



# Family Law: How to Avoid an Ethics Complaint

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*Co-produced with the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin*

## Gain best practices to protect your practice

Family law remains one of the top three practice areas generating OLR complaints.<sup>1</sup> *Family Law: How to Avoid an Ethics Complaint* will highlight common ethical mistakes in the family law arena so you can be proactive in preventing future grievances.

View short dramatizations of scenarios in family law such as assessing and responding to the threat of violence between parties, communication with pro se litigants, and whether meeting with a potential client creates a conflict in representing the other party. See if you can spot the errors of acting counsel, then hear from ethics professionals and family lawyers on the best course of action in real life.

## How you'll benefit:

- Be aware of common ethical mistakes in family law practice
- Assess the best course of action when faced with an issue involving diligence, communication, or fees
- Receive tips for managing client expectations
- Implement procedures to avoid situations that can lead to an OLR grievance

## Who should attend:

- Family law attorneys
- Family Law Section members
- Children and the Law Section members

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1. Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, News & Risk Management;  
<https://wilmic.com/claims-digest-spring-2021/>

## Schedule

**8:30 – 11:15 AM**

### You Spot the Ethics Mistakes

Observe as more than a dozen ethics scenarios are re-enacted before you; then assess how the attorney should have acted in the scenario. Scenarios depicted will include:

#### Communication Issues

- Communication with a represented party
- Communication with a pro se litigant
- Communication with the client

#### Litigants Behaving Badly

- Assessing and responding to a threat of violence between parties
- Receipt of evidence that has been obtained illegally
- Disclosure of all known assets and hiding assets
- Candor to the tribunal

#### Lawyering Issues

- Representing a party if you previously served as mediator
- Engaging in representation if you've spoken to (but not been hired by) the opposing party
- Attorney fees

**11:15 AM**

### Program Concludes

*A fifteen-minute break will be taken at 10:00.*

## Ethical Dilemma?

**Don't leave it  
to chance.**

Call the State Bar of Wisconsin's ethics counsel at (608) 229-2017 or (800) 254-9154 or visit [www.wisbar.org/ethics](http://www.wisbar.org/ethics)



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## Faculty

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## Dates

### Live Webcast

December 8, 2021

### Webcast Replays

Monday, December 13, 2021

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Friday, January 14, 2022

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Family Law Section is pleased to offer three scholarships to attend the live webcast of *Family Law: How to Avoid an Ethics Complaint* on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Find more information on scholarship eligibility and the application at [wisbar.org/familylawscholarshipethics](http://wisbar.org/familylawscholarshipethics). Deadline to apply is November 12. **Questions?** Please contact Section Coordinator Jane Corkery at [jcorkery@wisbar.org](mailto:jcorkery@wisbar.org).

## Credits

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **3 CLE credits including 3 Ethics and Professional Responsibility credits.**

## Registration

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