

THE 12TH ANNUAL
**Family Law
Conference**
for Tennessee Practitioners

This two-day seminar offers an insider's perspective on the most significant recent developments in Tennessee family law. Fulfill your annual CLE requirement at one event.



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Oct. 12 & 13 and Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

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HIGHLIGHTS

- » Protecting a client's separate assets
- » Dividing/valuing marital property
- » Orders of protection/domestic violence issues
- » Relative/stepparent/adult adoptions
- » Technology for the family law practitioner
- » Modifying permanent parenting plans
- » Practical tips from judges across the state
- » Hot topics in child custody/property division
- » Tax issues in divorce
- » Civil and criminal contempt in family matters
- » Use of trusts in family law practice
- » Discovery abuses and remedies
- » Dealing with children in a divorce case
- » Tips for effective direct/cross-examination
- » Case law/legislative update
- » Ethics and professionalism in family law practice
- » Attorney's ethical use of social media

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15 hours of CLE (12 hours of general and 3 hours of dual) Rule 31 Mediators can earn 15 hours of Continuing Mediation Education (CME) credit

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m.

(There will be morning and afternoon breaks each day, and attendees will have 1 hour for lunch, which is included with registration)

Price: \$497 for entire program (\$70 off for additional attendees from same firm), \$347 for one day only, and \$247 for materials only

\$50 early bird discount until September 1 (October conference)

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*(Attorneys may attend one day in October and one day in December at the 2-Day price)

OCTOBER AGENDA

October 12 (Day 1)

Permanent Parenting Plans: Why and How They Can Be Changed

8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

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Use of Civil and Criminal Contempt

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Chancellor Larry McMillian
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October 13 (Day 2)

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- » E-discovery – home and work computers/social media
- » Tracking down hidden assets and income
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- » Depositions
- » Preparing effective sworn financial statements

Protecting a Client's Separate Assets

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Judge Thomas Wright
Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District (Greene, Hamblen, Hancock & Hawkins counties)

- » Commingling of property
- » Transmutation
- » Classification of separate and marital property
- » Prenuptial agreements, with a perspective on protecting or establishing a client's property interests

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Valuation and Division of Marital Assets

10:15 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

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- » Commingling of personal and marital property
- » Business valuation methods
- » Commingling of business and personal assets
- » Dividing retirement assets – best uses of QDROs
- » Dividing trusts in divorce
- » When and how to use experts
- » The effect of bankruptcy on divorce

Orders of Protection/Domestic Violence Issues

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- » Attorney fees and engagement agreements
- » Preventing conflicts of interest
- » Protecting confidentiality
- » Effective and ethical client communication



Technology Tips for Today's Practitioner

4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Sean Martin
Martin Heller Potempa & Sheppard

Mr. Martin will discuss current developments in document management and retention, timekeeping, and billing capabilities, offer tips about server-based versus cloud-based networks, and explore the wireless and paperless law office.

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Chancery Court, 10th Judicial District (Bradley, McMinn, Monroe & Polk counties)

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Tax Issues in Divorce

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Rice, Amundsen & Caperton PLLC

- » Tax considerations in the sale of assets
- » Tax returns for the year of the divorce
- » Liability for prior tax returns
- » Dependency exemptions
- » Income tax and spousal support

Trusts and Divorce

11:15 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

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- » Overview of trust law
- » Dealing with existing trusts during a divorce
- » Creating trusts during divorce proceedings
- » Commonly overlooked pitfalls

Ethics & Professionalism: Mindfulness in the Law

11:45 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.



Judge Robert L. Childers
Former circuit court judge, Shelby County

- » Coping with and reducing stress
- » Improving your well-being
- » Neuro-science of "mindfulness"
- » Lawyer assistance programs

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- » **Quality presenters.** You'll hear from attorneys who are authorities in the field of family law.
- » **Judicial perspective.** You'll hear from Circuit Judges Mike Binkley, Robert L. Childers, Phillip Robinson, and Thomas Wright, as well as Chancellors Jerri Bryant and Larry McMillan.
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"Great seminar with lots of useful information. Love having the notebook of materials to take back to the office with me."

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