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## 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

- 9:00 am -9:10 am, Welcome and Introduction
- 9:10 - 9:35 am, Negotiation Strategies/ and effective use of Pre-Trial Hearings, Status Conference and Case Management Conference (Rule 409), "Four-Way Meetings", Time Standards, and Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- , A Trial Lawyer's Perspective
- 9:35 - 9:50 am, Arbitration, Mediation, Collaboration and other ADR alternatives: Working with Lawyers to "Win" for Clients
- 9:50 - 10:15 am, Judge's Comments on What is Expected at Pre-Trial Hearings, Time Standards, and Other Practice Suggestions
- 10:15 - 10:40 am , Case Evaluation, Discovery, Trial Planning and Preparation (including checklist for "Thirty Days before Trial")/ Requesting an Allowance of Legal Fees, Pendente Lite
- 10:40 - 11:15 am , Overview of Business Valuation and Methodology
- 11:15 - 11:20 am , Networking and Refreshment Break
- 11:20 - 11:30 am , Cross Examination of Business Valuation Expert on Present Value of a Business
- , Expert Witness:
- 11:30 - 11:50 am , Direct Examination of an Expert on Forensic Analysis of Income and Business Valuation
- 11:50 - 11:55 AM, Lecture: How and Why to Get an Opinion on the Value of the Marital Home for Your Client
- 11:55 - 12:10 pm, Direct Examination of a Licensed Real Estate Appraiser on the Value of the Marital Home
- , Expert Witness (Licensed Appraiser)
- Noon- 12:15 pm, Cross Examination of a Licensed Real Estate Appraiser on the Value of the Marital Home
- 12:15- 12:35 pm , Direct Examination of a Real Estate Broker on the Value of a Marital Home
- , Expert Witness (Broker)
- 12:35 - 12:50, Cross Examination of a Real Estate Broker on the Value of a Marital Home
- 12:50 - 1:50 pm , Lunch (on your own)
- 1:50 - 1:25 pm, Lecture: Preparation and Use of Financial Statements
- 2:25 - 2:40 pm , Direct Examination of Husband on Financial Statement (Use of Discovery and Demonstrative Evidence)
- , Witness (Husband- "Lucky Jones")
- 2:40 - 3:10 pm , Cross Examination of Husband on Financial Statement (Use of Discovery and Demonstrative Evidence)
- 3:10 - 3:30 pm , Lecture: Tips on Preparation of Your Client as a Witness in a Divorce Trial
- 3:30 - 3:40 pm , Direct Examination of Party Witness on GL c. 208, §34 Factors (Use of Demonstrative Aides) Wife's counsel ("Lucy Jones")
- , Witness: Wife- "Lucy Jones"
- 3:40 - 4:00 pm , Cross Examination of Party Witness (Lucy) on GL c. 208, §34 Factors (Use of depositions, interrogatories and chalks)
- 4:00 - 4:20 pm , Closing Arguments and Presentation of a Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs (G.L. c. 208 §38)
- 4:20 - 4:50 pm, Judge's Decision and Final Comments
- 4:50 - 5:00 pm, Critique and Commentary - "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

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## Dates

- ON DEMAND WEBCAST (#2180059WBA): Watch starting Thursday, 6/14/2018

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