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Session Description	Type of Credit Requested (General Continuing Education, General Mediation Issues, Mediation Ethics, or Family Law)	Start Time	End Time	Credit Approval (Office Use Only)
				1 hour Family Law
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Total Approved CME:	8 hours
Date Approved:	November 29, 2018

Family Law Matters Winter 2018

December 19, 2018 at 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite E-290, Knoxville, TN 37923

Four Hours General and Four Hours Dual CLE Approved by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education. Approval for Rule 31 Mediator CME credit pending. For more information call (865) 803-2290. Cost: \$195 for the full 8 hours, \$125.00 if taking just the morning or afternoon session (four hours CLE), \$35 for a single hour.

Registration and Coffee/Pastries 7:45-8:00

Session 1: The Year in Review: Interesting Family Court cases and their implications for practitioners and their clients 8:00 am-9:00 am, 1 Hour General CLE and 1-hour Family Law CME.

We review recent changes in the Tennessee Code and selected appellate decisions related to Family Law. Topics include matters heard in both divorce and juvenile courts, including divorce, child custody and welfare, parents' rights, mediation, child support, parenting plans, and alimony. Instructor: Matthew Birdwell, Esq.

Session 2: Parental Relocation; Practical Solutions for the New Law. 9:00-10:00 am 1Hr. General CLE and 1Hr. Family Law CME

Recent significant changes in Tennessee's Parental Relocation Statute place additional obligations on the moving parent and require court approval of a new parenting plan. We cover the changes in detail and discuss effective designing for plans tailored for moderate and long-distance parenting. Presenters: Michael Inman, Esq. and Family Mediator James Karney.

Break 10:00-10:10

Session 3: Child Support; Deviations From the Norm: 10:10-11:10 am 1 Hr. General CLE and 1Hr. Family Law CME

Child support guidelines are often only the starting point when considering how parents share financial obligations. We examine common reasons for varying the amount from the standard worksheet and how to correctly adjust the result to obtain a legally sufficient sum. The discussion includes common reasons for deviations and how to include them in the parenting plan. Presenters: D. Colton Baker, Esq. and Family Mediator James Karney

Session 4: Safe and Structured Child Exchanges: 11:10 am -12:10 pm 1 Hr. General CLE and 1 hr. General CME

Parents with any history of high conflict, domestic abuse/violence or when an order of protection is in effect need to have well-crafted child exchange provisions in place that comply with court orders and reduce the risk of inappropriate behavior around the child. This session will cover how to assess and evaluate the needs and design guidelines and resources for effective transfers. Presenters Amy Callis, Esq. and Family Mediator James Karney.

Lunch 12:10-1:15 pm

Session 5 Limited Scope Representation and with Pro Se Parties; Ethical Challenges & Obligations. 1:15-2:15 pm, 1Hr. Dual CLE and CME

Unbundling, also known as limited-scope representation lets attorneys help clients affordably resolve legal matters such as an agreed divorce or obtaining assistance in mediation. These types of cases often result in one party without legal representation. The result is a situation requiring special care to make sure that the case is appropriate for such an approach, and that all legal, practical and ethical concerns are properly addressed. This session includes an overview of the methods attorneys may use in properly assisting clients, and the ethical considerations for both attorneys and mediators. D. Colon Baker, Esq, J. Christian Stadler III, Esq. and Family Mediator James Karney

Session 6: Burn out: Mental and Moral Self-Protection for Family Court Professionals 2:15-3:15 pm, 1Hr. Dual CLE and Ethics CME

Family law professionals frequently deal with very emotional clients and victims of abuse. These stressful situations can lead to “secondary trauma”, cognitive bias, and a heightened risk of burnout leading to unwanted effects on the way we treat these clients and see the situation. This session outlines how to recognize the risks and presents tools for managing both professional and ethical concerns. Presenters: J. Amy Callis, Esq. Michael Inman, Esq., J. Christian Stadler, Esq. and James Karney.

Break 3:15-3:30 p,

Session 7 Rule 31 Changes; Practical and Ethical Implications for Mediators and Attorneys, 3:30-4:30 pm 1Hr. Dual CLE and Ethics CME

We examine the recent changes to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31, discuss how the new provisions will impact both mediators and attorneys, and then review the Standards of Conduct for Family Mediators, and explore solutions to ethical issues often encountered in the mediation process. Presenters: James Karney and D. Colton Baker, Esq.

Session 8 Children in Family Court and Mediation; The Whys, Why Nots, and How To 4:30-5:30 pm 1Hr. Dual CLE and Ethics CME

Children are often the most important issue in family law cases and custody disputes and present the most difficulties to a successful resolution. Children are rarely directly involved in the process that is likely to have a major impact on their lives. Ethical challenges and legal concerns confront judges, attorneys and mediators when children actually take part. Our discussion first examines the dilemmas and then practical solutions. Presenters: Amy Callis, Esq. and Family Mediator James Karney

Our Presenters:

D. Colton Baker, Esq. is a Maryville attorney with an active family law practice in Blount, Loudoun, and surrounding counties. A graduate of the Nashville School of Law, his practice focuses on preserving and restoring family relationships.

Matthew Birdwell, Esq. has been practicing family law for 14 years and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. He maintains offices in Oak Ridge and Knoxville serving the surrounding counties

Amy Ruther Callis, Esq. is a practicing family law attorney, and experienced guardian ad litem. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Mississippi College of Law who practices in Knox, Roane and surrounding counties in East Tennessee. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Callis was a teacher prior to her entry into the legal profession

Michael Inman, Esq. is a Knoxville attorney, and served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a law clerk for the United States Federal Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee prior to entering private practice. United States Federal Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. He is a Master of the Bench of the American Inns of Court, Hamilton Burnett Chapter.

James Karney, MS is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Family Mediator with Special Training in Domestic Violence, and Child Welfare Mediation. He is also qualified in Family Mediation before the Kentucky Court of Justice and has been an active family mediator since 2009.

J. Christian Stadler III, Esq. is a Knox County family and defense attorney practicing primarily in Knox County. He regularly works with the Family Relationship Center Pro Bono Legal Clinic and the Knox County Veterans' Treatment Court. He is a graduate of the Duncan School of Law.