



# Handling a Basic Divorce

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## Review divorce's key elements

Successfully navigate family law actions from beginning to end with tips from *Handling a Basic Divorce*.\* You'll review how to manage client expectations; conduct client interviews and conflicts of interest checks; navigate property division, support, and custody and placement issues; effectively and ethically gather facts; and assemble compelling exhibits.

You'll learn to differentiate between matters that should go to court and cases that can be resolved by other means like early-stage facilitative mediation. Plus, you'll be prepared for post-judgment issues such as child support, custody and placement orders, and contempt motions.

## How you'll benefit:

- Know the differences between legal separation, annulment, and divorce
- Gain tips for effectively interviewing clients and streamlining the divorce process
- Learn best practices for discovery, mediation, and negotiation
- Explore the components of settlement agreements
- Receive guidance on good trial preparation
- Find out how to handle common post-judgment issues

## Who should attend:

- Attorneys new to family law practice
- Lawyers considering adding family law to their practice
- Practitioners seeking a refresher in family law
- Guardians ad litem

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\*This program features content recorded in 2018 and 2021.

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# Schedule

## 8:30 AM The Elements of Divorce

- Understand the differences between legal separation, annulments, and divorce and the jurisdictional requirements of each
- Get an overview of the primary substantive aspects of divorce: property division, maintenance, custody, placement, child support, and the role of guardians ad litem
- Learn different ways to resolve family law issues outside of litigation
- Tips and tricks for managing client expectations and helping clients achieve the results they want

*Amy T. Collins O'Hara*

## 9:15 AM Client Interviews and Divorce Process Tools

- Triage: Listening for issues, identifying red flags, formulating a response
- Possibility of physical harm or depletion of assets
- Conflict checks
- Retainer and billing process
- Filing the information: petition, confidential addendum, notice of retainer
- Referrals to other professionals
- Temporary orders, restraining orders, and other initial actions
- Legal resources and research tools

*Ashley J. Richter*

## 10:00 AM Break

## 10:15 AM Getting Started: Discovery

- When is formal or informal discovery actually needed?
- Avoid common mistakes in formal written discovery, abusing the discovery process, and the pitfalls of "scorched earth" attitudes
- Best practices to supplement further discovery including depositions and e-discovery

*Megan E. Corning*

## 11:00 AM Core Mediation Skills

- Differences between early-stage facilitative mediation, late-stage evaluative mediation, and arbitration
- Differentiate between the role of the mediator and the role of the party-attorney
- Ethics of unbundled mediation services

*Rebecca W. Oettinger*

## 11:45 AM Lunch Break

## 12:45 PM Settlement Agreements

- What they are
- What they are not
- Basic content
- Use as a negotiation tool

*Amber M. Ragonese*

## 1:35 PM Trial Preparation

- Organize your argument: tips on your outline
- Assist your witness in their presentation
- Organize your exhibits/trial binder
- Prepare for arguments on rules of evidence: avoid objections, and when they are not avoidable, overcome objections to your evidence

*Megan E. Corning*

## 2:25 PM Post-Judgment Issues

- How and when to file a motion to revise custody, placement, maintenance, and support
- How and when to file a contempt motion and the appropriate purge conditions to request from the court
- Assess the possibility of reopening property division issues
- Tips for dividing retirement assets

*Christopher S. Krimmer*

## 3:15 PM Program Concludes

*Following start time, webcast replay schedule will vary slightly from above listed times.*

## Faculty

### Presenters

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## Dates

### Webcast Seminar

Friday, April 16, 2021

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Friday, April 30, 2021

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Monday, May 17, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Wednesday, May 27, 2021

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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