



May 2004

Family Law Docket

ABA Moves its Chicago Offices

The ABA Chicago offices have a new address at 321 North Clark Street. The Section's phone, fax and email remain the same.

San Juan Meeting Recap

The Spring CLE Conference was a huge success. Read the [meeting recap](#) and access information about ordering [course materials](#) and conference audio tapes.

Muchas Gracias! The Section of Family Law would like to thank our [Continuing Legal Education Committee](#); [San Juan Host Committee](#); [Conference Speakers and Moderators](#) and [2004 Spring CLE Conference Sponsors](#).

Section Provides Vital Service to Military Personnel

In addition to the comprehensive CLE programming offered during the Spring Conference, the Section produced a free full day pre-conference CLE program, *Family Law and the Military*, designed specifically for JAG Officers and other individuals who assist our military personnel with family law issues.

While in San Juan over 60 area attorneys, JAG Officers, and social service professionals attended the session presented by section members Patricia Apy, Joseph Booth, Maurice Kutner and Mark Sullivan. Programming covered the new Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; UIFSA and child support; custody and family care plans and domestic violence.

Pro Bono Award Winners Announced for 2004

Articles

Judges' Guide to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

by Mark E. Sullivan

Mark Sullivan's article highlights some issues related to the impact of military service on civil litigation, financial obligations, mortgages, leases, and other matters, specifically focusing on the [Judges' Guide to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act \(SCRA\)](#).

He encourages Section members to share this invaluable resource with their judges so that service personnel around the country may have their rights protected in the courtroom.

Upcoming CLE and Events Information

2004 ABA Annual Meeting

Last chance to get the early bird rate is Friday, May 28th. When registering for the Annual Meeting, remember to purchase the *Family Law Passport*—your ticket to three Family Law CLE Programs. Also, don't forget your tickets to the Section's Friday Evening Social Event at the World of Coke and the Annual Luncheon. Events do sell out so get your tickets early!

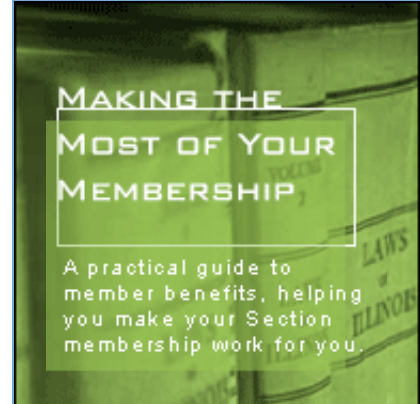
Register online now at www.abanet.org/annual/2004.

Summer Teleseminars Scheduled

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming teleseminars!

June 23rd:

Divorce Planning for the Elderly: *"Approaching the Golden Years with No Band of*



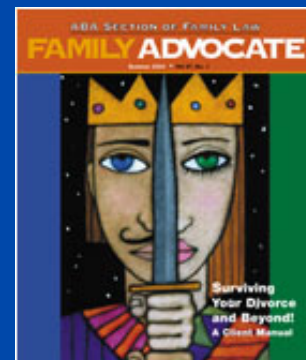
This month's featured benefit:

Family Advocate Client Manuals
What are they? How do I order copies? How can I use them in my practice?

What are they?
You all know that the Section sends you four Family Advocates every year, but have you noticed that the summer issue is formatted to be used as a client manual?

Coming to your mailboxes this summer, look for the updated and expanded, *Surviving Your Divorce and Beyond*, with practical advice for clients on:

- Understanding the divorce
- Communicating with a lawyer
- Keeping costs down
- Knowing when to settle



The Standing Committee on Pro Bono & Public Service collected 21 nominations for the 2004 ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards. Here are the top five honorees chosen to receive the award:

Arnold & Porter,
Washington, DC

Roy E. Barnes,
Atlanta, GA

Stephen Cullen,
Towson, MD

Toby Hollander,
Portland, ME

Warren Sinsheimer,
New York, NY

[Read more.](#)

Best of the Listserv

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

Message from the Chair

By *Phyllis G. Bossin*

Your Chair talks about recent section projects and activities. [Read more.](#)

July 20th:

The Psychologist's Evaluation: "*The Experts Critique the Experts on Child Custody Evaluations*"

Look for more information and online registration in our next eNewsletter. In the meantime, get the [preliminary details](#).

Other Conferences of Interest to Family Law Attorneys

ABA Connection to sponsor a teleconference on July 21st: *Legal Issues for Gay Couples*. Look for more information in your May eNewsletter.

ABA/APA National Conference on Children & the Law will be held on June 3-5, 2004. You can [download](#) the conference brochure and [register online](#) now.

The 4th Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights will be held on March 20-23, 2005 in Cape Town, South Africa. For additional information, please visit their web site at http://www.lawrights.asn.au/html/2005_supporters.htm

What other titles are available and how do I order?

For the custody case:

What You Children Need ... Now!
PC 513-1100-2601

Coparenting After Divorce
PC 513-1100-2101

For the divorce case:

Divorce Forms
PC 513-1100-2401

Handbook for the Newly Divorced
PC 513-1100-1803R

ADR Options
PC 513-1100-2404

Download fax order form, or call the ABA Service Center at 800-285-2221 to order today, and reference the PC code.

Buy these handbooks in bulk and save big. You can order quantities of 51-100 for \$3.50 each, a \$9.45 savings off the individual issue price of \$12.95.

How can I use them in my practice?

Give your clients tangible, easy to read information about what they can expect during their divorce and child custody proceedings.

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