



## Family Law Docket

### Working Group on Alternative Relationships

Family Law announces the formation of a new Working Group on Alternative Relationships to examine these relationships and their impact on the practice of family law. Past Section Chair, Sandra Morgan Little has been appointed as chair of the group and has conducted a kick-off meeting.

### Online Resource Library

Section begins implementing plans to build an online resource library. The library is a project of the Section's Products Committee, chaired by Gregg M. Herman. The library will contain family law model forms, checklists, pleadings, etc., and will launch in the next several weeks.

### The Divorce Trial Manual

Get information about the Section's newest book, [The Divorce Trial Manual](#), Co-Author by Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin, Norristown, PA and Stephen Kolodny, Beverly Hills, CA.

### 2003-2004 Leadership

New [Council Leadership](#) named for 2003-2004.

### 2004-2005 Nominations

[Nominations](#) for Section leadership positions are being accepted for 2004-05.

### Recommendation 116B

The Section was successful

### Making the Most of Your Membership

A practical guide to member benefits, helping you make your Section membership dues work for you.

This month's featured benefit: Using the [FAMLAWESQ e-mail](#) discussion group. What is it? How do I join? What's in it for me?

### Members on the Move

Learn about the Section's movers and shakers. Many of our members have earned awards, appointments and accolades. Find out [who they are](#) and what they have accomplished.

### Message from the Chair

Phyllis G. Bossin kicks off the inaugural Family Law eNewsletter. [Read her welcome message.](#)

### Hot Tip of the Month

One of the Sections most popular member benefits is back. October's Hot Tip is from Marshall Willick, (Las Vegas, NV) Vice-Chair of the Military Committee. What are the [rules for direct-pay](#) orders for military pension divisions?

### National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. [Find out](#) what the Section of Family Law is doing and what you can do to help the cause.

### Commission on Women Leadership Academy

The ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession is offering a Women in Law Leadership Academy in Chicago this November 6-7, 2003. [Learn more.](#)

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**To accomplish our mission, the Council has adopted the following six goals for the Section:**

Promote and Improve the Family.

Be the Pre-eminent Voice on Marital and Family Issues.

Serve Our Members.

Improve Public and Professional Understanding about Marital and Family Law Issues and Practitioners.

Increase the Diversity and Participation of Our Membership.

Improve Professionalism of All Participants in the Administration of Marital and Family Law.

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in getting its Recommendation 116B on The Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Children in Custody cases approved by the ABA House of Delegates during the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The House, with no amendments, approved the recommendation. [Read](#) the report.

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