

Western MA Family Law Practice 2023

Cutting edge issues in western Massachusetts

We are back in person in Western Massachusetts! Game-changing case decisions. Emergent regional trends. In-depth focus on Western Massachusetts family law—and cresting developments that impact your cases. That's what you can expect from this full-day *Conference* delivered by a diverse panel of distinguished expert family lawyers and judges ready to share their insights on new issues central to your practice. Benefit from the valuable practice take-aways they can offer you. Come to this *Conference* expecting a lively interchange, panel discussion, question and answer session, and top-notch supporting materials—you will not be disappointed.

Your practice is constantly evolving; make this *Conference* a fundamental part of your annual family law self-audit.

Agenda

- **State of the Probate and Family Court:** Hear from Chief Justice John Casey about what's happening at the Probate and Family Court
- **Recovery Court and Beyond:** Substance use disorders, testing, and treatment in relation to custody and parenting time
- **Cavanagh v. Cavanagh, Part 1:** Lessons from the Appeals Court
- **Cavanagh v. Cavanagh, Part 2:** Support analysis
- **Jurist to Jurist:** Retirement reflections and predictions for the future of the Probate and Family Court
- **Crypto Currencies, Digital Assets, and Mobile Payment Services**
- **Lobby Conference:** An informed discussion plus a question-and-answer session with members of the judiciary on the family law issues affecting your practice

Faculty

Stephanie A. Fitzgerald, Esq., *Fitzgerald Family Law, East Longmeadow*, Cochair
Kathleen A. O'Malley, Esq., *Raipher, PC, Springfield*, Cochair
Katherine M. Amato, Esq., *Robinson Donovan, PC, Springfield*
Hon. Amy Lyn Blake, *Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. John D. Casey, *Chief Justice, Probate and Family Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. David J. Dacyczyn, *Hampshire Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Ann E. Dargie, Esq., *Law Offices of Jennifer A. Thorn, PC, East Longmeadow*
Diane M. DeGiacomo, Esq., *Cain Hibbard & Myers, PC, Pittsfield*
Hon. Dana S. Doyle, *Hampden Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Linda S. Fidnick, *First Justice, Hampshire Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, *Hampden Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Kelly A Koch, Esq., *Raipher, PC, Springfield*
Jason R. Pierce, *CPA, CMA, CFM, CVA, JS Held, Boston*
Leslie H. Powers, Esq., *Cox & Powers, PA, Greenfield*
Hon. Kathleen A. Sandman, *First Justice, Franklin Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Hon. Richard A. Simons, *First Justice, Berkshire Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
Dr. Stephanie Tabashneck, Esq., Psy.D., J.D., *Licensed Psychologist, Wellesley Hills*
Jennifer A. Thorn, Esq., *Law Offices of Jennifer A Thorn, PC, East Longmeadow*
Hon. Claudine T. Wyner, *Hampden Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Date & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

NORTHAMPTON

Friday, March 3, 2023
9:00 am–4:30 pm

Hotel Northampton
36 King Street
Northampton, MA 01060
Program Number: 2230182P01

Tuition *(includes written materials)*

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Materials

The materials for this program include MCLE's *Massachusetts Family Law Sourcebook & Citor 2022*, which, along with any other materials, can be downloaded via the link emailed to you upon registration.

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