



October 2013

FREE CAREER WEBINAR IN NOVEMBER
(See below for more information)

Section News

Last Call for Nominations: Section Leadership 2014-2015

If you've been thinking about increasing your involvement in the Section of Family Law, consider applying for a leadership or Council position. But don't wait, nominations must be submitted by November 1, 2013!

Chair-Elect
(one-year term)

Vice Chair
(one-year term)

Secretary
(one-year term)

Section Delegate
(three-year term expiring 2017)

**At-Large Council
Representatives**
(three positions; three-year terms expiring 2017)

Region III Representative
(three-year term expiring 2017) composed of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois.

Region V Representative
(three-year term expiring 2017) composed of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas.

To be considered for nomination, submit a letter of interest, a brief bio, and a [Nomination Data Form](#) by November 1, 2013. Send your letter via e-mail with Word attachment to Section Director Cynthia Swan, cynthia.swan@americanbar.org and Chair-Elect Lori Nelson, lnelson@joneswaldo.com.

CLE Calendar

****Free Webinar**
November 8, 2013**

Interviewing Wisely in a Challenging Market

Learn how to convert an interview into an offer via the ABA's new monthly webinar, CareerAdvice LIVE! You'll hear specific recommendations from hiring experts and have a chance to submit questions. (Free for ABA members; \$95 for non-ABA members.)

[Register for this course](#)

**Take advantage of your FLS
membership with discounted
tuition for the webinar below!**

**Webinar
November 20, 2013**

Social Networking for the Family Lawyer: What You Need to Know about Ethics, Evidence, & Discovery

From gathering evidence and background information to marketing and the ethical considerations involved, you'll learn how to use social networks for legal, psychological, and other professional research.

[Register for this course](#)

SAVE THE DATES

May 7-10, 2014
[Spring CLE Conference](#)
Fairmont Southampton
Southampton, Bermuda

Make sure your passport is up to date so you can escape to the islands this spring! CLE courses will include custody, assisted reproductive technology, estate

**Member Benefit:
Webinar Programs When
You Want Them**

What Do You Mean?

We know you can't always join us for our CLE webinars in real-time. Sometimes you're in trial, or sometimes you have other conflicts. But now you have a variety of ways in which you can order the webinars you may have missed! Purchase the program you missed as a cd-rom, an audio download, or as an on-demand, streaming online course.

What's in It for Me?

The opportunity to get the Family Law CLE you want, when you want it. For instance, if you missed our program on QDROs last summer, you can always order it from the ABA Web Store. It's Family Law CLE on **your** terms.

How Do I Order the Programs?

On the Family Law website, go to our Events & CLE page, then click on "Past

The letter should detail your bar activities (ABA, Section of Family Law, state and local bar) and provide any other information you would like the committee to consider. (Keep in mind that concise information is easier for the Nominating Committee to review.)

Be sure to read the description of [responsibilities and duties](#), too, so you know what would be expected of you.

*If you are currently serving on Council and your term is set to expire in 2014, you will need to submit your nomination to show that you are interested in continuing your service.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Deadline: November 1, 2013

Visit the [Nominations](#) page for more information.

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Fall Meeting Recap

The Family Law Fall CLE Conference took place in Park City, UT, earlier this month and offered attendees the chance to network, socialize, and expand their knowledge of family law with cutting-edge CLE.

CLE sessions covered practical tips and strategies on a variety of topics, including: how to obtain digital information legally and use it in court; basic rules that should apply in every divorce negotiation; proving your fee to the judge when seeking an award of attorney fees; using the Internet to do legal research and investigation; and how to get ready for trial.

For more information about the CLE courses, see ["Important Distinctions Between Litigation and Mediation"](#) by Mark Baer.

Social events included a reception hosted by [BNY Mellon Wealth Management](#), with entertainment provided by the Section. While Section Chair Scott Friedman did take to the microphone for a few numbers, it should be noted

planning, electronic evidence, and many more!

October 15-18, 2014

Stowe Mountain Lodge
Stowe, VT

May 6-9, 2015

Park Hyatt Aviara
Carlsbad (San Diego), CA

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 special column includes an article by Section member Mark Sullivan titled "Family Law Mediation: The Master Checklist," and information on state statutes which allow the court to award attorney's fees regardless of whether the case is pro bono or fee-based.

[Read the October issue](#).

Get More ESQ!

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.

