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**Mission Impossible: How to Obtain Discovery from Gambling Establishments**  
See below for more information

November 2011

## Section News

### Family Law Section Delegation to Cuba

March 4-9, 2012

Family Law Section Chair Randy Kessler and Immediate Past Chair Hon. Debra Lehrmann invite you to participate in a delegation to Cuba this March to meet with Cuban Jurists to research and discuss Cuba's family law policies.

[View invitation for more details](#)

### Submit Nominations: Sharon Corbitt Award

**Deadline:**  
March 30, 2012

The ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence created the Sharon Corbitt Award in 2008 to recognize exceptional service and leadership in improving the legal response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking by a lawyer from any area of practice, including non-profit, private firm, government, corporate counsel, and the judiciary, in the spirit of Sharon Corbitt.

Sharon L. Corbitt was an active member of the American Bar Association for 25 years, serving as a member of the Commission on Domestic Violence from

## CLE Calendar

### Webinar December 14, 2011

#### How to Obtain Discovery from Gambling Establishments

This program will cover the ins and outs of complicated discovery using casinos and the gaming industry as prime examples of challenging foes. For more information, visit the link below.

This program was originally presented at the ABA Section of Family Law 2011 Fall CLE Conference (in Vegas, of course). If you weren't able to attend, now's your chance to see what you missed!

[Register online now.](#)

### SAVE THE DATES

**April 18-21, 2012**  
Spring CLE Conference  
Miami Beach, FL

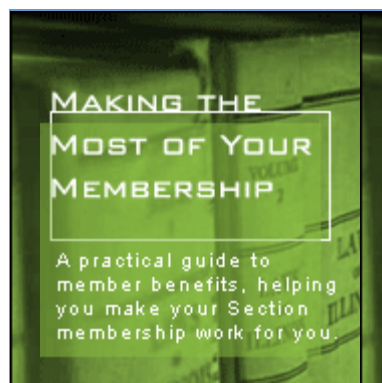
Sand, sun, and CLE, plus an evening on a yacht!

Reserve your hotel room at the Eden Roc Renaissance by March 27, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time, to lock in the special discount rate of \$225/night. Call 1-800-319-5356 or (305) 531-0000.

More information will be available soon; bookmark the [Spring Conference](#) website.

**July 14-21, 2012**  
26th Annual Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute (TAI)  
Boulder, CO

**August 2-4 (approx.), 2012**  
ABA Family Law Annual Meeting



### Premier Speaker Series Free CLE for YOU!

#### What Is It?

The CLE Premier Speaker Series is a new monthly program where members can earn FREE continuing legal education credits.

Earn up to 18 hours of FREE CLE credit every year through ABA programs featuring today's most influential legal practitioners.

#### What's In It For Me?

The opportunity to gain CLE credit (for free) on a variety of topics, all from the comfort of your own office. Great speakers, free credit, what more could you want?

#### When Is the First Program?

[Trying High-Profile Cases](#)

2002 to 2005 after completing her term as Chair of the Family Law Section. In honor of her exemplary professional and personal contributions to victims of domestic violence throughout her career, this award will recognize an attorney each year who embodies her spirit and dedication.

Any person familiar with the achievements of a candidate may submit a nomination. The Commission urges nominators to choose only one candidate a year. No self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 30, 2012.

[More information](#)

[Download Nomination Form](#)

#### **Call for CLE Proposals Deadline: February 3, 2012**

Have an idea for a great CLE program or know something every other family law attorney should be aware of? Heard a great speaker you think would wow your ABA Family Law colleagues? Submit a proposal for our CLE Committee's consideration!

Programs will be considered for our Fall CLE Conference (October 10-13, 2012, Philadelphia, PA) and our Spring CLE Conference (April 17-20, 2013, Anchorage, AK).

We're also accepting proposals for our teleconference series. These programs last approximately 90 minutes.

To submit your ideas, just fill out the appropriate form linked below and return it to us via facsimile at 312-988-6800 or via email by February 3, 2012.

[CLE Proposal Form](#)

[Teleconference Proposal Form](#)

[26th Annual Family Law](#)

Chicago, IL

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Fall CLE Conference  
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More information about these conferences will be available soon; be sure to clear your calendar so you can join us!

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Stay up-to-date on CLE offerings with our [CLE Calendar](#).

Unable to attend a teleconference or a Section CLE conference? Not to worry, you can learn on your own time when you purchase the CLE materials.

