

## SEMINAR

# Trying Divorce Cases

*Gain valuable insight into how to prepare and try a divorce case*

Although only a small percentage of divorce cases are actually tried to conclusion, the successful domestic relations practitioner must be prepared to try cases or to successfully negotiate a settlement. This program helps you improve your trial technique by giving you the unique opportunity to observe seasoned domestic relations practitioners in action. Throughout the program, experienced domestic relations trial practitioners try a mock divorce case from start to finish. A real estate broker and forensic accountant testify about the value of a marital home and how to locate and value assets and small business income. A vocational expert explains attribution of income. A Probate and Family Court judge presides over the trial and critiques each segment as it is presented. Don't miss this opportunity to spend a day with litigation experts to gain valuable insight into how to prepare and try a divorce case!

## Agenda

- What to Expect and How to Utilize Pretrial Hearings
- Improving Your Witness and Case Preparation Skills
- Trial Preparation and Planning—The Last Thirty Days
- Analyzing the Value of Your Client's Marital Home
- Locating Hidden Assets and Inconsistencies in Lifestyle and Reported Income
- Direct and Cross-Examination of Experts on the Value of the Marital Home and Business
- Depositions at Trial and Use of Financial Statements During Witness Examination
- Use of the Child Support Guidelines and Alimony Considerations in Preparing Your Case
- Negotiation Strategies and Techniques
- When, Why, and How to Use Dispute Resolution Options as a Trial Alternative
- Input and Commentary from a Probate and Family Court Judge
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

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9:00 am–5:00 pm

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