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# **FAMILY LAW 101**



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## FOCUS

The practice of family law has become increasingly complex and sophisticated. Today's family law practitioners need much more than a cursory understanding of the applicable law to succeed and thrive.

This three-day course consists of 19.5 hours of live presentations plus 2.5 hours of on-demand video lectures. It will take you from the initial contact by the client through judgment and postjudgment issues. Our distinguished faculty will demonstrate and explain client interviews, preparation of pleadings, presentation of contested hearings, and preparing a judgment and other executory documents. In addition, the course will help you develop the skills necessary to present evidence at contested family law proceedings and you will hear invaluable practice pointers for winning strategies. The panelists will also discuss the psychological aspects of marriage dissolution, the handling of problem clients, and tips on managing your office and expanding your practice.

This program is geared toward attorneys and paralegals who are new to family law, starting a family law practice, or wishing to improve their family law skills.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### CUSTODY

- Legal and Physical
- UCCJEA
- Best Interest/Change of Circumstances Tests
- Modifications/Move-Aways
- Child Development Issues
- Court Mediation
- Custody Evaluations
- Court Demeanor
- Expert Testimony
- Parentage
- Domestic Violence

### PROPERTY

- ATROs
- Identification, Characterization, Valuation and Distribution of Community Assets and Liabilities
- Tracing and Transmutation
- Fiduciary Obligations and Remedies for Breach
- *Moore-Marsden* Analysis for Family Residence
- *Pereira-Van Camp* Analysis for the Business
- *Watts* Charges and *Epstein* Credits
- *Gilmore* Motions for the Pension
- Tax Issues Relating to Property Division

### FEES

- §271 Sanctions
- §2030 Fees Based on Need and Ability
- Sources for Fees

### CHILD SUPPORT

- Guidelines, Principles and Practice
- Income Available for Support
- Need and Ability to Pay
- Income and Expense Declarations
- Add-Ons
- Hardships
- Enforcement, Including Contempt

### SPOUSAL SUPPORT

- §4320 Standards
- Marital Standard of Living
- Modifications, Change of Circumstances
- Step-Downs and Termination
- Tax Consequences

## 22 HOURS MCLE/SPECIALIZATION CREDIT

Approval of specialization credit in Family Law has been granted by CBLS, and approval of MCLE Credit for this activity has been granted by the State Bar of California in the amount of 22 hours, including 2 hours of Legal Ethics, 1 hour of Elimination of Bias and 1 hour of Substance Abuse. Visit [www.CFLRonline.com](http://www.CFLRonline.com)<sup>™</sup> and [www.RutterOnline.com](http://www.RutterOnline.com)<sup>™</sup> to earn additional MCLE participatory credit!

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## FACULTY



**JUDGE THOMAS TRENT LEWIS** became a Certified Family Law Specialist in 1985 and was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 1988. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2006 and is assigned to a family law department in the Central District. He currently serves on the CJER Family Law Education Committee and the Judicial Council Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Judge Lewis has a long history of Bar Association activities, including President of the San Fernando Bar Association and Chair of the Board of Legal Specialization in 1997. He has taught family law topics for legal seminars hosted by AAML, CPA Education Foundation, The Rutter Group, CEB and CJER.



**MARY J. MARTINELLI** is a Certified Family Law Specialist who leads one of the largest family law practices in California. She represents clients in sophisticated custody matters and high-stakes property matters. Her practice focuses primarily on parties who own businesses. Practicing as part of Downey Brand LLP, Sacramento's largest law firm, Mary is one of the few family law attorneys in the state working daily with corporate, estate planning, tax, and ERISA attorneys who provide in depth support to her family law clients. Mary taught Family Law/Community Property for 10 years at UC Davis (King Hall) School of Law, and is a frequent speaker and writer on family law topics.

## COURSE MATERIALS

The course materials include a copy of the complete set of slides and worksheets used by the panelists, plus other supplemental materials. Enrollees can choose to receive printed course materials or course materials on USB drive, which allows you to save them to your hard drive and take notes directly next to the material covered. See order form to make your selection.

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PROGRAM: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (EACH DAY)

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Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

5101 Great America Parkway

(408) 200-1234

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