



June 2004

## Family Law Docket

### Section Prepares to Release White Paper on Same-Sex Marriages and Non-Marital Unions

The Section's Working Group on Same-Sex Marriage and Non-Marital Unions, chaired by former Section Chair Sandra Morgan Little, has completed its work and will issue its report the week of July 12th.

The report, titled: *An analysis of the Law Regarding Same-Sex Marriage, Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships*, is an objective review of the legal and policy issues affected by same-sex marriage, and serves as a guide for those considering this issue on the local, state and national levels.

Once it is released, the full report and an executive summary will be available from Section's web site.

### Family Law TeleSeminar on Child Custody Evaluations

*The Experts Critique the Experts on Child Custody Evaluations*

Please join us for a 90-minute TeleConference and live audio webcast on Wednesday, July, 20, 2004 from 12:00 -1:30 p.m. Eastern.

Get information about the panelists and program content or register online now.

### Section to Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes in Atlanta

At its June 22, 2004 meeting, the Section Council approved changes to the Section's bylaws, and members will vote during Annual Meeting in Atlanta to approve changes. The results of the voting will be announced at the Section's second business meeting on

## Annual Meeting Information

### Annual Meeting Atlanta

The Section of Family Law is heading south for the summer! Join your colleagues in beautiful Atlanta, Georgia for the ABA Annual Meeting, August 6-8, 2004.

### Are you Registered?

If you haven't registered for Annual Meeting, please visit our [website](#) before registration closes on July 8th.

Please be sure to purchase the Family Law Passport -- your full access ticket to all Family Law sponsored CLE Programming including this year's Presidential CLE Centre program, *Marriage Redefined -- Separate, Equal or Somewhere In Between*. Other CLE offerings include *Celebrity Divorce: The Good the Bad and the Value and the always-popular Tips and Techniques from the Family Law Trenches*. [Read program descriptions](#).

Reserve your tickets for Section events

Section events do sell out so [sign up now](#) for the Annual Luncheon and for *A Refreshing Taste of Atlanta! The Magical World of Coca-Cola*. These events provide fun and exciting opportunities to network with old friends and meet colleagues from across the country.

Family Court Committee Organizes Tour of Fulton County's Unified Family Court  
Join ABA Section Family Law leaders, State and Local Bar members, Fulton County Court judges, leaders and members of the ABA Coordinating Council on Unified Family Courts for a Family Court Walk Through and Meet and Greet with Fulton Family Division judges and



### This month's featured benefit:

Family Law TeleSeminars  
Unable to attend our on-site conferences to earn CLE credits? The Section produces several teleseminars with you in mind. Programs focus on recent changes to the laws affecting the family law practitioner.

Upcoming Opportunity  
Join us on Wednesday, July, 20, 2004 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Eastern for a live 90-minute audio webcast:

### *The Experts Critique the Experts on Child Custody Evaluations*

What Will I Learn About Custody Evaluations?

- : What is the purpose?
- : What types of bias might surface?
- : What are potential flaws?
- : What role does domestic violence play?

... and more! Get information about the panelists and program content.

### How to Register

Call the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221, select option #2 and reference

Sunday at 11:00a.m.

Read full text of proposed [bylaws](#) changes. Get more information about [where and when to vote](#).

### **Section to Hold Elections During Annual Meeting**

Section members attending the 2004 Annual Meeting in Atlanta will elect Officers and new Council members. Voting will take place on Saturday, Aug. 7th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Section's Hospitality Room at the JW Marriott Hotel, Lenox, 3300 Lenox Road, Atlanta.

[Review the slate.](#)

### **Best of the Listserv**

We have picked several interesting topics of discussion from the ESQ listserv for [June's best of the listserv](#).

administrators. Get [details](#).

### **Other Conferences of Interest to Family Law Attorneys**

ABA Connection to sponsor a teleconference on July 21st: *Legal Issues for Gay Couples*. Visit our [web site](#) for more information about this program and to register online.

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Register online now.

#### **MCLE Credit**

1.5 hours of MCLE credit in 60-minute states and 1.8 hours of MCLE credit in 50-minute states have been requested in states accrediting ABA TeleConference and live audio webcasts.

#### **Tuition Cost**

The tuition is \$85 for Section members; \$125 for ABA members; and \$150 for all others.

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