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September 12 & 13, 2025 (Friday & Saturday)
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California Family Law Report

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Program Overview •

This practical, “how-to” program provides a clear, step-by-step guide to managing a marriage dissolution case from start to finish. You’ll gain a comprehensive understanding of the entire process, commencing with jurisdiction and developing robust case and discovery plans, extending to seeking and opposing interim relief, and continuing all the way through final judgment and post-judgment matters.

Importantly, you’ll gain insight into the strategic significance of each key family law form. You’ll learn how to effectively use the Petition and Response to initiate a case, the Request for Order to begin evidentiary or motion hearings, the critical Supporting and Responsive Declarations that can influence interim and post-judgment decisions, and the mandatory Declarations of Disclosure.

Our expert panel distills complex substantive law into actionable strategies, demonstrating how to competently manage the many forms and procedures. Regardless of which side you represent, you will acquire core family law competencies and receive invaluable practical insights directly from experienced practitioners. Equip yourself with the knowledge and confidence to build your family law practice effectively.

Program Highlights •

The Proceedings

- Dissolution
- Legal separation
- Parentage
- Petition to establish custody and support
- DVPA

Jurisdictional Issues

- Personal jurisdiction: when required and when not
- Divisible divorce
- UCCJEA
- UIFSA

The Filings: Mandatory Judicial Council Forms

- Summons and Petition
- Response
- Declaration under UCCJEA
- Requests for Orders
- Income and expense declarations
- DVPA forms

The California Rules of Court –

Title Five, Family Law Rules

- Joinder
- Bifurcation
- Requests for Orders
- Meet and confer requirements
- Evidentiary hearings
- Custody mediation and evaluations
- Minor’s counsel
- Child Testimony

Date of Separation

Premarital Agreements

Property and Debt Characterization and Division

Fiduciary Duties

Preliminary and Final Declarations of Disclosure

Discovery Plans

Making a Record: Family Code §217

Child Custody and Visitation

- UCCJEA
- Pendente lite requests
- Relocation
- Post-judgment modifications

Child Support

- Child Support Guidelines
- Calculating guideline support
- Rebutting the guideline

Spousal Support

- Pendente lite
- At trial and post-judgment modifications

Attorneys’ Fees and Costs

- Dissolution / legal separation proceedings
- Parentage proceedings
- DVPA proceedings
- 271 Sanctions

Domestic Violence Prevention Act

- Legislative intent
- Discovery limitations
- Qualifying relationships
- The TRO
- The DVRO hearing
- Duration
- Mutual Restraining Orders
- Renewal

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The course materials include a copy of the complete set of slides and worksheets used by the panelists, plus other supplemental materials. Enrollees in the webcast series will be able to download course materials before the program and view them online during the program.

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.



Stephen D. Hamilton, CFLS, has been an attorney for 29 years, with a practice in San Luis Obispo County devoted almost exclusively to family law. He received a Bachelor of Science in Political Economy of Natural Resources from the University of California at Berkeley in 1987. After completing his first year of law school at Hastings College of the Law, he pursued an alternative route to becoming an attorney and completed the Law Office Study Program.

Stephen has been a Certified Specialist in Family Law since 2004. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a past Chair of the Family Law Executive Committee of the California Lawyers Association (FLEXCOM). Stephen has served on the Board of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, the California State Bar Paraprofessional Working Group and is currently a Commissioner on the Judicial Nominations Evaluation Commission.

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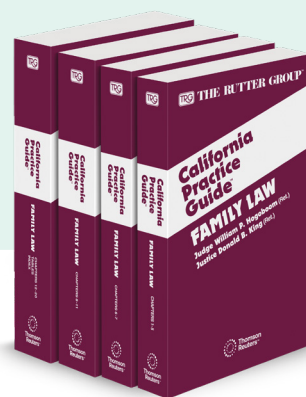
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By Judge William P. Hogoboom (Ret.) and Justice Donald B. King (Ret.)

Contributing Authors: Michael Asimow, Bruce E. Cooperman
and Judge Anne Kiley

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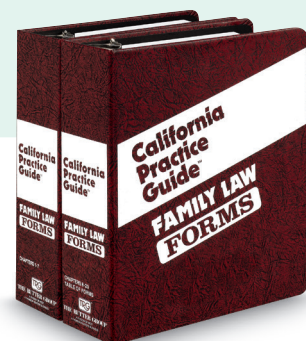
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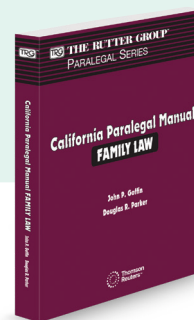
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