[See a listing of available CLE materials](#).

### **Best of the ESQ List**

This month's column features questions and answers concerning: 401(k) Beneficiary Issues; International Child Custody; Division of Property Jointly Owned with Third Parties; Issuance of Passport When Other Parent's Location Unknown; Child's SSI Award and Child Support; and Transgender Marriage.

[Read the November issue](#).

#### **Did you know?**

ESQ is cited as one of the top member benefits of the Section of Family Law and is the third most heavily trafficked of all the ABA discussion lists. Get referrals, ask questions, [sign up now!](#) (Please note that the ESQ list is only for our lawyer members.)

**Are you one of our members from outside the U.S.?** Let us help you get on the ESQ list! If you're one of our members from Canada, Mexico, England, etc., and you're not currently on ESQ, please let us know. Send an email to [Hilary Glazer](#) and be sure to include your member ID.

### **AICPA Corner**

**A column by members of the AICPA's Forensic and Valuation Services Section**

This month's column is by Tracy L. Coenen, CPA, CFF.

**Read this month's AICPA Corner:**  
[Lifestyle Analysis in Family Law Cases](#)

**in Today's Media Environment** will take place this **Monday, November 21st**, and features our own Chair, Randy Kessler, and David Boies, among others. Sign up today by clicking on the link above.

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## Trial Advocacy Institute

July 14-21, 2012

Boulder, CO

Want to become a more effective trial lawyer? Spend some time with us this summer to boost your career \*and\* your confidence!

In light of last year's success, we have again partnered with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), the worldwide leader in advocacy skills training.

Whether you need to brush up on your skills or learn new techniques for success at trial, you owe it to yourself to attend the TAI. Our intensive, fast-paced program provides you with years of trial experience, and you'll benefit from working one-on-one with members of our faculty.

But don't take our word for it; see what participants from last year's TAI had to say:

"This was the best week I've ever spent on my professional practice. It was emotionally grueling, physically exhausting, intellectually challenging and prepared me to take on the challenges in my practice that I have been shying away from. Well spent time and money."  
*David Pizarra*  
*Santa Monica, CA*

"This was the most difficult and most rewarding week of my legal career. The course was everything I expected and more. I was challenged more than I ever thought possible in a supportive learning environment and will feel more confident representing my clients in the courtroom."  
*Anna Freeman*  
*Brentwood, TN*

"I am glad I made the commitment to do it. It was worth every day I spent away from my family and every billable hour bypassed while I was there."  
*Kara Swasey*

(You will need to log in to the ABA website.)

## Tech Corner

The Tech Corner is changing to Tech Tips to better serve you! Now you can save time by looking at brief tips that will help you make the most of technology!

### Get on the Same Page with Join.me

Screen sharing minimizes the headaches involved with collaboration by making sure everyone is on the same page--literally. In the past, sharing your screen meant signing up for an expensive webinar service, scheduling meetings in advance, and navigating complicated webinar controls. Join.me radically simplifies the process. Just visit [www.join.me](http://www.join.me) and click the "share" button.

A moment later you'll be given a 9-digit code that you can give to your collaborators. They enter the same code at [www.join.me](http://www.join.me) and immediately see your screen.

And the price tag? The basic service is free and supports up to 250 viewers.

Upgrading to Pro (\$19/month) adds the ability to swap presenters, schedule meetings, and manage attendees.

—*Joshua Poje, ABA Legal Technology Resource Center*

**Ask Us!** Have you found a great technology deal somewhere? Is there a technology question that's been on your mind? Tell us or ask us about it! We may feature your info or answer your question in a future edition of the eNewsletter. If there's some other technology you would like us to investigate, just e-mail [hilary.glazer@americanbar.org](mailto:hilary.glazer@americanbar.org). Keep the Tech Corner working for you!

## Stay Part of the Family

**The ABA Section of Family Law, that is.**

Once again, it's the time of year when people often take stock of their lives and make resolutions. The ABA Section of Family Law is no different: we value each and every one of you as a member, and we're resolved to helping you improve not only your practice of family law, but family law in general.

Wilmington, DE

Registration will open soon; bookmark the [TAI website](#).

### Viva Las Vegas! Fall Meeting Recap

The Family Law Fall CLE Conference took place October 26-29 and offered attendees glitz, glamour, and great CLE!

