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2005 Schwab Memorial Essay Contest Underway

The 2005 contest is now underway. Communications have been mailed out to all student members of the Section as well as all Law Student Division members. The Section is anticipating an even greater response than last year when 40 essay entries were submitted. [Find out more](#) about the contest; how to submit an entry request; rules and eligibility.

Former Section Chair Honored by Congress

Harvey Golden, Section Chair 1987-1988, was honored with the inclusion of his history in the Congressional Record on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of practicing law.

A Call for Nominations for the 2005 Ann Liechty Child Custody Pro Bono Award

The American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service and the Child Custody Pro Bono and Adoption Project are now accepting nominations for the annual Ann Liechty Child Custody Pro Bono Award. [Find out more](#) about this award, eligibility and how to nominate someone.

VIRGINIA MCLE BOARD CERTIFICATION ACTION

The Virginia State Bar MCLE Board has denied ethics credit for the program titled "DNA Testing for Parentage: Technical, Ethical and Legal Aspects of Testing." This program was offered April 30, 2004 at the Spring CLE Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. If you are a Virginia licensed attorney and have applied for ethics credit based

Articles

Hot Tip on Prenuptial Agreements

by Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin

With so many questions as to the enforceability of Prenuptial Agreements, measures may need to be taken by lawyers to ensure agreements are understood. [This month's featured article](#) contains a list of the questions that should be addressed.

New Publications

Section releases revised editions of two popular books. Take advantage of special members only prices, and order your copy today. Call the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221 or order online at www.ababooks.org.

The Business Tax Return

Handbook, a valuable resource offering practitioners a line-by-line guide through business tax returns to gather vital information. Price: \$79.95.

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The Complete QDRO

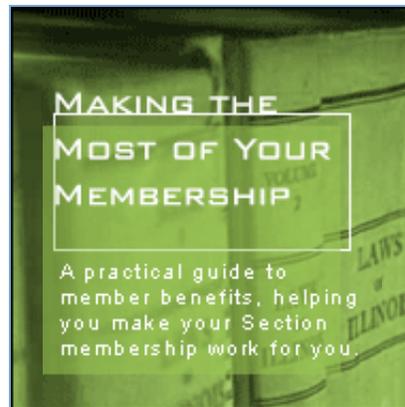
Handbook, a comprehensive manual providing basic knowledge and advanced techniques of all aspects of the substantive law of QDROs. Price: \$119.95.

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Upcoming CLE Opportunities

2005 Trial Advocacy Institute Registration Now Open

It's time once again to consider attending the [Annual Trial Advocacy Institute](#). Whether you are a new family law practitioner or a seasoned



This month's featured benefit:

Sustaining Member Program

What is it?

What are the benefits?

What's in it for us?

How do we use your money?

What is it?

The Section has designed a comprehensive sponsorship program just for members, the Sustaining Member Program. Launched during the 2003-04 year, the program enjoyed a successful inaugural year. The program offers five tiers of benefits depending on the amount of your contribution, starting as low as \$250.00.

What are the benefits?

Tap into an unrealized pool of networking opportunities. Reach thousands of family law attorneys across the country via signage at Section meetings and compendium materials throughout the year; advertisements in the *Family Advocate* or by having your logo and/or firm name listed on the

program, please adjust your hours accordingly. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions please contact Sena Leach of the Section staff at 312/988-5613 or via e-mail at LeachSe@staff.abanet.org.

Best of the Listserv

We have picked one topic of discussion from the ESQ listserv for **November's best of the listserv**.

veteran, you can expand your trial skills at the Institute. Approaching its 20-year anniversary, the program offers attendees an intense week-long training experience taught by the country's premiere family law trial lawyers. Register soon -- this program sells out quickly every year.

Save The Date! Spring 2005 CLE Conference, April 13-16

The Section of Family Law will meet April 13-16, 2005 in Austin, Texas for the 2005 [Spring Committee and CLE Conference](#).

Couldn't make it to Milwaukee? A limited number of Conference Course Books and CD-Roms are [available for purchase](#) through our website or by calling the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221. [View the Table of Contents](#).

Audio Tapes of the programs offered at the Fall Meeting are also available for [purchase](#).

What's in it for us?

Your contributions help the Section create new products and services. It helps us provide you access to valuable resources and knowledge that can help you manage your law practice.

How do we use your money?

Using funds obtained from contributions during the 2003-04 year, the Section was able to create new and improved member features. We are striving to provide useful services and resources to our existing members. Here are some of the things the Section accomplished last year, with the help of your contributions:

Expanded CLE programming for members through the development of TeleSeminars

Improved member communication via our new eNewsletter and Case Update

Created the Online Resource Center for members to share knowledge and resources

Redesigned and reorganized the family law web site

Developed a new brand identity that will help promote a standard look-and-feel across all communications and collateral materials

Produced a new member recruitment brochure, member guide and book catalog that reflects our new brand

Get more information about the contribution levels and corresponding benefits. If you would like to participate in the program, please download the contribution form and fax it to 312-988-6800; or mail to

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