



Handling a Basic Divorce

Program dates start January 26. Register today!

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Endorsed by the Family Law Section and the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Wisconsin

Divorce done right

Skillfully navigate family law actions from beginning to end with tips and insights from **Handling a Basic Divorce**. You'll review how to manage client expectations, property division, support, and custody and placement issues. You'll also receive strategies for effectively and ethically gathering facts and assembling compelling exhibits.

Learn to differentiate between matters that should go to court and those that can be resolved by other means like family arbitration or 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:

- Understand the basic elements of a divorce
- Know the differences between legal separation, annulment, and divorce
- Gain tips for effective client interviews and trial preparation
- Learn best practices for discovery, mediation, and negotiation
- Examine the components of settlement agreements
- Find out how to handle common post-judgment issues

Who should attend:

- New lawyers
- Attorneys new to family law practice
- Lawyers considering adding family law to their practice
- Lawyers seeking a refresher in family law
- Lawyers looking to take GAL appointments

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Schedule

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 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*

9:50 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*

10:40 AM Break

11:00 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*

11:50 AM Lunch (on your own)

1:00 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*

1:50 PM Post-Judgment Issues

- Post-judgment tasks for the attorney before closing the client file
 - How and when to file a motion to revise custody, placement, maintenance, and child support
 - How and when to file a contempt motion and the appropriate purge conditions to request from the court
 - Tips for provisions to include in Marital Settlement Agreements that avoid issues or disputes for the parties after the divorce
- Christopher S. Krimmer*

2:40 PM Program Concludes

Following start time, schedule may vary slightly from above listed times.

Credits

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **5 CLE credits**. It does not qualify for EPR credit.

Faculty

Presenters

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Dates

Location

In-Person Seminar

Friday, January 26, 2024

State Bar Center

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Live Webcast

Friday, January 26, 2024

Webcast Replays

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Monday, February 19, 2024

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