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Probate & Family Court Lawyer for the Day Training

The skills needed to assist in all matters coming before the Probate and Family Court

Whether you are just starting out or you already have an established family law practice, volunteering as a Lawyer for the Day in the Probate and Family Court is an excellent way to sharpen your skills while giving back to your community. This program provides everything you need to know to effectively assist litigants who appear unrepresented in the Probate and Family Court and is also helpful in your private practice.

Hear from Court personnel and expert family law practitioners in this training designed to provide you with the tools to become a more effective Lawyer for the Day and a stronger family law practitioner. Topics include divorce, child support, alimony, paternity, guardianships, and conservatorships. Particular attention is paid not only to relevant law but also to practice and procedure.

This program explains how to respond to the most common questions presented to Lawyers for the Day, as well as provides an opportunity to have your own questions answered.

Don't miss this chance to sharpen your skills and help people, while at the same time assisting the Court with an unmet need.

Agenda

- Overview of Substantive Matters Regularly Handled by the Probate and Family Court—Divorce, Paternity, Child Support, Alimony, Guardianships, and Conservatorships
- Procedural Requirements Encountered in the Practice of Probate and Family Law
- Services Offered by the Department of Revenue
- Discussion of Common Issues and Questions Encountered by Lawyers for the Day in the Probate and Family Court
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

Hon. Edward M. Ginsburg, *Massachusetts Probate and Family Court (Ret.); Community Legal Aid, West Newton, Cochair*

Evelyn J. Patsos, Esq., *Case Manager, Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cochair*

Joshua Fishbein, Esq., *Department of Revenue, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Dates & Location

LIVE WEBCAST

Friday, March 26, 2021
9:30 am–3:30 pm

Register at www.mcle.org
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RECORDED WEBCAST

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9:30 am–3:30 pm

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Tuition *(includes written materials)*

- \$35

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