



Trial Practice and Techniques Committee Corner

The ABA Section of Family Law Trial Practice and Techniques (TPT) Committee is primarily concerned with developing and enhancing skills in divorce litigation. One of the ways the TPT does this is by producing and participating in CLE programming. A number of TPT Committee members spoke earlier this month at the ABA Section of Family Law Annual Meeting in Chicago. The Committee would like to thank Lynne Gold-Bikin, Maryann Foley, Mel Frumkes, Patricia Lasher, Jonathan Levine, Jacquie Valdespino, and Marshall Wolf for their participation.

The Committee will meet for a working lunch from 12:30-1:45pm on Thursday, September 29th in conjunction with the 2005 Fall CLE Conference at the Westin Horton Plaza in San Diego, California. We encourage all committee members to attend and welcome new members to join and assist us in planning for the upcoming year.

Members of the Trial Practice and Techniques Committee have helped put together an excellent program for San Diego, "Direct Examination of the Financial Expert: How to Make Your Point and Not Lose Your Audience." Invited speakers include the Honorable David Oberholtzer, Jay Fishman (ASA, CBA), Attorney Patricia Lasher, and Attorney Joanne Ross Wilder.

Mark your calendar for other programs of interest including the upcoming September 13, 2005 Section of Family Law Teleseminar "***Evidence in the Family Law Setting-Unique or Universal***," the 2006 Spring CLE Conference, May 3-6, 2006, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel in Washington, DC, and the Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute at the University of Houston, May 20-27, 2006 in Houston, Texas. At the Institute, you will learn how to be a more effective courtroom advocate from exceptional family law attorneys from around the country.

To view these Section-sponsored events visit the Section's web site at <http://www.abanet.org/family/events> for more information about the Spring CLE Conference and the Institute as it becomes available. To join the Trial Practice and Techniques Committee contact Sena Leach of the Section staff at LeachSe@staff.abanet.org.

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