



**May 18th Teleconference**  
**Keys to an Effective Deposition**  
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Feb/March/April 2011

## Section News

### Sun, Sand, Service Projects, and CLE Sessions! (Spring Meeting Recap)

The ABA Section of Family Law visited the Sunshine State (Amelia Island, FL, to be exact) for its spring conference earlier this month. Attendees not only took advantage of networking and social events, but also benefited from hearing speakers on a variety of topics, including assisted reproductive technology, military law, custody, and QDROs. We were pleased to see many new faces among the attendees, and hope more of you will be able to join us for future conferences.

The Council approved a Model Act on Relocation of Children. Council also voted to co-sponsor the ABA Section of Litigation's Representation of Children Model Act and to support the Uniform Law Commission's (NCCUSL) Uniform Collaborative Law Rule/Act. In addition, Council held an informative debate on third party access to children, including stepparents, grandparents, and separated same-sex partners. Thank you to member Jeff Atkinson for compiling information for the debate.

Section member Kendra Randall Jolivet spearheaded our service projects, which included cleaning up the coast on the beach of Ft. Clinch Park and collecting books for a local Head Start program.

## CLE Calendar

### Teleconference May 18, 2011

#### Keys to an Effective Deposition

Whether the goal of your deposition is fact finding, soliciting admissions for summary judgment, or creating a record for impeachment at trial, this CLE program will provide practitioners with necessary tools for taking a successful deposition.

Using excerpts from videotaped depositions, the lecture will also focus on common pitfalls to avoid.

[Register today!](#)

### Annual Meeting August 4-6, 2011 Toronto, Canada

See left column for more details; visit the [ABA Annual Meeting](#) page to register. (Save money if you register by May 31st.)

[Download the brochure](#) or visit the [ABA Family Law Annual Meeting](#) site for more information.

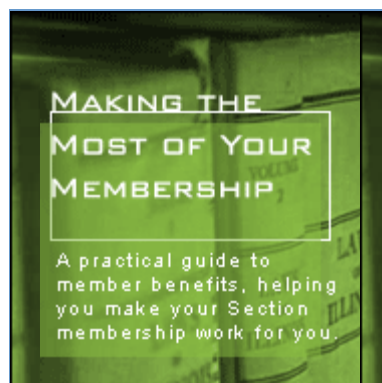
### \*\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*\* Fall CLE Conference October 26-29, 2011 Encore at Wynn Hotel Las Vegas, NV

Live it up at the Fall 2011 CLE Conference in Las Vegas!

Book your room now to make sure you get the discounted rate (\$209/night). Call 1-866-770-7555 and refer to the ABA Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference or use group code 6FLAW1011.

More details will be available soon, [visit the website](#) and check back often for updates.

**\*Webinar on May 4th\***



### Discount on Books Act Now!

#### What is it?

As a Section of Family Law member, you automatically get discounts on books published by the Section.

**But this is different. This is an extra discount good through April 30th, when you purchase books through the ABA Web Store.**

#### What do I have to do?

Just enter code **PABSPR5** during checkout to receive an extra 20% off your purchase. (Some exceptions may apply.)

#### What else should I know?

You'll also get free ground shipping on orders over \$100.

#### Cool. I'd like to start saving!

Great - just visit the [ABA Web Store](#) to get started. And if you need a book recommendation, check out the column at left. ;) (You

Thank you to Kendra and to participants Sara Busche, Sherry Leichman, Greg Ortiz, Cecilia Paizs, Suzanne Seubert, Nancy Chausow Shafer, Yolanda Sonnier, Jamie Wright, and their family members for cleaning up the coastline!

And thank you to all who donated approximately 50 books for the Peck Head Start Center. The books were presented on Friday to our Head Start liaisons Yajahira Velez and Becky Henderson.

We would like to thank our sponsors--Brinkley Morgan Attorneys at Law and Family Law Software--and exhibitors-- Divorce Marketing Group; Hawk Private Investigators; Marcum (Accountants & Advisors); Stout Risius Ross; and T&M Protection Services--for their generous support.

