



ABA SECTION OF FAMILY LAW  
**2020 FALL  
CLE CONFERENCE**  
**Willard InterContinental**  
Washington, D.C.  
October 21–24, 2020



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm

**Family Advocate Editorial Board Meeting**  
*Brandeis*

1:00-2:00pm

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
*Grant Suite*

2:00-4:00pm

**Officers' Meeting**  
*Grant Suite*

3:30-6:30pm

**Registration**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

4:00-5:00pm

**Law Student Event**  
*Peacock Lounge*

5:00-6:30pm

**Welcome Reception (Sponsored in part by ART Risk Financial & Insurance Solutions)**  
*Crystal Room & Willard Room*

Come mingle with your fellow conference attendees and enjoy cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres as the Section offers you a warm welcome to our Fall conference! **Please sign up when you register.**

**A NOTE ON GUEST ATTENDANCE:** Only registered guests (including children) may accompany an attendee to this reception. Please purchase a guest badge for those you wish to attend with you.

## Thursday, October 22, 2020

7:00am-1:00pm

**Registration**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

7:00-9:00am

**Breakfast**  
*Ballroom Foyer/Pierce*

7:30-8:30am

**Newcomers' Breakfast**  
*Buchanan*

Is this your first or second time attending a Family Law Section conference? Or, have you returned after a long hiatus from Section conferences? If so, start your morning by joining some of our Section's current and former leaders for breakfast.

You'll have an opportunity to learn more about the conference and our Section! **Please sign up when you register.**

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7:30-8:15am

**Committee Leaders Meeting**  
*Crystal*

8:00-9:00am

**Bylaws & Policy Committee Meeting**  
*Garfield*

8:45-11:45am

GENERAL CLE SESSION

**What Great Family Law Practices Are Doing Better Than Everyone Else**

*Grand Ballroom*

If you believe every family law practice can be improved and if you believe that excellence in running your practice is a journey and not a destination, this session is for you. Ed and Mark will differentiate what great family law practices are doing differently than everyone else. Upon completion of the program, you will be more focused, prioritize your day more effectively, and manage your time better than ever. You will ultimately have far more balance in your life and will be able to run a more efficient family law practice in which you can spend more time serving your clients and less time worrying about managing your practice.

**Moderator/Panelist:**

**Edward L. Kainen**, Esq., Kainen Law Group, PLLC, Las Vegas, NV

**Speaker:**

**Mark Powers**, MA, Atticus, Inc., Mt. Dora, FL

8:45-10:45am

ART PLENARY CLE SESSION

**Avoiding the Franken-contract: Creating a Polished Agreement**

*Willard Room*

While your contracts will change over the years, your focus on the details and concerns that inform your work should not. Take your skills to the next level! Presenters will review the fundamental elements of a surrogacy agreement, explain how to identify unique



client circumstances to customize agreements, and demonstrate effective integration of emerging contract issues in law, medicine, and society.

**Moderator/Panelist:**

**Michelle S. Misler, Esq.,** Creative Family Connections, LLC, Chevy Chase, MD

**Speakers:**

**Nidhi S. Desai, Esq.,** Desai & Miller, Chicago, IL

**Brian K. Esser, Esq.,** Law Office of Brian Esser PLLC, Brooklyn, NY

**Sherry A. Fox, Esq.,** ThompsonMcMullan P.C., Richmond, VA

**Margaret E. Swain, Esq.,** The Law Office of Margaret E. Swain, Towson, MD

**9:00-10:00am**

**Section Fellows Meeting**

*Garfield*

**9:00am-1:00pm**

**Hospitality**

*Ballroom Foyer*

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**ART CLE SESSION**

**Navigating the Insurance Maze: ART Implications with ERISA, HMO, and Lien Policies Clarified**

*Willard Room*

This expert panel will review the ever-evolving issues on insurance coverages in gestational carrier agreements, including the pitfalls involved with ERISA, HMOs, and other lien policies that impact the effectiveness of insurance coverages within these agreements. Panelists will also define language and provisions that should be included in or excluded from gestational carrier agreements and will discuss future issues that are anticipated to impact the agreements.

