

# SCHEDULE




## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

- 8:00am-5:00pm **Family Advocate Board of Editors Meeting**  
*Hospitality B Room, 5th floor*
- 2:00-4:00pm **Section of Family Law Officers Meeting**  
*Hospitality C Room, 6th floor*
- 4:00-5:00pm **Section of Family Law Finance Committee Meeting**  
*Hospitality C Room, 6th floor*
- 5:30-7:00pm **Welcome Reception & Registration**  
*Water Horse Terrace*  
Please join us for an evening gathering on the terrace.
- 7:00pm **Dine-Arounds**  
With tables reserved at some of the best eateries in Fort Worth, this fun "Dutch treat" event is an excellent opportunity to enjoy dinner at fabulous restaurants while networking with conference attendees. Sign up during the Welcome Reception.
- 7:30pm **Newcomers' Dinner**  
*Lonesome Dove Western Bistro*  
*2406 N Main St*  
We are pleased to offer an opportunity for first-time attendees and those "nearly new" attendees to join Officers of the Section for a "Dutch treat" dinner. If you would like to attend, be sure to check "I will attend the Newcomers' Dinner on Wednesday, October 20" on the registration form. **Must be registered by September 24, 2010.**
- 9:30-11:00pm **Chair's Suite Reception**


## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

- 7:00am-11:30am **Registration and Hospitality Room**
- 7:00-9:30am **Continental Breakfast**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 4, 2nd floor*
- 7:30-8:30am **Meeting of the Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs**  
*Fort Worth Ballrooms 6, 7 & 8, 2nd floor*
- 8:30-9:30am **Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs**
-  **"Simon Cowelling" Your Witness: How Far Is Too Far?**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 1, 2nd floor*  
*Trial Practice & Techniques Committee*  
Family law attorneys face serious challenges in preparing parties and witnesses to testify in cases involving both property and children. This program will use common fact patterns to explore the ethical limits of witness preparation, along with specific suggestions about how to prepare witnesses to communicate the actual facts effectively, without "suggesting" what the facts should be to fit the applicable law. Opportunities to discuss the fuzzy line between "zealous" representation and suborning perjury will be available.
- Moderator: Allen Palmer, Esq., Stamford, CT.  
Speakers: Kevin Karlson, Esq., Ph.D., Frisco, TX  
James Loveless, Esq., Fort Worth, TX

-  **Using Stock Options and Other Forms of Executive Compensation to Pay Alimony**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 2, 2nd floor*  
*Alimony Committee*  
Learn about opportunities to save tax dollars and make more money available to both parties for support. IRS rules on stock options, restricted stock non-qualified pension plans, and other

employment benefits allow the use of lower tax rates, take away necessity for truing up taxes, and reduce conflict between parties. Increase support amounts by including the value of perks such as health insurance, pension, 401k, life insurance, vacation, Blackberry, etc., to increase the amount that is available to pay alimony and child support.

Moderator: William Balkun, Esq., Cranston, RI  
Speaker: Melvyn Frumkes, Esq., Miami, FL  
Maria McKeon, Esq., Hartford, CT

-  **How Do You Know What You Say You Know? A Lawyer's Guide to Confronting Mental Health Experts**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 3, 2nd floor*  
*Trial Practice & Techniques Committee*  
Mental health testimony is a significant aspect of many family law cases. A case's outcome may hinge on how the lawyer manages this testimony. This program will provide participants with skills to address the key reliability question testifying experts must answer: "How do you know what you say you know?" Participants will learn to challenge mental health opinions with critical thinking principles and confront those opinions with a practical, four-step, case law-based model.
- Moderator: David Sarif, Esq., Atlanta, GA  
Speaker: John Zervopolous, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP, Dallas, TX

- 9:30-9:45am **Welcome and Opening Announcements**  
9:45am-12:15pm **PLENARY SESSION**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 5, 2nd floor*

