

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF FAMILY LAW
2009 SPRING CLE CONFERENCE
Schedule of Events: April 22-25, 2009
Hilton Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

8:00am-5:00pm

(Hospitality Room will not be open.)

Family Advocate Board of Editors Meeting

Poe A, Second Floor

9:30am-12:30pm

Families Matter Committee Meeting

Poe B, Second Floor

2:00pm-4:00pm

Section of Family Law Officers Meeting

Calloway A, Second Floor

4:00pm-5:00pm

Section of Family Law Finance Committee Meeting

Calloway A, Second Floor

6:00pm

Council Dinner at Camden Yards

Sponsored by: Pasternak & Fidis, P.C and Tydings & Rosenberg LLP

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

8:00am- 11:30am & 2:00pm-5:00pm

Registration and Hospitality Room

Peale A, B, C, First Floor

8:00am-9:30am

Continental Breakfast in Memory of Sharon Corbitt

Peale A, B, C, First Floor

Sponsored by: Kenneth L. Brune, PC, Sam Daniel, Jr., James R. Gotwals & Associates, INC., Kimberly K. Hays, PLLC, N. Scott Johnson & Associates, Richard B. Noulles, Carol J. Russo, Sneed Lang Foundation, Carolyn S. Thompson, The Tucker Law Firm and Lynn S. Worley.

9:00am-12:00pm and
2:00pm-5:00pm

Section of Family Law Council Meeting

Holiday Ballroom 4, Second Floor

All Section of Family Law members are invited to attend the Section's Council Meeting. In the afternoon, the Council will have a roundtable discussion on Collaborative Law and the proposed Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

12:45pm-1:45pm

First-Timers' Meeting

Calloway A Room, Second Floor

New to the scene? First time attending? Come meet the Section leaders for an informative overview of the conference and the Section of Family Law.

6:00pm-8:00pm

Welcome Reception hosted at Tydings & Rosenberg LLP

Sponsored by: Tydings & Rosenberg LLP, University of Baltimore School of Law and Weyrich Cronin & Sorra Chartered

In honor of the Section's 50th Anniversary, please join us at Tydings & Rosenberg Law Firm for an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the 26th floor breathtaking views of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Meet staff in the hotel lobby at 5:45pm to walk over together.

Tydings & Rosenberg LLP
100 E. Pratt Street, 26th Floor

7:00pm **Newcomers' Dinner**
We are pleased to offer an opportunity for first-time attendees and those "nearly new" attendees to join Officers of the Section for a "Dutch Treat" dinner at Frank and Nic's West End Grill, 511 W. Pratt St., Suite A.

7:30pm **Dine-Arounds**
With tables reserved at some of the best eateries in Baltimore, this fun "Dutch Treat" event is an excellent opportunity to enjoy dinner at fabulous restaurants while networking with conference attendees. Sign up in the Hospitality Room or see staff at the Welcome Reception. The ESQ list serve and the Assisted Reproductive Technology dinners will also be held this evening.

9:30pm-11:00pm **Chair's Suite Reception**
Sponsored by Ain & Bank, P.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

7:30am-10:00am & 1:00pm-5:00pm **Registration and Hospitality**
Peale A, B, C, First Floor

7:30am-9:00am **Continental Breakfast**
Peale A, B, C, First Floor
Sponsored by Delaney McKinney, L.L.P

7:45am-8:15am **Meeting of the Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs**
Holiday Ballroom 6, Second Floor

8:30am-9:30am **Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs**

**How to Exploit the Soft Underbelly of Disingenuous Appraisers-
The Identification and Exploitation of Valuation Manipulations**

Holiday Ballroom 1, Second Floor
Trial Practice & Techniques Committee

Constant changes in the economy make this program highly relevant for family law attorneys. The speakers will focus on how to attack or strengthen a business valuation expert's testimony through cross-examination. You will leave the program armed with the best ways to deal with an expert witness, whether it is your expert, or the expert on the opposing side.

Moderator: Karen Robbins, Esq., Olney, MD
Speakers: Michelle Gallagher, CPA/ABV/CFF, Lansing, MI
Robert Greenwald, CPA, CFE, ABV, Solon, OH

Maintaining Safety and Security in a Digital Age

Holiday Ballroom 2, Second Floor
Domestic Violence Committee

Victim privacy and identity safety are of crucial importance in this era where massive amounts of personal information and records are easily accessible. We will examine how data aggregation works, what information is available, how to access it and how to plan for future privacy. We will also look at how perpetrators misuse technology as another tool to stalk, abuse, and commit crimes of identity theft. This seminar will present information about a source of technical assistance for victims of domestic violence.

