

## SEMINAR

# Updating Separation, Paternity & Postnuptial Agreements

*Smart solutions to family problems*

Our clients have competing needs in divorce, paternity, and postnuptial matters. From drafting separation agreements in divorce cases, through attempts to modify, invalidate, or uphold existing agreements, these documents provide a unique set of pitfalls for the unwary practitioner and opportunities for the savvy practitioner. This program reviews the required and recommended elements of separation, paternity, and postnuptial agreements and explores avenues to challenge and defend those agreements for the benefit of your clients.

It is essential to keep pace with the changing legal landscape in which separation agreements, paternity agreements, and postnuptial agreements are negotiated, drafted, executed, enforced, and attacked. Don't be caught using outdated boilerplate agreements that still use language that isn't consistent with the Uniform Probate Code changes, the Alimony Reform Act, and the Child Support Guidelines!

This program also dives into postnuptial agreement drafting, the standards that attorneys need to know, and best practice provisions that should be recited in such documents. The panel discusses agreements for unmarried parents including parenting time, child support, post high school education and related issues that should be placed in such agreements. Hear from practitioners actively involved in drafting agreements and practitioners involved in mediation, collaborative law, and amicably resolving litigation cases involving these agreements. Don't miss your opportunity to hear from this expert panel!

## Agenda

- Practical Considerations When Drafting Separation, Paternity, and Postnuptial Agreements
- Checklists for Drafting Agreements
- Suggested Language to Update Your Boilerplate When Drafting Agreements
- Procedural and Substantive Challenges to Postnuptial Agreements
- Examination of Sample Provisions—the Better and the Worse
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

## Faculty

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### BOSTON

Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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