- The Perils of Pauline: Navigating Ethics in the Wild and Woolly West**  
Program Producers: Anne Marie Jackson, Esq., Washington, D.C.  
Nancy Chausow Shafer, Esq., Highland Park, IL  
A very different approach to ethics in family law-- a musical production, written and presented by fellow ABA members, to both educate and entertain attendees. Obtain ethics CLE while laughing and learning about this critical aspect of the law!
- Speakers: Donelle Ratheal, Esq., Oklahoma City, OK  
Chaim Steinberger, Esq., New York, NY  
David Tracy, Esq., Tulsa, OK  
Noel Tucker, Esq., Edmond, OK

- 9:30-10:30am **Scope & Correlation Committee Meeting**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 6 & 7, 2nd floor*
- 10:45-11:45am **Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee Meeting**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 6 & 7, 2nd floor*
- 12:30-2:15pm **Luncheon at the City Club of Fort Worth**  
*Co-Sponsored with Eldon B. Mahon Inns of Court*  
*301 Commerce St.*  
Keynote address by Dr. Karyn Purvis with special presentation of the "Friend of the Family" award to retired Texas Supreme Court Justice Harriet O'Neill, and special recognition of Texas Supreme Court Justices. **(business or business casual attire)**  
*Tickets: \$29*  
\*Meet in the Omni Hotel lobby- Bus will depart at 12:15 pm. After the luncheon, walk over to the Tarrant County Family Law Center for the Council Meeting; you will be shuttled back to the hotel once Council concludes. (If you will not be attending Council, buses will be available to take you back to the Omni Hotel.)

- 2:30-5:00pm **Section of Family Law Council Meeting**  
*Tarrant County Family Law Center*  
*200 E Weatherford St., Assembly Room, 2nd floor*  
Everyone is welcome to attend the Section's Council Meeting.

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6:30-9:00pm **Mexican Fiesta at Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant**  
*Co-Sponsored with the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association*  
 2201 N. Commerce Street  
 Please join us at the local favorite, Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, for an evening of delicious Mexican fare, margaritas, mariachis, and, of course, good company. The Tarrant County Family Law Judiciary will present its first bi-annual "Outstanding Amicus Attorney Award".  
 Tickets: \$15  
 \*Meet in the Omni Hotel lobby- bus will depart at 6:15 pm.

9:30-11:00pm **Chair's Suite Reception**


## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

7:00am-12:00pm **Registration and Hospitality Room**  
 7:00-9:30am **Continental Breakfast**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 4, 2nd floor*

7:30-8:30am **Newcomers' Meeting**  
*Black Angus Boardroom, 15th floor*  
 New to the scene? First time attending? Come visit with Section Leaders for an informative overview of the conference and the Section of Family Law.

8:00-9:30am **Families Matter Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

8:30-9:30am **Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs**

 **Practicing Law for Fun and Money**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 1, 2nd floor*

*Law Practice Management/Technology Committee*  
 This program will cover a number of topics including: physical fitness to law practice management, balancing your life and practice, avoiding grievances and malpractice claims, and strategies for dealing with difficult clients, courts, and opposing attorneys. The program is interactive and audience participation is encouraged. Come and learn from others how to practice family law for fun and profit.  
 Speaker: Chris Nickelson, Esq., Fort Worth, TX

 **Zero to Three: Parenting Issues and Parenting Plans for Young Children**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 2, 2nd floor*  
*Custody Committee*

Infants and very young children pose challenges in the best of circumstances. Structuring parenting plans that meet children's needs for security and consistency in order to foster healthy long-term relationships with both parents provides a critical foundation for young children and parents who often struggle with what is 'good' for their babies. The presenters will address what we know from the psychological literature about infants and toddlers when their parents live apart, and options for lawyers in presenting such cases to the court.