If you weren't able to attend the conference but would like to [purchase materials](#), information will soon be available from our website.

**Come to Canada for the ABA Annual Meeting! August 4-6, 2011 Toronto, ON, Canada**

Make sure your passport won't expire before February 10, 2012\* so you can join us this summer for CLE and special events in Canada during our Annual Meeting.

The ABA Family Law Headquarters Hotel is the Fairmont Royal York; all of our CLE will take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

CLE programs include "Families DO Matter" and "State of Marriage." The "Families DO Matter" program will provide practical tips and solutions while educating lawyers on recent trends that help reduce harm to children and their families. It will also focus on differentiating those families who can benefit from various forms of ADR from those who

## Representing Transgender Clients in Family Law

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will serve as a resource for family law practitioners in representing transgender clients.

The presenters will cover several substantive family law topics and provide resources and guidance for representing transgender clients, including:

- \* Making your office respectful and welcoming to transgender clients
- \* Providing culturally competent representation to transgender clients
- \* Assisting a transgender client in changing their legal name and legal sex designation
- \* Advising transgender clients about how to protect their parental rights
- \* Protecting transgender parents' rights after relationship dissolution, including in the contexts of child custody, modification, visitation, and child support

Co-sponsored by the Transgender Rights Project of GLAD, the National LGBT Bar Association, the American Bar Association's Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and the American Bar Association's Family Law Section.

Space is limited; [register now](#) or [learn more](#).

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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

Enjoy three months' worth of Best of ESQ (this is the Feb/March/April eNews edition, after all)! You will need to log in to the ABA website to access these files.

**February's** column covers bankruptcy and family law; unmarried to-be parents & UCCJEA; prenuptial agreements; and religion

can also search under the "family law" topic in the store to find other Section books.)

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need some type of custody and other family law litigation.

The "State of Marriage" program will examine the progress of law reform in the area of same-sex marriage; the increasing legalization of same-sex marriage across the U.S.; the lessons learned in Canada; and the unique legal issues confronting same-sex couples from one jurisdiction to another (including parenting issues, separation, and divorce).

In addition to our CLE, please be sure to join us on Thursday, August 4th, for a Joint Reception at the Hockey Hall of Fame! Our co-sponsors for this event include the following ABA Sections/Divisions: GP Solo; LPM; Science & Technology; Tort Trial and Insurance Practice. (Be sure to select this event when you register for the ABA Annual Meeting.)

Our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 5th; purchase tickets with your online registration.

The Section election will be held during the Section Business Meeting on Friday, August 5th, at 9:00 a.m., and will be followed by the Council Meeting. All are invited to attend.

**Register by May 31st to get the early-bird discounted rate.**

[Register for Annual Meeting](#)

Visit the [ABA Family Law Annual Meeting](#) website

*\*Some countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the date of your trip. Some airlines will not let you board if this requirement is not met. If you plan to attend Annual and your passport expires prior to 2/10/12, you need to renew. Visit [travel.state.gov](#) for more information.*

**Advanced Trial Advocacy**

and child custody disputes.

[Read the February issue.](#)

The **March/April** issue covers Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) benefits and division; post-minority child support from another jurisdiction; various UCCJEA issues (including temporary custody jurisdiction and domestic violence); and more.

[Read the March/April issue.](#)

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 lists. Get referrals, ask questions, [sign up now!](#) (Please note that the ESQ list is only for our lawyer members.)

## 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:**  
[Uncovering Hidden Income in a Closely Held Business](#) (You will need to log in to the ABA website.)

## Families Matter Symposium Highlights

The Families Matter Symposium--held in June 2010 and co-sponsored by the ABA Section of Family Law and The Center for Families, Children and the Courts--addressed ways to change the practice of family law in an effort to minimize harm to families as they navigate the family justice system.

