



MARICOPA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

FAMILY LAW AND MILITARY LAW CLE

Presented by:

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October 2, 2008 8:30-5 :00

At the MCBA 303 E. Palm Lane

6.5 CLE credit hours

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Program Schedule

9-10:20 SCRA & Family Law

When you combine military personnel, child support payments, Reserve/Guard mobilizations, custody and visitation, and large-scale deployments of service members, unpredictable results occur. Today's legal terrain is littered with developing case law involving substitute visitation for family members, 90-day stays requests for custody hearings, interim child support issues and family care plans for service personnel. This presentation gives the audience a current snapshot of cutting-edge issues for the family law practitioner on the evolving interface between domestic relations and the SCRA.

10:30-12 Military Pension Division

Dividing a military pension can be daunting task. What is divisible – gross military pay or only disposable?? How do you calculate disposable retired pay?? If a soldier is sued for pension division in another state, can the court acquire jurisdiction over him? Can or should the member request a stay under the Service members Civil Relief Act? How can the spouse ensure that the Survivor Benefit Plan is not omitted? If it is lost, can Service member's Group Life Insurance replace it? How does the non-member get a garnishment for the pension? All these and more are covered in this presentation.

12-1:15 Lunch

1:15 - 2:40 Custody, Visitation, Family Care Plans

It's a volatile mixture when you combine military parents, deployments (or mobilizations for Guard/Reserve personnel) and custody or visitation for minor children. This presentation looks at child custody jurisdiction, the essential role of a "Family Care Plan" for military personnel with dependents, and the need to focus, organize and plan for the absence of the military parent – in a visitation or custody situation – due to today's very high operational requirements. This presentation will help to guide you through the legal maze.

2:50 – 4:20 Military Family Support

This presentation covers how to get child support flowing without filing suit, what elements of military compensation should be included in support calculations, how to read a Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and how to enforce child support. Also covered are college clauses, dependency exemption and tax credit sharing, child support guidelines, medical expenses and child support waivers.

4:20 – 5:00 Hot Tips in Military Divorce Cases

The speakers will give tips on saving money and finding hidden assets in the military divorce case.

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