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Program Details

Some child support issues don't come up every day – but when they do, even seasoned family law practitioners can find them tough to work through. This **three-part advanced series** digs into those harder questions – where the guideline amount is difficult to calculate or swings widely depending on the income inputs, where the underlying facts are hard to develop and present, and where the "right" answer is genuinely contestable.

The program is conversational and practice-focused, not a traditional slide presentation. Through hypotheticals, open discussion, and interactive problem-solving, the faculty raise the hard questions, work through them, and weigh the approaches for handling each one.

MCLE Credit/Specialization: 6 hours for the full program or **2 hours** for each individual session.

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Full Program Overview

This 6-hour series is divided into three two-hour sessions, each focusing on a different set of issues, but ones that relate to and build on one another, with the goal of helping attorneys recognize these issues when they arise and frame the claims and contentions that follow.

Register for the full series at a discounted rate or enroll in individual sessions for a focused look at these specific issues – from untangling cash-flow issues, to seeking or opposing guideline deviations, to addressing adult support claims.

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Part One: Income and Cash-Flow Challenges in Calculating Guideline Child Support

Sometimes determining income is straightforward – the paycheck shows what a parent earns. But even a W-2 earner can present real complications, and this session takes up the cases where the income figure is anything but obvious. The discussion focuses on how to identify and analyze income that may not be apparent from traditional financial records – and how to present these issues persuasively to the court.

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Session highlights

- Non-wage income
- Imputed income
- Phantom income
- Cash-flow issues involving self-employed parents
- Pass-through income
- Capital outlays
- Business versus personal expenses

Part Two: Deviating from the Guideline: When, Why, and How

When is a deviation warranted? This session examines both the legal standards and the practical considerations involved in seeking or opposing a deviation from guideline child support. Through hypotheticals, we work through how to develop the theory behind a proposed deviation and persuade the court to adopt – or reject – the requested result.

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Session highlights

- Statutory grounds and standards for deviation
- Allocating financial responsibility for extraordinary expenses
- High-income deviations
- Burdens of proof
- Admissible evidence
- Building and presenting a persuasive request for deviation

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Part Three: Adult Support

This session explores adult support under California Family Code §§ 3910, 4400, and 4401 – discussing both a parent's duty to support an adult child incapacitated from earning a living and without sufficient means, and an adult child's duty to support a parent who is in need and unable to self-maintain by work.

This is an area with limited case law, where guidance is thin, many questions remain unresolved, and there is significant potential for more of these cases to be brought. This session explores those open questions, reviews the key cases, and examines strategies for bringing and defending these proceedings.

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Session highlights

- The procedural issues, including how the adult support request is made
- Jurisdictional issues
- What the main cases say
- Whether and when guideline support principles apply
- Issues with calculating guideline support
- Avoiding unintended consequences in drafting orders

Presenter Biographies

Hon. Anne Kiley is a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, assigned to the family law division at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Prior to being appointed as a judicial officer, Judge Kiley was a Certified Family Law Specialist, Certified by the State Bar of California, and a partner of and head of the family law department at Elkins Kalt in Century City. Judge Kiley graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, with honors, and received her J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School. Judge Kiley was an Associate Editor of the University of Michigan Law School Law Review and was made a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Order of the Coif. Judge Kiley has been an adjunct professor of law at the University of Southern California Gould Law School, where she taught Family Law and Community Property courses. Judge Kiley serves as Program Director for CFLR and as such teaches multiple courses, including the annual Family Law Refresher Course, the Advanced Family Law Course and trial advocacy programs. She is a contributing author of The Rutter Group **California Practice Guide: Family Law**.

Christopher C. Melcher, **CFLS-CALS**, **CFLS**, is dually specialized in family law and appellate law. Based in Los Angeles, he maintains a statewide practice involving high-value estates and complex legal issues, serving as a litigator at the trial and appellate level, a consultant to family lawyers, and an expert witness. He focuses on the financial aspects of divorce, litigation regarding premarital agreements, and international family law. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Family Lawyers. He is also a Diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers. He is certified as a specialist in Family Law Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He served as Chair of the State Bar of California Family Law Section for the 2011-2012 term and served on the board of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists and the AAML Southern California Chapter. He has presented over 200 continuing legal education programs and published books and articles on family law. He is a contributing author of The Rutter Group **California Practice Guide: Family Law**.

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THE RUTTER GROUP CALIFORNIA PRACTICE GUIDE

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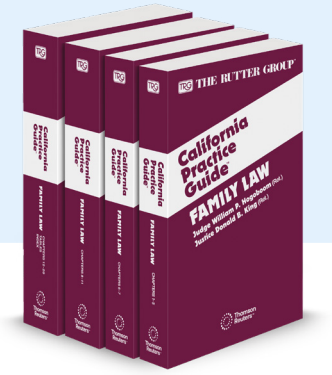

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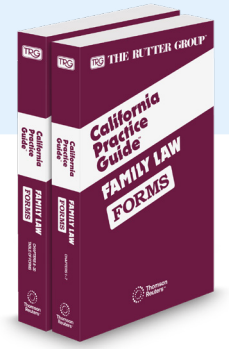

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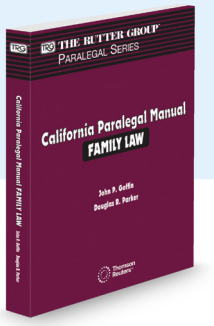

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