**Moderator/Panelist:**

**Natalie A. Kanellis, Esq.,** Circle Surrogacy, LLC and Weltman Law Group, Boston, MA

**Speakers:**

**Virginia S. Hart,** ART Risk Financial & Insurance Solutions, Inc., Valencia, CA

**Jason P. Lacey, Esq.,** LLM, Foulston Siefkin LLP, Wichita, KS

**12:15-1:15pm**

**Member Benefit Development Committee Meeting**

*Garfield*

**12:15-1:15pm**

**ART Committee Meeting**

*Willard Room*

**1:30-4:30pm**

**Council Meeting**

*Grand Ballroom*

Stop by this meeting to learn more about current Section activities and projects—all are welcome!

**7:00-10:00pm**

**Monuments by Moonlight Tour**

**Ticket Price: \$25**

*Space is limited. Please sign up when you register.*

**9:30-11:00pm**

**Chair's Reception**

*Grand Ballroom*

**Friday, October 23, 2020**

**7:00am-1:30pm**

**Registration**

*Ballroom Foyer*

**7:00-9:00am**

**Breakfast**

*Ballroom Foyer/Grand Ballroom*

**7:30-8:30am**

**Committee Meetings**

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- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Custody (Subcommittee: Adoption)
- Financial Issues (Subcommittees: Alimony, Bankruptcy, Child Support, Marital Property, & Taxation)
- International Law
- Law Students
- Young Lawyers

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**8:45-9:45am**

## **SIMULTANEOUS CLE SESSIONS (GROUP 1)**

### **Trust Assets in Divorce Proceedings: Within Reach or a Bridge too Far?**

*Grand Ballroom*

Trust interests can have a significant impact on the financial terms of a divorce agreement or judicial decree. Under what circumstances can these interests be considered? How are they to be valued? Are there unexpected tax consequences that might distort the result? Panelists will discuss the current state of the law and emerging trends so that you'll leave armed to do battle over trust assets.

#### **Speakers:**

**Jay W. Freiberg**, Esq., Elman Freiberg PLLC, New York, NY

**Sharon L. Klein**, Esq., Wilmington Trust, N.A., New York, NY

### **Making and Creating the Right Record: How to Preserve Trial Issues in Case of an Appeal**

*Buchanan*

Creating a record at trial is crucial to the outcome of your case, and failure to do so could result in the loss of an appeal. Learn how to successfully create, protect, and preserve the record. Discussion will include pitfalls, objections, and offers of proof; "off-record" matters; and tips for handling a difficult judicial officer. This interactive program will consist of both a lecture and demonstration with Attorney Barach as the would-be lawyer and Referee Baker as the judge, and audience participation is encouraged.

#### **Speakers:**

**Hon. Gail D. Baker**, Esq., Referee, Olmsted District Court, Rochester, MN

**Matthew P. Barach**, Esq., Barach Law Group LLC, Framingham, MA



#### **Related Title(s):**

*The Family Law Guide to Appellate Practice*, by: Matthew P. Barach

### **Dividing Retirement Assets: From Private Employer Plans to Federal Pensions**

*Pierce*

Our QDRO experts will discuss basic issues related to retirement plans in divorce actions, including tips for identifying the different types of plans, the unique terminology of the retirement world, and

guidance for dividing different plans. They will highlight common mistakes and pitfalls and will address special issues related to federal pensions.

#### **Speakers:**

**Jessica Markham**, Esq., Markham Law Firm, Bethesda, MD

**Emily W. McBurney**, Esq., Emily W. McBurney, P.C., Atlanta, GA



#### **Related Title(s):**

*The Complete QDRO Handbook*, Fourth Edition, by: Patricia D. Shewmaker & James Robert Lewis IV

**8:45-10:45am**

## **ART PLENARY CLE SESSION**

### **I'm Just a Bill on Capitol Hill**

*Willard Room*

Join this panel of legal mavericks to understand how to draft new legislation and collaborate and advocate to get your assisted reproduction legislation to become law. This session will also review the most recent legislative successes throughout the U.S. and examine assisted reproductive technology laws on the horizon.