Highlights of the symposium can be found in the Winter 2011 issue of *Unified Family Court Connection* (the CFCC's national newsletter). Barbara Babb, Director of CFCC, notes that a range of experts on family law matters has contributed original articles to the newsletter, including Maryland's Chief Judge Robert Bell, Georgia's former Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears (ret.), Professor Andrew Schepard, and attorney Barton Resnicoff, to name just a few. Babb also remarks, "The articles in this issue are among the most compelling that we at CFCC have seen in any of our newsletters."

The ABA Section of Family Law continues to move forward with the

## Institute

This year, the ABA Section of Family Law has 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 you'd just like to learn new techniques for success at trial, the TAI can help you achieve your goals. 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.

The Advanced Institute will take place May 25-28, 2011. Enrollment is open to those who have attended an ABA Trial Advocacy Institute or one of NITA's Basic Trial Skills Programs. This year, the Advanced program will focus on financial experts.

Let our faculty give you personalized attention as you practice the art of advocacy in a hands-on format!

**Section of Family Law Members receive discounted tuition.** To receive the Family Law discount, enter code FAMILY during registration.

Group discounts are also available.

[Register for the Advanced Program](#)

The weeklong (basic) program taking place May 21-28, 2011, is sold out, but there is a waiting list, so you still may be able to enroll.

For more details, visit the [Basic TAI website](#) or the [Advanced TAI website](#).

**California and Florida Attorneys:** The ABA/NITA Family Law TAI courses (basic/advanced) count towards certification in marital and family law specialization.

**20-Hour Advanced Family**

Families Matter initiative, and will keep you apprised of new developments and resources. If you have questions about the Families Matter initiative or would like to get involved, please contact [Scott Friedman](#) or [Ed Newman](#).

[Read Unified Family Court Connection](#)

## Tech Corner

### Hiring a Help Desk

Even the most tech-savvy family law attorney may find that his or her time is better spent serving clients than updating software or troubleshooting PC error messages. Once considered the province of big firms, hiring your own help desk is an increasingly feasible and affordable option for firms of all sizes.

System backup and restoration is critical, but access to day-to-day support for your law office technology and network systems is a necessary evil. While many "geek squad" support specialists are prevalent in the media, there are many technology support providers available to business users with a variety of pricing plans.

The benefits of outsourcing the help desk include reduced administrative overhead; access to the service provider's technology and the freedom to focus on your core business. By providing third-party access to your law office technology and data there is the potential risk of a security breach but this risk can be minimized by carefully scrutinizing potential service providers and asking the right questions. Review [EYL: Hiring a Freelancer or Consultant](#), published by the ABA LTRC for guidance in weighing the pros and cons of various support options.

Working with providers that are familiar with the law firm environment can ease the process and minimize the risks of outsourcing. Among help desk support providers that specialize in supporting law firms are:

\* [Adaptive Solutions, Inc.](#): Nationwide provider of training and support services founded in 1998 by three law firm IT professionals. Their solution, xTend I.T. Remote Help Desk Service, provides full-time, real-time, end user support.

\* [Dataprise](#): Founded in 1995. Provides support for industry-standard legal applications including

### Mediation Training Lauded



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In March, the ABA Section of Family Law and Boston Law Collaborative, LLC, co-sponsored its first 20-Hour Advanced Family Mediation Training. Specially designed for seasoned family law practitioners and mediators who wish to take their practice to the next level, this weekend course afforded participants the opportunity to learn from experienced mediators in areas of finance, psychology, power imbalance, diversity, and gender.

Attendees had nothing but praise for the course:

"The caliber of all presenters and the range of experience were terrific and made this seminar so challenging and informative!"

"I think there should be another course 14-24 months from now-- Advanced II."

"The best thing about the training was getting so many different perspectives, suggestions by presenters, opportunities to role play as parties...have been looking for a program like this for a long time."

"This was one of the all time best programs I have ever attended. It was also great to work with everyone from so many different states and perspectives."

This was the second course produced by the ABA Section of Family Law and Boston Law Collaborative. (A 40-Hour Family Mediation Training took place in 2009.)

Thank you to all of our attendees and our friends

Practice and case management software, E-discovery and trial presentation applications as well as technical and network support.