Moderator: Michael Davidson, Esq., Lexington, KY
Speakers: Erica Olsen, Washington, D.C.
Guilherme Roschke, Esq., Washington, D.C.

UIFSA 2008: The New “Conventional” Wisdom

Holiday Ballroom 3, Second Floor

Child Support and International Law Committees

Changes to UIFSA are coming as a result of the accession of the United States to the Hague Convention on Maintenance. New UIFSA mandates contain numerous groundbreaking provisions that will, for the first time on a world-wide scale, establish uniform, simple, fast, and inexpensive procedures for the processing of international child support cases. Understanding the process of using these new provisions will benefit both you and your clients.

Moderator:

Joseph Booth, Esq., Overland Park, KS

Speakers:

Mary Helen Carlson, Washington, D.C.

Eric Fish, Esq., Chicago, IL

8:30am-9:30am

Bylaws Committee Meeting

Blake Room, Second Floor

8:30am-9:30am

Young Lawyers Committee Meeting

Calloway A Room, Second Floor

8:30am-9:30am

Diversity Committee Meeting

Poe B Room, Second Floor

9:45am- 12:15pm

Plenary Session

Holiday Ballrooms 4 & 5, Second Floor

Everything You Wanted to Know About Reasonable Compensation (But Were Afraid to Ask)

Producers:

Miles Mason, Esq., Memphis, TN

Barton Resnicoff, Esq., Great Neck, NY

This program will provide an overview and analysis of reasonable compensation issues including: sources of data; how the data is derived; case analysis; the need for additional experts; and “double-dipping” issues. Audience participation will make this program not only informative, but will provide an opportunity to solve those case issues you have in the office.

Moderator:

Lisa Williams, Esq., Great Neck, NY

Speakers:

William Bavis, CPA, Baltimore, MD

Stacy Collins, CPA, Bala Cynwyd, PA

Sharyn Maggio, CPA/ABV/CFF, Eatontown, NJ

Mario Ventrelli, Esq., Chicago, IL

9:45am-12:15pm

Assisted Reproductive Technology Session

Latrobe Ballroom, First Floor

Ethical Vignettes of ART Law: An Analysis from Inside the Disciplinary Process

There is intense debate and some consternation among ART practitioners over the applicability of various rules of professional responsibility as they apply to the practice of ART law. When (not if) an ethics complaint is made about ART practice, how will the people who evaluate, prosecute, and defend such claims view the way that ART lawyers practice their profession? Will it meet ethical muster? The information in this session will give a framework for ART practitioners to evaluate their daily ethical practices and temptations in “making babies” across state lines.

Moderator:

Cynthia Fruchtman, Esq., Santa Monica, CA

Speakers:

Glen Grossman, Baltimore, MD

Virginia Henson, Esq., Norman, OK

Ellen Peck, Esq., Escondido, CA
Michael Ross, Esq., New York, NY

12:30pm-1:30pm

Member Benefit Development Committee Meeting
Calloway A Room, Second Floor

12:30pm-1:30pm

Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee Meeting
Blake Room, Second Floor

1:30pm-4:00pm

Plenary Session
Holiday Ballrooms 4 & 5, Second Floor

Producers:

Alimony: A Rose with Many Thorns
Lori Colbert, Esq., Anchorage, AK
Virginia Dugan, Esq., Albuquerque, NM
Frederic Siegel, Esq., Stamford, CT

Family law attorneys know that there are many factors and guidelines in a typical alimony case- from lump-sum, non-modifiable payments to permanent alimony. Learn to recognize the thorns and avoid the pitfalls in motions to modify or terminate. This program will also provide helpful tools in analyzing the need of one party and the other party's ability to pay.

Moderator:

Cheryl Young, Esq., Norristown, PA

Speakers:

Susan Elgin, Esq., Towson, MD
Sandra Klevan, CPA, Bala Cynwyd, PA
Pamela Sloan, Esq., New York, NY
Nina Vitek, Esq., Milwaukee, WI

1:30pm-4:00pm

Assisted Reproductive Technology Session
Latrobe Ballroom, First Floor

**Playing with the Erector Set of ART Law:
Negotiating and Drafting Successful ART Agreements**

ART attorneys routinely review the many agreements that are drafted at various stages of an ART case and consult with clients as to their terms and effects. Well negotiated and drafted agreements lay the foundation for a safe and successful ART program for every participant. Agreements occur among parents, fertility clinics, independent recruitment agencies, egg donors, and/or surrogates. The information given in this session will assist practitioners of all levels in selecting the right tools to draft and advise their clients about appropriate agreements for each phase of their clients' ART case.

