



March 2005

Family Law Docket

Solving the Family Court Puzzle: AFCC 42nd Annual Conference

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 42nd Annual Conference, *Solving the Family Court Puzzle: Integrating Research, Policy and Practice* takes place May 18-21, 2005 at the Sheraton Seattle. [Find out more about this program.](#)

Law Student Program in Austin

The Section will host a Law Student Program "Careers in Family Law" on Wednesday evening, April 13th while in Austin for the Spring CLE conference. [Find out more about this opportunity for students.](#)

Pro Bono Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2005 Spring CLE Conference Pro Bono Award Recipients: Stewart Gagnon, Houston; Charles Hardy, San Antonio; Judy Ritts, Houston; Malcom Smith, Austin; Jim McCormack, Austin.

2005 Schwab Memorial Essay Contest Deadline is April 4!

The 2005 contest is now closing. Entries to be considered must be postmarked by Monday, April

Articles

Alimony Drafting Tips

by Linda Ravdin

Parties may enter into the drafting and negotiation of an alimony agreement prior to marriage (a premarital agreement) or incident to a separation. Many considerations are the same for both, but with some important differences.

[This month's featured article.](#)

Upcoming CLE Opportunities

The Spring CLE Conference is just 13 days away! Are you ready?

Have you registered? Did you purchase your event tickets? Don't miss out! In addition to three days of outstanding CLE programming, there are three committee luncheons, a museum tour, and a Friday evening reception at the historic Driskill Hotel. [Register Now](#) or contact Lindy Brown to add event tickets to your registration at brownl@staff.abanet.org.

Thank you Sponsors

The Section would like to thank the [Spring Meeting Sponsors](#) for their generous contributions that help to make this CLE Conference Possible.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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

This month's featured benefit: Online Member Directory

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What is it?

Simply the best way to locate fellow Section of Family Law members!

Accessible by using the "Members Only" portion of the Section's website, the on-line member directory is a quick and easy way to view contact information for section members.

What's in it for me?

Besides being able to view contact information for individual section members, the easy-to-use drop-down boxes allow you to sort and view members by city,

4th. [Find out more.](#)

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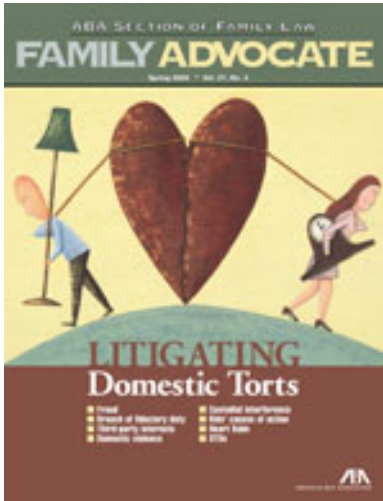
The Section would like to thank the [sponsors](#) of the Diversity Fellowship Program for their contributions and continued support.

The Section of Family Law Wants You!

If you have ever served or are currently serving in the military we would like to know about it.

[Find out more.](#)

Publications



Be sure to check your mail in mid-April for the latest issue of the Family Advocate, which covers a developing area of Family law -Domestic Torts. [Learn more about this issue.](#)

101+ Practical Solutions for the Family Lawyer is a one-of-a-kind compendium of information presented at the popular "Hot Tips from the Experts" program presented by the ABA Section of Family Law. These concise, real-life tips, supplied by experienced lawyers, judges, CPA's, and psychologists, will enhance your family law practice. And in addition to the advice contained in these 134 tips,

Upcoming Teleseminar – Save the Date!

On Tuesday, May 3, 2005 the Section of Family Law and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education will present a 90-minute teleseminar addressing "New Challenges for the Valuation and Division of Stock Options in Divorce" The teleseminar will feature Attorney Darryl Feldman of Ain & Bank and Richard Billovits of the American Appraisal Institute. Be on the lookout for additional information coming soon.

2005 Trial Advocacy Institute is Now SOLD OUT.

Registration for the Annual Trial Advocacy Institute is now full. Any new registrations submitted will be placed on the waiting list. Registration for next year's program will begin in late fall of this year.

Graduates of the Institute with more than 50 hours trial experience are eligible to attend the Advanced Institute Program. [View the schedule](#) and contact the section for more information.

Annual Meeting 2005 Spring Preview

The Section of Family Law will meet August 5-7, 2005 in conjunction with the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The headquarters hotel for the Section of Family Law is the Hyatt Regency Chicago. [Find out more.](#)

state, or committee affiliation. This information can be extremely helpful for locating colleagues and on-line networking with practitioners from across the nation!

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