationships

Explore the fundamentals of forming a positive attorney-client relationship through the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct.

BOTH LOCATIONS: **Melinda J. Bentley**, *Legal Ethics Counsel*

2:00 p.m. Division of Property & Debts

This session will focus on the characterization of marital and non-marital property, the setting aside of non-marital property, and the division of marital property and debts.

ST. LOUIS: **Stephanie L. Jones**, *Raza & Jones, LLC*

INDEPENDENCE: **Alexandra E. Hutchings**, *Swall, Hutchings & Associates, LLC*

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Negotiating and Drafting Settlement Agreements

Review pretrial and settlement conferences, options for alternative dispute resolution, settlement considerations, and how to draft a settlement agreement.

ST. LOUIS: **Kirk C. Stange**, *Stange Law Firm, PC*

INDEPENDENCE: **Dana M. Outlaw**, *Dana Outlaw Law Firm*

4:15 p.m. Adjourn



Kirk C. Stange



Dana M. Outlaw

Moderators

ST. LOUIS: **Venus A. Jackson**

INDEPENDENCE: **Courtney B. Waits**

Video Replay Commentators:

SPRINGFIELD: **Andrew C. Scholz**, *Pratt, Jensen & Grisham, LLC*

JEFFERSON CITY: **Scott T. Evans**, *Evans Crow Halcomb*