#### **Moderator/Panelist:**

**State Senator Brad M. Hoylman**, Esq., New York State Senate, New York, NY

#### **Speakers:**

**Barbara Collura**, MA, RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, McLean, VA

**Davina Fankhauser**, MA, Fertility Within Reach, Inc., Newton Highlands, MA

**Katherine L. Provost**, Esq., Kainen Law Group, PLLC, Las Vegas, NV

**9:00-10:00am**

## **Sponsorship Committee Meeting**

*Peacock Lounge*

**9:00am-1:30pm**

## **Hospitality**

*Ballroom Foyer*



**10:00-11:00am**  
**SIMULTANEOUS CLE SESSIONS (GROUP 2)**  
**Identifying and Proving Domestic Violence in a Family Law Case**

*Grand Ballroom*

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**Moderator/Panelist:**

**Jasmine R. McKinney, Esq.,** Swedish Match, Richmond, VA

**Speaker:**

**Tonya J. Turner, Esq.,** Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

**Do You Have a PLAN? How to Manage Mental Health Experts, Their Work, and Their Testimony—Step-by-Step.**

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**Speaker:**

**John A. Zervopoulos, Ph.D., JD, ABPP,** PsychologyLaw Partners, Dallas, TX



**Related Title(s):**

*Confronting Mental Health Evidence: A Practical PLAN to Examine Reliability and Experts in Family Law*, Second Edition, by: John A. Zervopoulos

**Seven Steps to Simplify Client Intake**

*Pierce*

First impressions are everything, and that’s no less true when it comes to client intake – especially in the age of COVID-19. Navigating those first uncertain steps can make an enormous difference in long-term satisfaction, both for the client and

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**Speakers:**

**Erin C. Golding, Esq.,** Burr Law Firm, PLLC, Washington, D.C.

**Natalia C. Wilson, Esq.,** Ain & Bank, P.C., Washington, D.C.

**10:00-11:00am**  
**Program Support Fund Committee Meeting**

*Peacock Lounge*

**11:00am-12:00pm**  
**Diversity Committee Meeting**

*Peacock Lounge*

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**ART CLE SESSION**  
**Born in the U.S.A.**

*Willard Room*

This session will discuss how and why citizenship issues directly impact international intended parents and birth tourism. Learn the origins of birthright citizenship, how it affects U.S. ART births in which intended parents are not U.S. citizens, and what issues are on the horizon that could affect your ART cases involving international intended parents.

**Moderator/Panelist:**

**Meryl B. Rosenberg, Esq.,** ARTparenting, Potomac, MD

**Speakers:**

**Prof. Stacy L. Brustin, Esq.,** The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, Washington, D.C.

**Aaron C. Morris, Esq.,** Immigration Equality, New York, NY

**11:15am-12:15pm**  
**SIMULTANEOUS CLE SESSIONS**  
**(GROUP 1 – REPEATED)**

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#### **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

*Peacock Lounge*

#### **12:30-1:30pm**

#### **SIMULTANEOUS CLE SESSIONS**

#### **(GROUP 2 – REPEATED)**

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**2:00-3:30pm**  
**Service Project**

*Pierce*  
 Support our troops and their families! Join us as we create paracord survival bracelets for members of our military and Battalion Buddies for the children of deployed military members.

**Please sign up when you register.**

**5:30-9:00pm**  
**Friday Night Event (Sponsored in part by The NGH Group, Inc., Soberlink, and Wilmington Trust)**  
*Grand Ballroom*

Join us for an evening filled with good food and plenty of laughter as the Capitol Steps take the stage for a musical comedy show you will never forget.

