



Family Law Financial Matters:

New Developments in Child Support, Spousal Maintenance, Pension Division and Much More

Plus updates on:

- Nonmarital claims
- Bankruptcy and divorce
- Tax law
- Farm divorce
- Business valuation
- Lump-sum maintenance
- Military divorces



**A timely seminar accompanied
by *The Family Law Financial
Deskbook and 2012 Update.***

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Your Seminar Schedule – Important New Developments in Family Law Financial Matters

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Overview of *The Family Law Financial Deskbook* and 2012 Update

– *Stephen G. Dennis*

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Update on Nonmarital Claims and Tracing

Case law developments related to nonmarital claims, including the *Miller v. Stark* decision from the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

– *Thomas W. Harjes & Ben M. Henschel*

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Update on Pension and Benefits Division

- Health coverage costs
- QDROs
- Tax consequences

– *Thomas M. Hughes*

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Financial Issues in Military Divorces

- How to determine if a servicemember is on active service
- Protections in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in divorce cases
- Child custody issues for military divorces
- How military pay and benefits are calculated
- Spousal and family support regulations

– *Johanna Clyborne*

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Child Support Update

- Definition of income; including income that may also be considered for child support, self-employment income, seasonal income, and potential income
- Parties with disabilities and special-needs children
- Modification of child support

– *Karen T. Kugler & Judith L. Oakes*

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Child Support Questions and Answers

– *Karen T. Kugler, Laurie A. Mack-Wagner, Judith L. Oakes & Lymari J. Santana*

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lump-Sum Maintenance and Unequal Property Settlements

- Case law and analysis of unequal property divisions and lump-sum maintenance
- Creative approaches to financial settlements
- Use of ADR as a settlement tool

– *Stephen C. Aldrich & Jana Aune Deach*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Update on Business Valuation and Tax Issues for Family Lawyers

- Personal versus professional goodwill
- Nonmarital issues related to business interests
- Double dipping for property and support
- Tax planning related to the dependency exemption and family support

– *Stephen G. Dennis*

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Update on Bankruptcy and Divorce

- Discharge of debts related to divorce
- Updated Minnesota exemption amounts

– *Doraine A. Larison*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. BREAK

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Farm Divorce Update

- Update on nonmarital issues; including purchases at less than full value, increases in value, and transmutation.
- Whether agricultural produce is income or an asset

– *Raymond Walz*

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Update on Spousal Maintenance

- The impact of the Passolt case
- What is appropriate employment?
- The duration of spousal maintenance
- The use of step reductions

– *Susan C. Rhode*

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Avoiding the Financial Mistakes that Family Lawyers Make

A panel of experts explains the most common mistakes that family lawyers make when dealing with the financial aspects of divorce, and how you can avoid making them. You will also have the opportunity to ask the panel your toughest questions about determining income, business valuation, tracing assets, and more.

– *Alan T. Eidsness, Kevin McGrath, Laurie Mack-Wagner, Lymari J. Santana & Stephen G. Dennis, moderator*

You will receive *The Family Law Financial Deskbook* and *2012 Update* at this important seminar.

22 Carefully Crafted Chapters on the Topics That Matter Most – Including 2 All-New Chapters for 2012

The *Deskbook* is divided into 22 chapters, each addressing one of the most commonly encountered financial issues in divorce cases. Whether you are writing a brief or preparing for trial in a divorce case, the *Deskbook* is your go-to reference for understanding complex financial issues in divorce cases.

2 All-New Chapters for 2012 – New Insights in 2 Critical Areas

1. Military Divorces
2. Lump-Sum Maintenance and Unequal Property Awards

Written and Edited by Experts, It's a Resource You Can Rely On

A talented group of attorneys and financial experts with special expertise in the financial implications of divorce contributed their knowledge and insight to this book. Their many years of experience working with financial issues in family law gives them special insight into what family lawyers need to know about financial issues to best serve their clients.

Practice Tips and Author's Notes Make the Law Come Alive

The *Deskbook* chapters include numerous Practice Tips and Author's Notes that go beyond the law to share real-world expert advice. Reading these tips is like having these professionals in the room with you, answering your questions, and guiding you through the tough financial scenarios in your case.

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