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Litigating Child Custody When Sexual Abuse is Alleged

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Child sexual abuse reported when custody is in dispute is the most difficult family law litigation attorneys, judges, and mental health professionals will encounter. It drains resources, patience, and emotions. Sleepless nights befall all involved. Misperceptions can further harm an abused child or unjustly deprive a child of contact with a wrongly accused parent. This course covers the developing law, the social science, and best practices when dealing with sexual abuse allegations.

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Premieres October 16, 2026 (Friday)
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MCLE Credit/Specialization: 3 hours

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$295 (Through **October 15, 2026** | Advance tuition discount)
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Program Overview

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This course addresses the seven deadly sins of sexual abuse when involved in family court:

1. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen and occurs in the home;
2. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is reported to the authorities;
3. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen from the child's perspective;
4. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen from the offender's perspective;
5. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen from the non-offending parent's perspective;
6. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen by law enforcement and CPS when custody is at issue;
7. Misperceiving how child sexual abuse is seen by the courts and those connected to them.

In this course, we explore how misperceiving the facts in these areas can be fatal to a client's case, fatal to the child or place a child in an abusive environment. Conversely, it may improperly deprive a parent of access to their child. Avoiding these mistakes requires the ability to recognize from the proper perspective what is occurring and how to intervene successfully.

Program Highlights

- Assessing and litigating
- How reports of abuse arise
- Why they arise in custody matters
- Victimization characteristics
- Problems with protective agencies' investigations
- Counter intuitive behaviors of child and non-offending parent
- Offending parent's characteristics
- Analysis of the significance of evidence
- Assessing the validity of the reports
- +'s and –'s of psychological testing
- Law on evidence found
- Analysis of evaluations conducted under Fam. Code § 3118
- Recommended remedies on varied dispositions

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The course materials include a copy of the complete set of slides and worksheets used by the presenters, plus other supplemental materials.

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Presenter Biographies

Hon. Jessica Kronstadt received her B.A. from Yale University, where she was a member of the Varsity Women's Volleyball Team. She received her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, where she received a Distinguished Young Alumni Award. After graduating from law school, Judge Kronstadt worked as a litigation associate at Latham & Watkins and as a staff attorney at Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Judge Kronstadt then served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, where she prosecuted domestic violence and child sexual abuse matters. Judge Kronstadt was appointed to the bench in March 2023 and is currently assigned to the Family Law Division of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. In September 2025, Judge Kronstadt was recognized by the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) as its Women in the Law Trailblazer Award recipient. In 2024, Judge Kronstadt was selected by Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin as a Woman of The Year for the 42nd Assembly District. She was recognized by the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) as one of its Jewish American Heritage Month honorees. She has also been recognized by LACBA as one of its Women's History Month honorees. Judge Kronstadt is a Past President and current Board of Governors Member of WLALA. She currently serves as the judicial liaison for LACBA's Family Law Executive Committee and as a member of LACBA's President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession. As an attorney, Judge Kronstadt was recognized as a "Top 40 Under 40" lawyer by the Daily Journal and as a "Southern California Rising Star" in Public Interest by Super Lawyers™. In 2022, Judge Kronstadt was honored by the Jewish Free Loan Association as a "Wonder Woman." Judge Kronstadt has run in and successfully completed five marathons and seven half-marathons. She is a devoted member of the Peloton® community.

Seth L. Goldstein has acted as trial counsel, second-chair counsel, and a trial consultant for the last 30 years in matters where sexual abuse is alleged. Previously he was the Project Director for the Child Abuse Vertical Prosecution Unit of the Napa County District Attorney, an investigator with the Santa Clara County District Attorney, and was a police officer in Berkeley. He now represents litigants in Family Law, Juvenile, and Personal Injury matters wherein child abuse allegations have arisen. He has presented throughout the USA and beyond, lecturing for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, CJER, the University of Southern California, Stanford and Harvard Universities, and the FBI Academy, and other organizations. He is the author of The Sexual Exploitation of Children: A Practical Guide to Assessment, Investigation, and Intervention, 2nd Edition, and written several articles on the subject of sexual abuse of children in custody matters. He has received numerous awards for this work, including recognition by the ABA for "Significant Legal Contributions Advancing the Welfare of Children". He has testified as an expert witness on sexual abuse matters.

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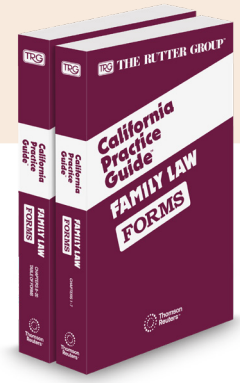

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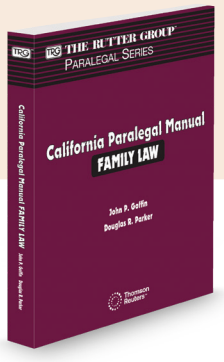

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