

FREE WEBCAST

# “1st Look” at the Impact of COVID-19 on the Probate & Family Court

*Panel discussion about how COVID-19 has affected the Probate and Family Court as well as its impact on domestic relations cases; how lawyers and parties can interface with the Court during this tumultuous time*

For the last two weeks, the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic which is sweeping the globe. This has created a multitude of questions for families struggling with custody, support, and other domestic relations issues, which range from how attorneys should interface with the Court during this time to how to advise clients on how COVID-19 related issues impact their family.

Our highly experienced panel discusses the state of the Court, how to navigate litigation cases while the Court is closed, what other options are available during closures, and an in-depth analysis of the substantive impact that COVID-19 has on important domestic relations issues (custody, support, asset division). Our panel includes two Probate and Family Court Judges, the Essex Register of Probate, and a domestic relations lawyer.

## Agenda

- State of the Probate and Family Court: What the Court Is Making Available to Lawyers and Parties
- How to Interface with the Court
- What Constitutes an Emergency?
- What Options Do Lawyers Have in Managing Their Cases?
- What Options Do Parties Have to Resolve Their Cases?
- What Will Happen to Cases and Scheduling When the Court Does Re-Open?
- Q&A About the Impact COVID-19 Is Having on Substantive Domestic Relations Issues

## Faculty

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## Dates

### LIVE WEBCAST

Friday, April 3, 2020  
10:00 am–12:00 noon

Register at [www.mcle.org](http://www.mcle.org)  
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### RECORDED WEBCAST

Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
10:00 am–12:00 noon

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