Moderator: Lori Colbert, Esq., Anchorage, AK  
 Speakers: Richard Gould-Saltman, Esq., Los Angeles, CA  
 Aaron Robb, Esq., Keller, TX

**Breaking Up Is Hard to Do: The Art & Science of Ethically Firing a Client**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 3, 2nd floor*  
*Law Practice Management/Technology Committee*  
 All family law practitioners deal with problem clients.

Sometimes for the sake of sanity, the only option is to terminate the relationship. This presentation explores when it's appropriate to fire a client and further provides strategies for ethically and responsibly ending the relationship.  
 Speakers: Carl Gilmore, Esq., Woodstock, IL  
 Janet McCullar, Esq., Austin, TX

9:30am-12:00pm **Model Act on Relocation of Children Meeting**  
*Black Angus Boardroom, 15th floor*

9:40am **Announcements**  
 9:45am-12:15pm **PLENARY SESSION**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 5, 2nd floor*

**Ex, Lies and Videotape: Defeating Machiavellian Tactics and Lies in Negotiation**

Program Producers: Katherine Kinser, Esq., Dallas, TX  
 Candace Peeples, Esq., Birmingham, AL  
 Navigating the sea of unscrupulous tactics and lies when negotiating matrimonial matters can be treacherous. This multimedia program uses video and audience participation to teach effective methods for disarming the Machiavellian negotiator, and spotting the key non-verbal indicators of a prevaricator. Fans of the popular television show "Lie To Me" will not want to miss this program.

Speakers: Chief Justice Linda Thomas, Dallas, TX  
 Miles Mason, Esq., Memphis, TN  
 Mario Ventrelli, Esq., Lake Forest, IL

10:00-11:00am **Member Benefit Development Committee Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

11:15am-12:15pm **Bylaws Committee Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

12:30-1:45pm **Committee Meetings & Working Lunch**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 1, 2 & 3, 2nd floor*  
 Committee meetings are open to all Family Law Section members and allow you to learn more about a specific practice area. Committee membership is an excellent member benefit and a great way to meet other conference attendees while learning about committee activities. **Alimony, Assisted Reproductive Technologies, Bankruptcy, Custody, Ethics, Family Courts, LPM/Technology, Marital Property, Military, and Vulnerable Adults & Special Needs Families** Committees will meet today.  
 Tickets: \$35

2:00-5:00pm **Section of Family Law Council Meeting (continued)**  
**Discussion and Debate about the Need for a Uniform Act on Child Support Guidelines**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 5, 2nd floor*  
 Everyone is welcome to attend the Section's Council Meeting and the debate.

7:00-10:00pm **Gala Event at The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth**  
*Co-Sponsored with the Tarrant County Bar Association and the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association*  
 3200 Darnell Street  
 Celebrate with your colleagues and Texas Supreme Court Justices while enjoying a great evening of art, dinner, dancing and more! Transportation to and from the museum, along with dinner, drinks, dancing to "Me & My Monkey" (an award-winning Beatles tribute band) and gallery access to some of the museum exhibits, are included in the ticket price. **(Black-Tie Optional)**  
 Tickets: Adults \$110 (prior to 9/17/10); Adults \$130 (after 9/17/10); Kids ages 4-12 are \$50  
 \*Meet in the Omni Hotel lobby- Bus will depart at 6:30 pm.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

7:00am-12:00pm **Registration and Hospitality Room**  
7:00-9:30am **Continental Breakfast**  
*Fort Worth Ballroom 4, 2nd floor*

7:30-8:30am **Meeting of Past Chairs and Officers**  
*Hospitality B, 5th floor*

8:00am-12:00pm **Publications Development Board Meeting**  
*Black Angus Boardroom, 15th floor*

8:00am-12:00pm **Family Law Quarterly Board of Editors Meeting**  
*Sundance 6, 3rd floor*

8:30-9:30am **Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs**

 **Identifying and Solving Tax Issues in Family Law Cases**

*Fort Worth Ballroom 1, 2nd floor*

Family lawyers are frequently confronted with tax issues and are expected to know the answers, even when there's no time to consult an expert. This program will help you recognize the issues, and review the tax laws dealt with regularly concerning property division, alimony and support. This is a great opportunity to hone your tax skills.

