

# Family Court Judicial Forum 2023

*Insight into judicial thinking and discretion*

## Be Better Prepared for Your Next Trip to Court

Judicial decision-making is the complex result of many influences and factors. That's why it is often a mystery to a lawyer what happens between "I'll take it under advisement," and the issuance of the opinion. Have you ever asked yourself, "What is the judge thinking about this case?" Then you need this *Forum* to find out. Hear the Probate and Family Court Judges speak out on recent developments and legal issues that impact their decisions every day.

## Gain Insight into Issues Critical to Your Clients

Through hypotheticals and questions posed by expert practitioners, the Judges address a series of issues important to your clients and your practice, such as:

- What are the parameters of a property division?
- Will certain assets be excluded or included in the division?
- Will there be any alimony obligation, and, if so, how will it be calculated?
- How will gifted and inherited assets be treated?
- How does the issuance of a restraining order affect a custody determination?
- What about child support obligations, children's education, and extraordinary expenses?
- What are the parameters for removing a child from the Commonwealth?
- How does removal affect support?
- To what extent are pre-nuptial agreements enforceable?

The *Family Court Judicial Forum* is a unique opportunity for you to take stock of your legal strategies in light of the very latest legal developments. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the court!

## Faculty

Steven E. Gurdin, Esq., *Fitch Law Partners LLP, Boston, Chair*

Hon. Jacqueline M. Burchill, *Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Hon. Maureen H. Monks, *First Justice, Middlesex Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Hon. Jennifer M. R. Ulwick, *Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## Dates & Location

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### LIVE WEBCAST

Monday, February 6, 2023

4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Program Number: 2230104WBC

### REBROADCAST

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 am–12:00 noon

Program Number: 2230104RBC

### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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View after Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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