

SEMINAR

Pensions & QDROs

Navigating divorce minefields

Increasingly, family law attorneys are faced with complex issues surrounding pensions, retirement assets, and other compensation arrangements. This in-the-trenches program offers expert guidance to assist practitioners in understanding the labyrinth of the state and federal pension system, ERISA, private retirement plans, valuation and divisibility issues, and taxes. The successful resolution of your family law case hinges on your ability to understand different types of plans and your ability to make appropriate arguments to the court concerning their treatment.

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Agenda

- The Features of Various Executive Compensation Plans
- Public v. Private Pensions
- Transfer and Divisibility of Certain Types of Plans
- Basic Principles of Valuing and Dividing Pensions
- Qualified and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation
- Expert Consultation and Testimony
- Drafting Tips
- Discovery Issues and Strategies
- Case Law Update
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

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