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Section Membership Renewal

Be sure to renew your Section Membership by February 23rd to maintain your member benefits. Call the ABA service center at 1-800-285-2221 to renew or [renew online now](#).

Nominating Committee chooses its Slate for 2005-2006

The Section of Family Law Nominating Committee has met and selected its slate of candidates for the upcoming election in August. [View the complete list of nominees](#).

Bylaws Approved by ABA Board

The ABA Board of Governors at their November meeting approved the Section's bylaw revisions. The revisions were first approved by a vote of the Section members at the August 2004 Annual Meeting held in Atlanta. [View full text of the Section's new bylaws](#).

ABA Child Custody and Adoption Pro Bono Project

The American Bar Association Child Custody and Adoption Pro Bono Project, jointly sponsored by the ABA Family Law Section, is pleased to announce its 2005 Grant Advocate Program. [Find out more](#) about this project and [apply](#) for directed grants.

Articles

The Effect of Retirement on Support Obligations

by *Laura W. Morgan*

In most cases, the significant issue that arises with retirement is division of the retirement benefits. The effect of retirement on support obligations, however, can be profound or minimal, depending on the circumstances of the retirement and how well the parties have planned for the event. Read more about the effects of retirement in [this month's featured article](#).

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An invaluable practice tool, the monthly *Case Update* is delivered via email and provides recent family law case developments from throughout the 50 states. The full text of the cases are provided via hyperlink, so that you can read the cases in their entirety.

Edited by section member attorney Laura W. Morgan, the *Case Update* covers court opinions involving every aspect of family law practice, from child custody to domestic partnerships.

2005 Schwab Memorial Essay Contest Underway

The 2005 contest is now underway. Communications have been mailed out to all student members of the Section as well as all Law Student Division members. The Section is anticipating an even greater response than last year when 40 essay entries were submitted.

[Find out more](#) about the contest; how to submit an entry request; rules and eligibility.

Best of the Listserv

We have picked one topic of discussion from the ESQ listserv for [January's best of the listserv](#).

Spring 2005 CLE Conference, April 13-16

The Section of Family Law will meet in Austin, Texas for the 2005 [Spring Committee and CLE Conference](#). A full compliment of CLE programming is being planned including an evening networking event at the historic Driskill Hotel.

Special Family Law Track at ABA Techshow 2005

ABA TECHSHOW 2005 will be held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers on March 31st - April 1st. The Section of Family Law is co-sponsoring a new Family Law Track this year, and you can save up to \$200 on tuition fees. [Find out how](#).

2005 Trial Advocacy Institute Registration Now Open

Registration for the [Annual Trial Advocacy Institute](#) has begun. Whether you are a new family law practitioner or a seasoned veteran, you can expand your trial skills at the Institute. Approaching its 20-year anniversary, the program offers attendees an intense week-long training experience taught by the country's premiere family law trial lawyers. Register soon -- this program sells out quickly every year.

What's in it for me?

The *Case Update* provides you with a monthly look at family law court rulings from across the nation. This national perspective allows you to closely monitor developing case law, giving you an advantage in preparing and arguing your cases for the benefit of your clients.

In addition to current case law, the *Update* also includes a digest of recently published articles, books and law reviews related to the practice of family law. This provides you with another ready resource for keeping current on trends in the profession.

How do I access the case update?

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