Moderator: Brian Karpf, Esq., North Miami Beach, FL  
Speaker: Christopher Melcher, Esq., Woodland Hills, CA

 **Making a List and Checking It Twice- It's Not Just for Santa Claus**

*Fort Worth Ballroom 2, 2nd floor*  
*Marital Property Committee*

We all use "boilerplate" language in marital settlement agreements, but how often do you review it carefully? This program will provide practical strategies, checklists and tips for spotting issues and potential traps in drafting and improving work product.

Moderator: Jamie Wright, Esq., Littleton, CO  
Speakers: Kathleen Hogan, Esq., Denver, CO  
Scott Mann, Esq., Shawnee, KS

 **ART: It's Not Just for Museums**

*Fort Worth Ballroom 3, 2nd floor*

*Assisted Reproductive Technologies Committee*  
Experienced family law practitioners know how to litigate disputes over property and disputes over child custody. But what happens when the litigation in a divorce action centers around stored genetic material such as embryos? Are the embryos property or children-in-being? What are the ethical issues and legal theories when your client wants to gain custody of embryos for the purpose of procreating against the other party's will? Practitioners will receive an overview of past cases, current trends, and ethical issues in such litigation.

Speaker: Ellen Yarrell, Esq., Houston, TX

9:40am **Announcements**

9:45am-12:15pm **PLENARY SESSION**

*Fort Worth Ballroom 5, 2nd floor*

**Spy Torts, Damages and Jail Time- Criminal Exposure for the Client and Ethical Pitfalls for the Lawyer**

Program Producers: Henry DeWoskin, Esq., St. Louis, MO  
Peter Walzer, Esq., Woodland Hills, CA  
Many people these days use all kinds of spying methods such

as hidden cameras, listening devices or GPS systems to spy on their cheating and abusing spouses. But most of them are not aware that using spying equipment or surveillance services could be illegal and/or subject them to civil liability. Our panelists will discuss the complex array of civil and criminal penalties and how to prosecute and defend litigation stemming from their use. The panelists will also address the lawyer's obligations when a client wants to use these spying methods and testify to information gathered by these methods, and when an attorney should withdraw from the case.

Moderator: Heather King, Esq., South Lake, TX  
Speakers: John Nichols, Sr., Esq., Houston, TX  
Andrew Soshnick, Esq., Indianapolis, IN

10:00-11:00am **Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

11:15am-12:15pm **Diversity Committee Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

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12:30-5:00pm **Model Act on Representation of Children Meeting**  
*Texas Longhorn Boardroom, 15th floor*

2:00-5:00pm **Tour of the Cultural District**  
Tour the world-class Kimbell and Amon Carter Museums. **(Tickets must be reserved by September 24, 2010)**  
*Tickets: \$30*  
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7:00pm **Dine-Arounds**  
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7:00pm **Past Chairs Dinner**  
*Eddie V's Prime Seafood*  
*3100 West 7th St*  
You're invited to enjoy a "Dutch treat" dinner with the past chairs and current officers of the Section. All attendees are welcome.



## SECTION OF FAMILY LAW BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THIS TOPIC

While at the conference, please visit the Section of Family Law book table in the Hospitality Room to take advantage of special meeting discounts on Family Law publications. Section of Family Law books can also be purchased online at the ABA Web Store at [www.ababooks.org](http://www.ababooks.org).

### Keynote Speaker for Thursday's Luncheon

Dr. Karyn Purvis, an internationally recognized and highly awarded advocate for at-risk children, is frequently sought as expert witness for legislation and court cases. Her methods, which focus on training, research and outreach, have been disseminated throughout the U.S. and many regions throughout the world.