**Advance Ticket Price: \$175**  
**On-Site Ticket Price: \$275**

**All event attendees must have a ticket.**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

**7:00am-12:30pm**  
**Registration**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

**7:00-9:00am**  
**Breakfast**  
*Ballroom Foyer/ Pierce*

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**Committee Meetings**  
*Grand Ballroom*

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- Communications
- LPM/Technology (Subcommittee: Health & Wellness)
- Military Law
- Special Circumstances (Subcommittees: Domestic Violence, Modest Means, Special Needs Families, & Vulnerable Adults)
- Trial Practice & Techniques

**7:30-8:30am**  
**Meeting of Past Chairs and Current Officers**  
*Garfield*

**8:00am-12:00pm**  
**Family Law Quarterly Board Meeting**  
*Fillmore*

**8:00am-12:00pm**  
**Publications Development Board Meeting**  
*Peacock Lounge*

**8:45-10:45am**  
**PLENARY CLE SESSIONS**  
**Ethics and Civility in an Uncivil Time**  
 (Ethics Credit)  
*Grand Ballroom*

Some think that our culture, and our interactions with each other, are coarsening. Yet, lawyers remain bound by various Rules of Professional Conduct and the inherent power of courts to sanction conduct that crosses the line. In this panel, we will discuss the rise of incivility, the ethics of incivility, and what good lawyers can do when pushed to make the world a harsher place, with a focus on ABA Model Rules 3.3 (Candor toward the Tribunal), 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel), and 4.1 (Truthfulness in Statements to Others).

**Speakers:**  
**Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia (Retired)**, Annapolis, MD  
**Matthew G. Kaiser**, Esq., KaiserDillon PLLC, Washington, D.C.  
**Mark S. Zaid**, Esq., Mark S. Zaid, P.C., Washington, D.C.

**\*\*ART\*\* How Surrogacy Is Handled Around the Globe and the European Court of Human Rights**  
*Willard Room*

In July 2019, experts from around the world gathered at the International Surrogacy Forum at Cambridge University in England. This panel



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will address the issues arising from the Forum and how surrogacy and ART is dealt with around the world, which will enable attorneys to better understand the issues that affect their clients from overseas, particularly those who come from jurisdictions where surrogacy is illegal under their domestic laws.

#### Moderator/Panelist:

**Bruce Hale, Esq.**, Modern Family Law, Newton Center, MA

#### Speakers:

**Chasity R. Beaver, RN**, ART Fertility Program of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

**Prof. Sital Kalantry, Esq.**, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

**Michael Wells-Greco, JD, LL.M, Ph.D.**, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, London, United Kingdom and Geneva, Switzerland

#### 9:00am-12:00pm

##### Hospitality

Ballroom Foyer

#### 11:00am-12:00pm

##### ART CLE SESSION

##### The COVID-19 Pandemic and Fallout on ART Fields of Practice

##### Willard Room

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in effects on ART fields of practice in ways medical and legal professionals never could have imagined. This panel will explore the fallout of the pandemic and ways practitioners have and can continue to accommodate legal issues in contract drafting, amendments to contracts, and parentage.

#### Moderator/Panelist:

**Dean J. Hutchison, Esq.**, Circle Surrogacy, LLC and Weltman Law Group, Boston, MA

#### Speakers:

**Jeanne E. O'Brien, MD**, Shady Grove Fertility, Rockville, MD

**Ralph M. Tsong, Esq.**, Tsong Law Group, Cerritos, CA

## GENERAL INFORMATION

#### ROOM RESERVATIONS & HOTEL INFORMATION

Accommodations will be provided by The Willard InterContinental. The discounted room rate is \$315/night (plus applicable fees & taxes). Reservations should be made directly with the hotel by going to [ambar.org/fl2010](http://ambar.org/fl2010) and clicking on the link to hotel reservations or by calling 202.628.9100 **by Tuesday, September 29, 2020 5:00pm CST**. When making your reservations by phone, please be sure to refer to Group ID: CLE. **Discounted rooms are subject to availability, so be sure to make your reservations early!**

#### NEARBY AIRPORTS & TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport is Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA). Taxis and rideshare services are available. If you choose to rent a car or drive your own vehicle, overnight parking is available for \$59/night.