Moderator:

Amy Demma, Esq., Wellesley, MA

Speakers:

Nanette Elster, Esq., Lincolnshire, IL
Theresa Erickson, Esq., Poway, CA
Margaret Swain, Esq., Riderwood, MD
Robert Walmsley, Esq., Santa Barbara, CA

4:15pm- 5:15pm

Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs

**From Ferreting to Fetching:
How to Find, Freeze and Retrieve Marital Assets Hidden Abroad**

Holiday Ballroom 1, Second Floor
International Law Committee

As the world becomes smaller, and the desire of persons to immigrate to the United States continues daily, there is an increase in cross-cultural relationships and divorce where one or more of the parties have foreign assets. Additionally, Americans are acquiring assets offshore, making investments and attempting to

establish safe harbors to avoid the distribution of marital assets. Locating the assets, understanding jurisdiction and the procedures to utilize in order to maintain the status quo, as well as how to ultimately distribute the assets, albeit located offshore, will benefit both you and your clients.

Moderator:

Melissa Kucinski, Esq., Bethesda, MD

Speakers:

Lawrence Katz, Esq., Miami, FL

Donald Temple, Baltimore, MD

"The Love Bug" and Other Ethical Issues Arising from the Use of Technological Tools

Holiday Ballroom 2, Second Floor

Ethics Committee

The panelists will address ethical issues that arise from the increasing use of technological tools by family law attorneys and litigants, including issues that arise from the use of spyware on computers, metadata, electronic surveillance, recording devices, and website advertising.

Moderator:

Lewis Becker, Esq., Villanova, PA

Speakers:

Bryna Klevan, Esq., Wellesley, MA

Jonathan Von Kohorn, Esq., Westport, CT

Getting Paid for the Work You Do: How to Increase Your Income from Domestic Relations Cases

Holiday Ballroom 3, Second Floor

Law Practice Management Committee

In these difficult economic times, how can domestic relations attorneys ensure payment for the services they render to their clients? This program will provide practical and enlightening information about evergreen retainers, provisions to include in fee agreements and the pros/cons of suing a client. The program will also touch on how to bill effectively and debate value billing versus hourly billing, along with many other useful tips.

Moderator:

Noel Tucker, Esq., Edmond, OK

Speakers:

Mark Chinn, Esq., Jackson, MS

Mary Ellen Flynn, Esq., Silver Spring, MD

7:00pm-10:00pm

Evening Reception at the Sports Legends Museum

Join us for a spectacular evening at the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards! Explore artifacts and interactive exhibits at one of the most spectacular sports museums in America while celebrating the Section's 50th Anniversary.

Tickets: Adults are \$85; Children ages 3-12 are \$40; Children 0-3 are free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

7:30am-12:00pm

Hospitality Room

Peale A, B, C, First Floor

7:30am-9:00am

Continental Breakfast

Peale A, B, C, First Floor

Sponsored by: Avery & Cheerva, LLP, Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough, Law Office of Allen Bailey, Law Office of Maryann E. Foley, Law Office of Barton Resnicoff, Law Offices of Karl W. Topor and Mendel & Associates.

7:30am-8:30am

Past Chairs' Breakfast for Former Chairs and Officers

Blake Room, Second Floor

8:00am-12:00pm

Publications Development Board Meeting

Brent Room, Third Floor

8:30am-9:30am

Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs

What's in the Trust Lawyer's Toolkit to Help with Divorce?

Holiday Ballroom 1, Second Floor

Marital Property Committee

A distinguished panel of divorce and trust attorneys will review the various forms of trusts that are typically encountered in family law and what their ramifications are for settlement or litigation. The panel will demonstrate how trusts are used pre-divorce to remove assets from the marital estate and how such transactions may constitute dissipation. Finally, the panel will provide ideas for how trusts can be used to settle cases and provide support.

Moderator:

Brian Blitz, Esq., Chicago, IL

Speakers:

Sandra Gohn, Esq., Baltimore, MD

Wendy Jacobs, CPA, CVA, Lutherville, MD

Thomas Ries, Esq., Baltimore, MD

Sheila Sachs, Esq., Baltimore, MD

The Magic of Collaborative Law, the Keys to Its Wonders, and How to Use Financial and Other Experts Effectively to Facilitate Settlement

Holiday Ballroom 2, Second Floor

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Whether you are interested in learning about collaborative law ("CL") / collaborative practice ("CP") and wondering how it differs from negotiating a litigated case, or are an experienced CL lawyer and want to hear how other "experts" do it, this seminar will have something for you. Starting with a summary of the CL process and why its proponents think it has the ability to create "magical" opportunities for the parties, the seminar will then move into more sophisticated applications of CL techniques. Learn how the experts handle difficult situations and how financial and other experts can be used to facilitate voluntary resolution of issues by divorcing parties. Feel free to bring your most vexing CL issues for our panelists to tackle.