Financial Focus

A Column by Accountants for Family Lawyers



Event Info & Materials" (or just use the handy direct link below). Scroll down the page until you see "Webinars" -- then just click on the link for the program you want.

You'll be taken to the page for the cd-rom in the ABA Web Store, but if you want to purchase it in other formats, just click on the appropriate icon. Simple as that!

Recent programs include:

* Impact of Immigration Issues on Family Law Cases

* Digital Offense and Defense: Obtaining Electronic Evidence Legally, Using it and Protecting Your Client

* Representing Military Personnel or Their Spouses in Divorce Cases

* How to Develop an Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Practice

For the full list, click on the link below.

[Past Event Info & Materials](#)

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that the main attraction was The Dueling Piano Men (aka Matthew Friedman and Kyle Martin) from the National Touring Company of Billy Joel's Tony Award-winning musical, "Movin' Out."

Our main event took place at Olympic Park, and included a breathtaking aerial show performed by Olympic and national athletes. Attendees looked on in amazement as skiers and snowboarders soared up to 60 feet in the air and performed acrobatic feats before landing in a splash pool! See photos on our [Facebook](#) page.

If you weren't able to join us for this conference, you will soon be able to [purchase the CLE materials](#) from the ABA Web Store.

Thank you to everyone who attended—especially our newcomers—we hope to see you again soon!

We would also like to thank our Corporate Sponsors: [Clío](#); [Stout Risius Ross](#); [Tabs3](#); and [T&M Protection Resources](#).

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**CLE & Ski
Vail, CO
January 8-12, 2014**

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 custody issues for mobile parents (UCCJEA); social media and divorce; the ethics of online marketing to grow your practice; trends in parenting time schedules; same-sex marriage and civil unions; and many more.

This event will take place at the Vail Marriott Resort and Spa. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**International Families: Money,
Children and Long Term
Planning
Seattle, WA
June 19-21, 2014**

Calculating Income in Family Law Cases

By Tracy L. Coenen, CPA, CFF

There are four widely recognized methods of calculating income in family law cases. These four methods have been developed for use by the Internal Revenue Service in calculating unreported income in tax cases, and are the primary ways a lifestyle analysis can be completed.

Specific Items Method

One of the most straightforward ways to complete a lifestyle analysis is through an analysis of specific items of income. This method is possible when there are substantial documents detailing cash inflows, and is considered a "direct method" of verifying income.

Income-related information is gathered from bank and brokerage statements, tax-related documents, and business records. Inflows are identified and summed, theoretically verifying the income disclosed in the family law case. This method is easy to understand and present, which makes it an attractive option for evaluating claimed income. The court will easily be able to understand how income was calculated.

[Read full article](#)

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

Forensic Psychology and Family Law: An Expert's Perspective

Emotions and Divorce: Moving Through the Process



By Robert A. Simon,
Ph.D.

Last month, I wrote about [divorce as a grief process](#). To be sure, divorce is a complex process involving multiple issues such as how we think, what we feel, what our support system offers, what the law is in our jurisdiction, and our financial resources. One thing is for sure: Divorce can be difficult, complicated, and is likely to present us with unexpected challenges and even opportunities.

Divorce is NOT an event.

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Presented by the ABA Section of International Law, this conference's programs will include: domestic violence allegations in international family cases; a primer on Asian family law; U.S. military families and Asia; finding hidden assets overseas; mediating international children's cases; and more.

For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

*The Section is proud to be a cooperating entity for this conference.

Congratulations Corner

Join us as we congratulate our **CLE Committee** and our **Family Law Quarterly Editorial Board** for their outstanding work!

The CLE Committee, co-chaired by Section members Melissa Avery and Peter Walzer, is being recognized by the ABA Center for Professional Development for excellence in planning a full year of CLE programming. Our programming includes in-person programs at our conferences and monthly webinars that take place throughout the year. Section members Melissa Kucinski and Michael Mosberg are in charge of producing our webinars.

The Section is also being recognized for marketing not only our programs, but the programs we co-sponsor with other entities.

We are especially proud to learn that [Family Law Quarterly](#), our scholarly journal, is ranked number three (out of 29) of specialty journals, per the [Washington and Lee School of Law](#) website. Washington and Lee's Law Library offers rankings of law journals for the years 2005-2012, using a variety of criteria. *FLQ* was ranked number one in the number of law journal citations (637) and number one in court opinion citations (31 cases).