\* [Intelliteach](#): Founded in 1998. Offers 24-hour help desk services for the legal industry. Intelliteach works only with law firms and focuses on those applications used by the legal industry.

\* [Keno Kozie Associates, Ltd.](#): Established in 1988. Keno Kozie offers 24-hour support with subject matter experts in Document Management, Litigation Support, Document Automation, Remote Access and other topics.

\* [Law Firm Technical Care](#): Provides solos and small firms with affordable technical services. This new entrant to legal IT support is through an exclusive arrangement with Technical Solutions by Blumberg Excelsior. A monthly subscription grants three hours of secure remote installation, diagnostic, and repair services for hardware, while software support covers installation, set-up, configuration, and troubleshooting.

\* [MindShift Technologies](#): Founded in 1999 as an IT solutions provider. This company supports Microsoft Office Professional (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access), Microsoft Exchange and Outlook, as well as over 100 software packages designed for use by law firms. MindShift handles hardware and software upgrades, security updates, disaster recovery 24-hour support, server and network monitoring, remote tapeless backup, disaster recovery and application continuity services.

Outsourcing can be the answer for the lawyer who's decided to relinquish help desk support duties to a third-party provider or supplement existing support options when the IT gal or guy goes on vacation. When done with careful consideration, hiring your own help desk can give you a partner in developing a disaster recovery strategy, help keep you compliant with the latest data security laws, all the while keeping you current with the latest technology.

—[Tonya Johnson, 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

at BLC, especially David Hoffman (lead trainer) and Israela Brill-Cass (Executive Director, BLC).

#### **Case Update...Update!**

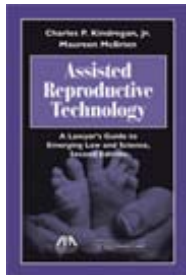
We apologize for the delay in the delivery of *Case Update*; our production schedule was affected by the relaunch of the ABA website and other technical difficulties.

We will be combining the January/February/March issues and should resume regular production shortly. In the meantime, we apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience.

## **Publications**

### **Assisted Reproductive Technology: A Lawyer's Guide to Emerging Law and Science, Second Edition**

Charles P. Kindregan  
Maureen McBrien



Product Code 5130178

This updated edition of Assisted Reproductive Technology covers important recent developments in the area, including the approval by the ABA of the Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology and the approval of proposed new standards governing inheritance by children of ART in the Uniform Probate Code. Drawing from multiple legal sources, including the ever-evolving number of court decisions dealing with various aspects of ART, this book presents complex information in a direct, balanced and fair manner.

investigate, just e-mail [hilary.glazer@americanbar.org](mailto:hilary.glazer@americanbar.org). Keep the Tech Corner working for you!

## **Also of Interest**

### **National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)**

#### **34th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference**

August 29 - September 1, 2011  
Hotel Del Coronado  
San Diego, CA

More information about this conference will be available soon, but registration is already open. Visit the website linked below.

[NACC National Conference](#)

## **Resources**

### **"The Kids Are Listening"**

The ABA Center on Children and the Law recently launched "The Kids are Listening," a nationwide awareness campaign to help ensure that the thousands of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) children and teens who are in foster care receive the legal rights and protection they deserve and need.

This campaign on behalf of LGBTQ youth in foster care is the first of its kind in the nation and offers free online resources and provides support to legal and social services professionals--from judges to children's attorneys and social services personnel--who are involved in the foster care community. Via an online video, "The Kids are Listening" campaign encourages people of all ages and walks of life to stand up to hate speech and discrimination of LGBTQ youth. Visit "[The Kids Are Listening](#)" website to see the video and take advantage of the free resources.

"The Kids are Listening" campaign is part of the ABA Center on Children and the Law's Opening Doors Project, which was created in 2005 to increase the legal community's awareness of LGBTQ youth in foster care and the unique issues they face and to provide the legal community with advocacy tools to successfully represent these youth.

To see a full listing of topics or table of contents, click the "More information" link below.

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