#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Please register online at [ambar.org/fl2010](http://ambar.org/fl2010). If you need further assistance with the registration process, please call Danielle Pruger at 312.988.5149.

The early bird registration deadline for Family Law Section members is **Wednesday, September 16, 2020**. All registrations must be made on or before that date to receive the early bird rate, so don't delay. **All advance registrations must be received by Wednesday, October 7, 2020. After that date, please register on-site.**

#### REGISTRATION RATES

##### Attendees:

Section Members (Early Bird-By 9/16/2020)	\$705
Section Members (Standard-After 9/16/2020)	\$780
ABA Members	\$830
Non-ABA Members	\$975
Judges, Full-time Law School Faculty, Full-time Legal Services, Social Service Practitioners, & New Practitioners (up to 4 years)	\$505
CLE Committee Members & Speakers	\$440
Paralegals & Law Students	\$305

##### Guests:

Guests	\$305
Children (6-10 years)	\$150
Children (5 years and under)	FREE*

**\*Even though children 5 years and under are complimentary, they still must be registered. Please make sure to sign up for free child badges when you register.**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

The attendee registration fee includes access to all CLE programs and the downloadable materials prior to the conference.

Additionally, your fee covers Wednesday's Welcome Reception, breakfast each day (Thursday-Saturday), and the Chair's Reception on Thursday night. The guest & child registration fees include Wednesday's Welcome Reception, breakfast each day (Thursday-Saturday), and the Chair's Reception on Thursday night. Guests are not eligible to attend CLE sessions or receive CLE credit. Any events not listed are ticketed and will be at an additional cost.

**Please remember: All attendees, including guests & children, will be required to wear a name badge to all events.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

To receive a refund, minus a \$50 administrative fee, a written request must be received **on or before Wednesday, October 7, 2020**. No refunds will be issued after that date. Questions about cancellations can be directed to Danielle Pruger at [Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org](mailto:Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org) or 312.988.5149.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Section of Family Law offers a limited number of scholarships annually through our Fellowship Program. Attorneys who qualify and are chosen for our program will receive a fellowship slot that includes complimentary registration for 4 conferences. For more information on the program and how to apply, visit: [ambar.org/flsfellowship](http://ambar.org/flsfellowship).

## DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

If you have any dietary restrictions, please indicate so during registration or by email to Danielle Pruger at [Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org](mailto:Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org) by **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

We encourage participation by all individuals. If you are a person with a disability, please give us advance notice of any special arrangements you may need so we can best accommodate you. Please contact Danielle Pruger at 312.988.5149 or [Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org](mailto:Danielle.Pruger@americanbar.org) as soon as possible but no later than **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**.

## CLE CREDIT

The ABA will seek 10 hours of CLE credit in 60-minute states, and 12 hours of CLE credit for this program in 50-minute states, including 2 hour of Ethics credit in 60-minute states and 2.4 hours of Ethics credit in 50-minute states. Credit hours are estimated and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Please visit the program website at [ambar.org/fl2010](http://ambar.org/fl2010) for program CLE details or visit [www.americanbar.org/mcle](http://www.americanbar.org/mcle) for general information on CLE at the ABA.

## CLE PROGRAM MATERIALS

Prior to the conference, all advance registrants will receive an email with a link to the CLE program materials. Printed materials will not be provided on-site.

## SECTION OF FAMILY LAW BOOKS AVAILABLE

While at the conference, please visit the Section of Family Law book table to take advantage of special meeting discounts on Family Law publications or visit our Section website and go to the Publications page to click on "Browse Books" for easy ordering!

## SECTION OF FAMILY LAW CHARITABLE FUND

### Promoting Diversity, Access to Justice & Education in the Family Law Profession

Donations to our charitable fund enable our Section to enhance diversity and inclusion in the profession, promote access to justice, support public service projects and education, and recognize outstanding volunteer family lawyers helping people when they need help the most. Please consider a contribution when you register. All donors will receive a ribbon to display on their badge at the conference. If you are unable to attend the conference and would like to contribute, you can make a donation at [ambar.org/donatefamlaw](http://ambar.org/donatefamlaw).

