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Welcome and Introduction

from **Mastering Motions for Temporary or Emergency Orders in the Probate & Family Court**

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>>: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to welcome all of you to today's seminar, "Mastering Motions For Temporary Or Emergency Orders In The Probate And Family Court." My name is Bruce Richard, and I'm a program attorney here at MCLE. I'd like to thank our faculty panelists, both of whom are volunteers, for their time and commitment to this program. You'll be receiving an email with a link to an evaluation form for this program. We encourage you to take a few moments to complete it. I want to remind you about MCLE's subscription product, the OnlinePass, which offers everything MCLE has online - hundreds of live and on-demand webcasts, our entire book collection, all for one low annual fee, with unlimited 24/7 access on your various electronic devices. Subscribe today, and MCLE will deduct the cost of today's program from your first year's subscription. We encourage you to share what you're learning in today's program via Twitter. Tweet us at @MCLENewEngland. You can also interact with us on Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn, and we encourage attendees to ask questions all throughout the program today. It's now my distinct pleasure to introduce the speakers for today's program. Lola Remy is director of pro-bono programs at the Women's Bar Foundation, where she equips, trains and supports volunteer attorneys to represent survivors of domestic abuse in family law and abuse prevention cases. Prior to joining WBF, Ms. Remy was a staff attorney at the Volunteer Lawyers Project. She's currently co-chair of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Council. Katherine Schulte is the managing attorney of the legal advocacy program at Casa Myrna Vazquez, where she represents survivors of domestic violence in abuse prevention and family law matters. Prior to joining Casa Myrna, Ms. Schulte was a supervising attorney and the fellow at the Domestic Violence Institute at Northeastern University School of Law. Ms. Schulte is a member of the Boston Bar Association Delivery of Legal Services

Steering Committee and a mentor for the Women's Bar Foundation Family Law Project. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to you.

>>: All right. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you so much for joining us this afternoon. I am going to be running the PowerPoint today, so I'll be sharing my screen to do that. If you can bear with me for just a moment, and then we shall get started. Thank you, Bruce, for that introduction. And I'd like to just spend a couple minutes at the beginning letting you know where we're going to be going throughout this presentation, give you a little bit of a roadmap for the topics that we will cover, and also to encourage you, yes, please do ask questions throughout the presentation. There's a slight delay between - with the technology that we use to monitor questions. So what Lola and I will try to do is review questions that have come in at the end of each section, when we kind of switch off presenting, and try to answer questions that have come through up to that point, and then hopefully we will also have some time at the end if there are questions that we weren't able to get to. So - but we encourage you to ask them as they come to you so that we can have them all in front of us when we're ready to try to tackle some of them. So to get started, here's an overview of the topics that we'll be covering today. Lola will get us started with an overview of motion practice in the probate and family courts. We'll be talking about things like kind of the who, what, where, when and why of motion practice. Then I will spend some time discussing emergency motions, motions for emergency temporary orders, and again cover when would you file them, why would you file them, and how do you accomplish this. And I will lead us also into preparing for a motion hearing, talking about the things you will want to do in advance of a motion hearing in probate and family court, and then Lola will address, you know, actually conducting the hearing. So that is our roadmap for today's presentation.