

Divorce Law Guide from A to Z

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Full Agenda

- I. TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR CASE ASSESSMENT AND VITAL FIRST STEPS**
 - A. Interviewing and Screening Clients
 - B. Annulment, Divorce or Separation: Helping Clients Understand Their Options
 - C. Organizing the Client File
 - D. Fee Agreements
 - E. Using a Divorce Law Checklist as Your Guide
 - F. Impact of Current Legislation and Case Law
- II. FILING FOR DIVORCE AND PRETRIAL MOTIONS**
 - A. Preparing and Filing Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
 - B. Responding to Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage
 - C. Ex Parte, Temporary and Restraining Orders
 - D. Handling Domestic Violence Issues
 - E. Common Pretrial Motions
- III. STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF DISCOVERY**
 - A. Disclosure Requirements
 - B. Formal and Informal Discovery Methods
 - C. Use of Interrogatories, Depositions and Subpoenas
 - D. Requests for Admission of Evidence
 - E. Motions to Exclude
- IV. CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION**
 - A. Understanding the Pros and Cons of Joint Custody
 - B. Handling Visitation Issues for Non-Custodial Parents
 - C. Dealing With Third-Party Visitation Rights
 - D. Establishing and Challenging Paternity
 - E. Termination of Parental Rights
 - F. Custody Hearings
 - G. Modification of Custody and Visitation Agreements
- V. CHILD SUPPORT AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE**
 - A. Current Child and Spousal Support Guidelines
 - B. Calculating Child Support
 - C. How and Why Spousal Maintenance is Ordered
 - D. Determining Spousal Support
 - E. Tips for Fighting for Your Client's Financial Objectives
 - F. Understanding How Future Financial Success or Failure Could Impact Your Client
 - G. Common Health Insurance Issues
 - H. Modification of Child Support Agreements
 - I. Termination and Modification of Spousal Maintenance
- VI. VALUATION OF ASSETS AND DIVISION OF PROPERTY**

- A. Working With Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
 - B. How to Use Your Expert Witness to Identify and Value Property
 - C. Techniques for Determining a Reasonable Property Value
 - D. Valuation of Business Interests
 - E. Uncovering Hidden Assets
 - F. Dividing Debt
 - G. Managing Retirement Benefits
 - H. What to do When a Party Files for Bankruptcy
- VII. **TAX CONSEQUENCES OF DIVORCE**
- A. Helping Your Client Understand Common Tax Issues
 - B. Tax Impact of Division of Assets and Marital Property
 - C. Common Income Tax Considerations
 - D. Tax Planning Strategies
 - E. Property Tax Issues
 - F. Practical Application - Examples
- VIII. **MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, NEGOTIATION AND TRIAL**
- A. Making Mediation and Arbitration Work for You
 - B. Negotiating a Reasonable and Equitable Settlement
 - C. Direct and Cross-Examination of Witnesses
 - D. Special Considerations for Children as Witnesses
 - E. Obtaining the Final Judgment or Decree
 - F. Appealing Judgments and Divorce Decrees

Who Should Attend

This **basic level program** will provide a comprehensive guide on handling divorce cases for:

- Attorneys
- Paralegals

Practical Strategies for Handling Your Next Divorce

Divorce can be a complicated field that has emotional and financial implications for all parties involved. Gain the tips, techniques and strategies you need to help clients reach the settlement they deserve. Let our experienced faculty guide you through the divorce process from initial case assessment to the final divorce decree. This is a comprehensive, fundamental program you can't afford to miss. Register today!

- Stay on the cutting edge: keep current on legislative and case law changes that could impact your next case.
- Navigate the divorce process with ease with our comprehensive divorce law checklist.
- Learn how to prepare, file and respond to petitions for dissolution of marriage.
- Know how you can help your client when tough domestic violence issues arise.
- Gain valuable strategies for discovery with our formal and informal discovery methods.

- Reach a suitable child custody agreement by understanding the pros and cons of joint custody.
 - Paternity questionable? Learn how you can establish and challenge paternity.
 - Learn how to calculate, negotiate and modify child support and spousal maintenance agreements.
 - Establish the value of marital assets with techniques for valuation of property and assessment of debt.
 - Don't let your client be surprised later: learn to advise clients on common tax issues.
 - Learn how you can make mediation and arbitration work for you and avoid taking your divorce case to trial.
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