Moderator:

Chaim Steinberger, Esq., New York, NY

Speakers:

Jerome Johnson, CPA/CFF, CVA, Albuquerque, NM

Neil Kozek, Esq., White Plains, NY

Substance Abuse and Family Courts: The Problems and Solutions for Substance Abuse Issues in a Family Law Case

Holiday Ballroom 3, Second Floor

Custody and Trial Practices & Techniques Committees

Panelists in this one-hour interactive workshop will discuss ways in which family law attorneys can address most effectively the needs of clients struggling with substance abuse and addiction. Topics covered will include: the medical consequences of addiction and their impact on families and children; the effectiveness of treatment; and ways in which attorneys and family courts can use this information to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses both the legal and non-legal aspects of a family law case involving addiction.

Speakers:

Barbara Babb, Associate Professor, Baltimore, MD

Gloria Danzinger, Senior Fellow, Baltimore, MD

Bernadette Solounias, M.D., Havre de Grace, MD

Stuart Tiegel, Assistant Professor, Baltimore, MD

8:45am-9:45am

Scope & Correlation Committee Meeting

Calloway A Room, Second Floor

9:45am- 12:15pm

Plenary Session

Holiday Ballrooms 4 & 5, Second Floor

Down and Out in Beverly Hills: How Current Economic Issues Impact Divorce

Producers:

Lori Nelson, Esq., Salt Lake City, UT
Peter Walzer, Esq., Woodland Hills, CA
Jonathan Wolfe, Esq., Livingston, NJ

In this economy, many family law attorneys need to know how to approach the decline in market values in real estate, businesses and retirement. This program will address the tax impact of market losses as well as the new rules relating to foreclosed properties. This program will suggest ideas for maximizing returns and minimizing losses and dividing a negative marital estate.

Moderator:

Ferrier Stillman, Esq., Baltimore, MD

Speakers:

Mark Carlin, Esq., Washington, D.C.
Donald Glenn, CPA, Walnut Creek, CA
Margie Hofberg, Rockville, MD

9:45am- 10:45am

Assisted Reproductive Technology Session

Latrobe Ballroom, First Floor

Who's Your Daddy (or Mommy)?: A Fifty-State Survey of ART Law in America

Each state has different statutes that directly or indirectly apply to assisted reproduction. Aspiring parents and potential clients using ART to have children will face a greater challenge in some states than others. The speakers will give a detailed overview of ART law in every jurisdiction, including the current laws as they apply to surrogacy and egg, sperm, and embryo donation. This information will assist practitioners in determining how to counsel intended parents in their respective jurisdictions about the pitfalls that may lurk in their clients' path to parenthood and how to best accomplish their clients' goals.

Moderator:

Phil Tucker, Esq., Edmond, OK

Speakers:

Darra Hofman, Esq., Lexington, KY
Maureen McBrien, Esq., Boston, MA

11:00am-12:15pm

Assisted Reproductive Technology Session

Latrobe Ballroom, First Floor

On Your Mark! Get Set! Go!: A Complex ART Case from Start to Finish

ART law is the intersection of medicine, psychology, and the law. A single surrogacy case involves contract, insurance, tax, constitutional, and fiduciary law, along with aspects of the related disciplines of fertility doctors and psychologists. The speakers will illustrate and review an ART case from start to finish in an effort to shed light on each step that should be taken in a responsible and reliable surrogacy case and the order in which they should be accomplished. This information will assist practitioners in advising clients on all of the essential aspects of an ART case and when and why related professionals should be consulted.

Speakers:

Melissa Brisman, Esq., Park Ridge, NJ
Meryl Rosenberg, Baltimore, MD

12:30pm-1:30pm

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

Calloway A Room, Second Floor

Committee Meetings

Holiday Ballroom 6, Second Floor

Interested in a specific area of family law? Stop by the committee meetings to learn more, meet other attendees, learn what committees do, and how you can benefit from them.

1:00pm-2:00pm

Group A

Alimony, Bankruptcy, Custody, Elder Law, Ethics, International Law, LPM/Technology, Marital Property, and Reproductive & Genetic Technologies Committees.

2:00pm-3:00pm

Group B

Adoption, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Alternative Families, Child Support, Congressional Relations, Domestic Violence, Family Courts, Taxation, and Trial Practice & Techniques Committees.

7:30pm

Dine-Arounds

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9:30pm-11:00pm

Chair's Suite Reception

Sponsored by Lerch Early & Brewer, Chtd.