Special thank yous go to Linda Elrod, *FLQ*'s Editor in Chief, Deborah Eisel, Managing

Divorce IS a process that begins before the initial legal divorce filing and ends after the final judgment is entered.

As an attorney, you have the experience of clients initially coming to you at different stages in their divorce process. No doubt you notice that how you interact with them, what their needs are, and how you initially approach their case is impacted to some measure by where your client is in the emotional process of divorce.

It can be helpful to think of divorce as proceeding through a series of stages. While a given individual's progress through the stages will differ, with people sometimes taking a long time to progress through some of the stages, and other people apparently skipping stages altogether, understanding your client's emotional process will greatly help you work more effectively with your client during their divorce.

[Read full article](#)

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

Of Interest to FLS Members

Assisted Reproductive Technology Conference

Charleston, SC
November 10-12, 2013

Presented by the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA) and the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys (AAARTA), this conference's topics include: conflicts of law; ethics; family constellations: one, two, or more parents; family formation for LGBT IPs; gamete and embryo donation; international ART; and more.

Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Uniform Law Commission Seeks Project Proposals

Do you have an idea for a uniform state law that the [Uniform Law Commission](#) ought to know about?

If so, please read this [letter from Harriet Lansing](#) (President, ULC), as

Editor, and the Washburn University School of Law Student Editorial Staff for their work in producing such a well respected journal.

Did You Know?

As a member of the Family Law Section, you have a wide network of experts at your disposal. This is especially good news for our solo practitioners, and is also beneficial to those of you in larger firms.

How can you begin interacting with other members?

***Start with those who share your interests in family law.** As a Family Law member, you're encouraged to [join committees](#) (think areas of practice). We have over 20 substantive committees (such as adoption, military law, etc.) and signing up is easy—just join online!

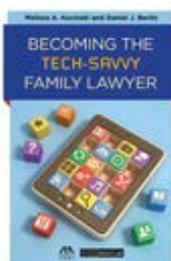
Once you join a committee, you'll automatically be added to its dedicated discussion list. Feel free to share resources, ask questions, or propose CLE programs. Becoming active in committees is also a great way to pave your way to a leadership position within the Section.

Make the most of your Family Law membership by [joining a committee](#) (or two or three) today!

Publications

Becoming the Tech-Savvy Family Lawyer

Melissa A. Kucinski
Daniel J. Berlin



Product Code 5130198

Most family lawyers are solo

well as the [guidelines for proposals](#) and information about [ongoing drafting and study projects](#).

Questions and proposals should be submitted to Katie Robinson, ULC Deputy Legislative Director/Communications Officer, at katie.robinson@uniformlaws.org.

Deadline: December 15, 2013

Call for Nominations

2014 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards

Do you know an outstanding woman lawyer who has achieved professional excellence in her field and has paved the way to success for other women lawyers?

The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is seeking nominations for the 24th Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards. These awards will be presented at a luncheon on Sunday, August 10, 2014, during the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston.

[Submit your nomination](#)

The deadline to submit the nomination form and supporting materials is the close of business on **Monday, December 2, 2013**.

If you have nominated someone previously and want to nominate her again for 2014, please submit:

- (1) the nomination form,
- (2) the award criteria narrative, and
- (3) a current resume.

With respect to articles and letters previously submitted, contact Beverly Tate at 312-988-5668 or brentaward@americanbar.org.

For more information, please click on the links below:

[Nomination criteria and application requirements](#)

[Nomination form](#)

[List of distinguished award recipients](#)

[2013 luncheon tribute program book](#)

[Video introductions of recent](#)

practitioners or work in small firms where efficiency is key to maintaining and building a practice, and where extensive client interaction is essential in these very personal cases. In a legal field where many are rejecting and avoiding technology, family lawyers can begin implementing certain tech tools to help become more organized and efficient. *Becoming the Tech-Savvy Family Lawyer* is written especially for practitioners in this area, and it explains how a family lawyer can begin implementing tech tools on a daily basis.

The book's authors first consider the unique daily environment and routine of a family lawyer, and then assess what tech gadgets will fit into their existing practice.

Authors Melissa Kucinski, a family lawyer and mediator in private practice, and Daniel Berlin, an attorney with Google's Open Source program, bring a unique combination of expertise, skills, and perspective to the discussion. They focus on key practices tasks that family lawyers must accomplish, and then makes recommendations on certain technology that can help streamline those tasks and make the practice more organized and efficient.

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