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The ABA takes the health and safety of our members, guests, and staff seriously. We know that the decision whether to attend a meeting is based upon a variety of personal and business considerations. We will continue to monitor a variety of sources, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and U.S. state and local health authorities for the latest public health updates. The ABA reserves the right to cancel or reschedule this event or hold the meeting virtually. We will update registrants and the website should the plans or the format for this event change.

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If we make the decision to cancel the in-person conference and host a virtual conference in its place, we will use the following schedule (all times are listed in Eastern Standard Time):

## Monday, October 19, 2020

10:00-11:00am: Bylaws Committee Meeting

11:00am-12:00pm: Sponsorship Committee Meeting

12:00-1:00pm: Committee Leaders Meeting

1:00-2:00pm: Committee Meetings

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2:00-3:00pm: Section Fellows Meeting

3:00-4:00pm: Member Benefit Development Committee Meeting

4:00-5:00pm: ART Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, October 20, 2020

10:00-11:00am: Program Support Fund Committee Meeting

11:00am-1:00pm: Council Meeting

1:00-2:00pm: Committee Meetings

- Communications
- LPM/Technology (Subcommittee: Health & Wellness)
- Military Law
- Special Circumstances (Subcommittees: Domestic Violence, Modest Means, Special Needs Families, & Vulnerable Adults)
- Trial Practice & Techniques

2:00-3:00pm: Diversity Committee Meeting

3:00-4:00pm: Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

4:00-5:00pm: Law Student, Newcomer & Young Lawyer Event

5:00-6:00pm: Service Project

## Wednesday, October 21, 2020

11:00am-1:00pm: Family Law CLE

- Ethics and Civility in an Uncivil Time (2 hours)

1:30-4:45pm: ART CLE

- How Surrogacy Is Handled Around the Globe and the European Court of Human Rights (2 Hours | 1:30-3:30pm)
- The COVID-19 Pandemic and Fallout on ART Fields of Practice (1 Hour | 3:45-4:45pm)

5:00-6:30pm: Welcome Reception

## Thursday, October 22, 2020

11:00am-2:15pm: Family Law CLE

- What Great Family Law Practices Are Doing Better Than Everyone Else (3 Hours)

2:30-5:45pm: ART CLE

- Avoiding the Franken-contract: Creating a Polished Agreement (2 hours | 2:30-4:30pm)
- Navigating the Insurance Maze: ART Implications with ERISA, HMO, and Lien Policies Clarified (1 hour | 4:45-5:45pm)

6:30-8:00pm: Thursday Social Event

## Friday, October 23, 2020

10:00-11:00am: Past Chairs & Current Officers Meeting

11:00am-2:20pm: Family Law CLE

- Trust Assets in Divorce Proceedings: Within Reach or a Bridge too Far? (1 hour | 11:00am-12:00pm)
- Making and Creating the Right Record: How to Preserve Trial Issues in Case of an Appeal (1 hour | 12:10-1:10pm)
- Dividing Retirement Assets: From Private Employer Plans to Federal Pensions (1 hour | 1:20-2:20pm)

2:45-6:05pm: Family Law CLE

- Do You Have a PLAN? How to Manage Mental Health Experts, Their Work, and Their Testimony—Step-by-Step (1 hour | 2:45-3:45pm)
- Identifying and Proving Domestic Violence in a Family Law Case (1 hour | 3:55-4:55pm)
- Seven Steps to Simplify Client Intake (1 hour | 5:05-6:05pm)

2:45-6:00pm: ART CLE

- I'm Just a Bill on Capitol Hill (2 Hours | 2:45-4:45pm)
- Born in the U.S.A. (1 Hour | 5:00-6:00pm)

6:30-8:00pm: Friday Social Event

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