Sealinn Agenda

Recent and Anticipated Developments in Indiana Family Law
B. Johnson
Legislative update
Case law update
Current issues in family law

Assisting with Child Custody Issues
J. Hopper
Current status of custody law in Indiana
Obtaining relevant information
Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, using formal discovery
Working with guardian-ad-litem
Working with experts
Drafting and reviewing parenting plans

Working With Divorce Clients and Opposing Counsel
C. Cloyd
Assisting with client intake
• Assisting with initial client interview, reviewing information obtained from client, preparing engagement letter
Working with difficult clients
• Tips for maintaining good client relations, what to do if things go wrong
Working with the courts and opposing counsel
Maintaining professionalism
Preparing financial statements

Getting Started: Initial Interview, Pleadings and Hearing
H.M. Gregory
Role of the legal assistant
Obtaining essential information to start the action
Preparing initial pleadings
Preparing for the temporary orders hearing
Preparing the temporary orders

Till Death Do Us Part: Standing at the Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy
T. Bradburn
Bankruptcy basics
• Chapter 7
Divorce meets bankruptcy
• Chapter 7
Divorce meets bankruptcy
• Chapter 13

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice
J.D. Roellgen
Communicating by email
Failing to communicate with clients
Marketing rules
My boss made me do it. I was only following orders
Law firm breakups
Lawyer-client relationships, real or imaginary
Doing business with clients
Fee agreements
Ending the lawyer-client relationship
Not knowing the ethics issues

Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Understand recent and anticipated developments in Indiana family law.
Work with divorce clients and opposing counsel.
Assist with the initial interview, pleadings and hearing.
Assist with child custody issues.
Understand the impact of divorce on bankruptcy, and vice versa.
Handle ethical issues in family law practice.
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