Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake
Y. Rantisi
Performing conflicts checks
Preparing initial client interview
Preparing engagement letter, opening file
Collecting information

Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice
B. Cranmer
Preparing initial pleadings
Requesting temporary relief
Preparing for the temporary orders hearing
Preparing the temporary orders

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information
S. Mansfield
Identifying relevant information on assets, debts, income and expenses
Obtaining financial information
- Using financial information questionnaires
- Using interrogatories, requests for production, deposition testimony, private investigators
- Valuing assets
Evaluating the information you have obtained
Working with accountants and financial experts
Preparing financial statements

Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues
Y. Rantisi
Current status of custody law in Louisiana
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

Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees
Y. Rantisi
Implementing divorce decrees and orders
- Preparing and filing the decree
- Preparing other necessary documents
- Enforcing judgments and orders
Modifying decrees and orders
- Determining which parts of a decree or order are subject to modification, deciding when to seek modification
Assisting in modification actions

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice
A. Kaloyares
Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals
Avoiding conflicts of interest
Maintaining client confidentiality
Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law
Working with the secretive or dishonest client
Handling allegations of abuse or neglect
Zealous (vs. over zealous) representation
Fee agreements, retainers, and collection of unpaid fees

Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:
Assist with initial client interviews, conflicts checks and client intake.
Work on drafting family law pleadings and preparing for temporary orders hearings.
Obtain and evaluate financial information, get tips on valuing assets, and work on financial issues with accountants and other financial experts.
Assist with child custody and visitation issues, and work on parenting plans.
Handle ethical issues in family law and avoid the unauthorized practice of law.

Louisiana Family Law
Practice for Paralegals

Baton Rouge, LA - Monday, April 27, 2020

Learn about assisting with family law case intake
Prepare pleadings and assist with motion practice
Obtain and evaluate financial information
Assist with child custody and visitation issues
Learn about modifying family law orders and handling ethical issues in family law practice

Continuing Education Credits
This seminar offers paralegals 6.5 CLE hours, including 1.0 ethics hour.
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Yazan Rantisi
Attorney at Louisiana Family Law Firm
Mr. Rantisi is the founding attorney of the Louisiana Family Law Firm. He earned a Political Science degree from LSU, and then followed in his father's footsteps and became a successful car salesman in Baton Rouge. During this time, he discovered his passion for helping others and began dreaming of transitioning into a career as a lawyer. The road was not easy, but with the support of his friends, family, and co-workers, he was able to support himself through Southeastern Louisiana University by working during the day and attending classes at night. He quickly realized he had a passion for family law, and earned a skill set that is transferable to finding solutions in highly contested divorce and child custody disputes. He applied his passion and skills by volunteering as a CASA advocate, where he assisted children in foster care. He earned a reputation within the organization and courtrooms. Someone who could help find solutions among even the most adversarial parties. Mr. Rantisi has been recognized multiple times by Capital Area CASA for his work. Prior to graduating, Mr. Rantisi spent 2018 working as a law clerk within Southeast Louisiana Legal Service's Family Law Unit. This opportunity allowed him to gain amazing experience, as he worked on a large number of cases involving divorce, child custody, and domestic violence. In May of 2019, with the help of his family, friends, and community, Mr. Rantisi applied all of his experiences and founded the Louisiana Family Law Firm.

Brad Cranmer
Attorney at Mansfield Melancon Cranmer & Dick
Mr. Cranmer, a Baton Rouge native, opened his own law practice right out of law school. His practice involved fighting for his clients, but also finding solutions for the City of Baton Rouge. His job as a prosecutor allowed him to be in the courtroom daily. He has prosecuted cases ranging from DVC to domestic abuse and more. In 2017, he received Baton Rouge's "Children's Choice Award" for the dedicated legal service that he provided to his clients. He has also received awards including the "American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys 10 Best Attorneys Client Satisfaction Award," and "Super Lawyers Rising Star 2020." Mr. Cranmer received his J.D. degree from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. He served as an editor of the Louisiana Bar Journal and is a member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Mr. Cranmer graduated from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. He served as an editor of the Baton Rouge Law Journal. He has been recognized multiple times by Capital Area CASA for his work. Prior to graduating, Mr. Cranmer spent 2018 working as a law clerk within Southeast Louisiana Legal Service's Family Law Unit. This opportunity allowed him to gain amazing experience, as he worked on a large number of cases involving divorce, child custody, and domestic violence. In May of 2019, with the help of his family, friends, and community, Mr. Cranmer applied all of his experiences and founded the Louisiana Family Law Firm.

Scott Mansfield
Attorney at Mansfield Melancon Cranmer & Dick
After several years of practicing law with one of Louisiana's oldest and most respected firms, Mr. Mansfield formed Mansfield Melancon with other experienced lawyers. He has argued in numerous Louisiana courts and has advocated for clients throughout the State. He has represented clients in personal injury cases, family law cases, criminal cases, and numerous civil matters. Mr. Mansfield was named by his peers among the Super Lawyers - Louisiana Rising Stars. The Rising Stars list recognizes less than 2.5 percent of attorneys in Louisiana. He serves as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics Advisory Committee, which works to encourage ethical lawyer conduct and supports the LSU's Ethics Counsel in the provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar. He also serves on the LSU's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, which protects the public from incompetent or fraudulent attorneys. Mr. Mansfield graduated from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. While in law school, he served as an editor of the Mineral Law Institute Newsletter and member of the Student Bar Association Ethics Committee. Mr. Mansfield is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, the United States District Court for the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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