Introduction to Fourth Edition

The first three editions of this book consisted of hot tips from a program at the ABA annual meeting. Unfortunately, that program was discontinued. Fortunately, some CLE programs at the ABA Family Law Section fall and spring meetings (at even a few at an annual meeting) continue with the concept of a “hot tips” program.

The beauty of a hot tips program is the number of fresh ideas that are expressed in just a few minutes. After all, the Gettysburg address was all of 272 words. For someone like me with ADD, the speed and pacing of these programs are great!

For this edition, I have eliminated some chapters from the last edition, which seem to be dated. For others, some of the citations are dated, but the basic hot tip is still valid. The reader should always update research where the citations are not immediate.

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