The CLE sessions focused on topics such as tax issues faced by alternative families; military pension division orders; and the effects of illness, psychological problems, and addiction on support calculations, to name just a few. There was also a special track of Assisted Reproductive Technology programs featuring speakers from all over the world. This year, certain programs 'repeated' on different days to allow attendees the opportunity to catch a specific program they may not otherwise have been able to see.

Social events included an evening at Lagasse's Stadium®, where attendees had the opportunity to watch the St. Louis Cardinals win the World Series. (We purposely scheduled the seventh game to coincide with our event.) Attendees also had the chance to take in "La Reve," one of the most popular Cirque du Soleil shows in town!

The section was pleased to see many new faces at the conference. We hope that all of our attendees learned new things, made new connections, and took advantage of all that Las Vegas has to offer.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our conference sponsors and exhibitors.

If you weren't able to attend but would like to purchase CLE materials on cd-rom, just visit the [ABA Web Store](#).

Here are just a few of the many ways your ABA Family Law membership enhances your professional life.

1. You get [Family Advocate](#) and [Family Law Quarterly](#) delivered right to your door (or inbox). Whether you're looking for news about legal trends and cutting edge-practices, or want to delve more in-depth on a particular family law topic, you get the best of both worlds from these publications.
2. You stay informed about family law decisions around the country courtesy of the email digest [Case Update](#).
3. You're offered great networking opportunities with other family law experts via our list serves, committees, and live meetings (Fall, Spring, and Annual).
4. You cater to your clients' needs by providing them with practical and professional [handouts](#) from *Family Advocate*.
5. You help other family law professionals by presenting CLE programs in your area of expertise.
6. You're fiscally responsible--you save money on ABA Family Law books and CLE courses.
7. You're part of a community that is working to improve all areas of family law, from developing practice methods and approaches to minimize the destructive consequences of divorce on families through our Families Matter Initiative, to developing models acts on family law issues such as assisted reproductive technology, relocation of children, and marital and premarital agreements.

This year, as you take stock, make sure you have [renewed your membership](#) in the ABA Section of Family Law. Renew online with the link above or call the ABA Service Center at 1-800-285-2221.

If you've already renewed your membership, thank you very much, and we look forward to helping you further your career!

## Law Student Corner

### Schwab Essay Contest: Call for Entries

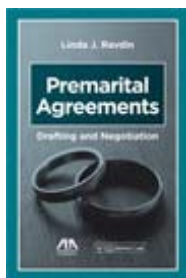
Show us you've got the "write" stuff by entering the Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest!

Just pick a topic in the field of family

## Publications

### Premarital Agreements: Drafting and Negotiation (includes cd-rom)

Linda J. Ravdin



Product Code 5130180

Linda Ravdin, an experienced family lawyer well-known for her knowledge of premarital and marital agreements, explains the most critical aspects involved in creating a premarital agreement, including:

(1) The law of validity and the steps involved in creating a valid agreement;

(2) The role of the lawyer in creating the agreement, various ethical components of an agreement and the practical techniques of negotiating the terms of the agreement;

(3) Post-execution issues; and

(4) Text of a model agreement and drafting techniques to carry out the objectives of the parties. To assist the drafter, various options are given that allow the premarital agreement to be tailored to the client's specific needs.

A model agreement and discussion of each part of the agreement is contained in the book's final section. In addition, the appendices provide sample letters and related forms and a chart summarizing the law in all 51 jurisdictions.

[More information](#)

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law, get about 5,000 words down, and you're done. (That's about 25 double-spaced, typewritten pages including footnotes. Don't go overboard; we disqualify entries over 28 pages.) Also, only one submission per author is eligible.

If you win, we'll tell your Dean, you'll likely be published in *Family Law Quarterly* (and on the Family Law website), and you'll get a nifty certificate, too.

This contest is open to all law students, not just those who are Section of Family Law members, so feel free to spread the word and mention it at your study group. The more entrants we have, the better you can feel about winning.

Law school professors, please mention this to your students! Maybe one of them will make you proud!

More information about the contest--rules, eligibility, etc.--is available at the [Schwab website](#).

**Request your entry number by April 27, 2012.**

**Deadline for entries: May 4, 2012**

## Also of Interest

**CLE & Ski  
Snowmass Village, CO  
January 4-8, 2012**

The ABA Section of Family Law is proud to co-sponsor this national CLE program with Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, Inc. The Family Law track focuses on topics such as distribution of stock options in divorce; using an iPad and technology in media and trial; tips for getting paid on time; reviewing income tax returns for family law matters; an overview of the year's most significant family law cases; and much more.

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