

The Practice of Family Law:

**He Says / She Says
They Say / Pro Se**



Friday, December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**An Iowa Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Project Seminar at 10 ICN Sites
Applications will be submitted for 6.25 Hours State (including 1 Hour Legal Ethics) and
.5 Hour Federal Continuing Legal Education Accreditation**

8:15-8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Winning Your Family Law Appeal**

Andrew Howie, Attorney at Law - Hudson, Mallaney, & Shindler, P.C.

Tips on taking your transcript and turning it into a winning brief, from an attorney with a recent string of successful family law appeals.

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Family Law Update**

James M. Meade, Attorney at Law - West Des Moines

2002-2003 Chair, Iowa State Bar Association, Family Law Section

The always popular and much-anticipated family law update. Get all the information on the latest cases that will be affecting your practice.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. **Working with Domestic Violence Advocates**

Nancy Robertson, Attorney at Law - Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

What is the role of a domestic violence advocate in the court system? What can the advocate do? Where and when is the advocate allowed to be present? This topic will be explored from both the viewpoint of an advocate assisting your client and one who is assisting the opposing party.

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:15 p.m. **A Mediation Primer**

Kimberly J. Stamatelos, Attorney at Law - Hopkins & Huebner, P.C.

Everything you need to know to get started on the road to a successful mediation by one of the Midwest's leading mediators. Includes a look at the special rigors of mediating with a pro se opposing party.

2:15-2:45 p.m. **Servicemembers Civil Relief Act**

David Jungeman, Attorney at Law - Greenfield

A basic review of the impact on a case of one party's activation into the armed services.

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-3:30 p.m. **Internet Resources for the Family Law Attorney AND the Pro Se Litigant**

Jerry Spaeth, Attorney at Law - Whitfield & Eddy, PLC

A look at the resources available on the Internet for a family law case. Find sites that will be of assistance to you, and get familiar with the sites your unrepresented opposing parties will be using.

3:30-4:30 p.m. **The Ethics of Dealing with Pro Se Litigants**

A panel discussion with all presenters on the ethical dilemmas and potential pitfalls of dealing with a pro se litigant. Learn what you can and cannot do, what not to say, and what you better make sure to say. The panel will include an update and discussion on the Iowa State Bar Association Pro Se Litigant Task Force, which is working with the Iowa Judges Association Pro Se Task Force to define the issues and challenges of the bench and bar in dealing with pro se litigants.

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- I am a participant in the Iowa Legal Aid/Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project or the Pro Bono Project of HELP Legal Assistance and the Scott County Bar Association and am eligible for the discounted fee of \$100 per participant for this seminar.
- I am an attorney who is not a participant in a VLP or Pro Bono Program and will pay the full cost of \$150.
- My/our check for the registration fee is enclosed, payable to Iowa Legal Aid.
- I am FAXing this registration and will pay my registration fee at the site where I will attend.
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- Check this box if you are willing to consider accepting pro bono cases involving family law issues and you are not currently being contacted by a Volunteer Lawyers Project concerning referrals in this area of the law. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Register by November 26 if you plan to attend this seminar. Sites without sufficient support to cover the cost of including the location may be deleted from this session.

Please put a check (✓) in the box next to the location where you prefer to attend.

- CEDAR RAPIDS:** Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. NW. Room 203B in Linn Hall. Enter building at front of Linn Hall. Go to 2nd floor, far east (left) end of hall. Free parking.
- COUNCIL BLUFFS:** Educational Services Center Administration, 12 Scott Street. Stop at front desk by main entrance to sign in and get directions to room. Metered parking.
- DAVENPORT:** Eastern Iowa Community College, 326 West 3rd Street, Kahl Educational Center Room 302. Follow posted directions to room. Metered parking.
- DES MOINES:** Veterans Affairs - Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines. Room 975. Enter building on Walnut Street (must go through security check station). Pay parking in the ramp south of the building.
- DUBUQUE:** Dubuque Community School District, 2300 Chaney. Forum Building, Marv O'Hare ICN Room on second floor, adjacent to lounge. (see posted directions to room). Enter front door of building. Free parking.
- IOWA CITY:** University of Iowa, at the North End of Madison Street in North Hall, Room 107. Use West entrance to building and follow posted directions. Metered parking.
- MASON CITY:** Northern Iowa Area Community College -2, 500 College Drive, Room 129 in the Careers Building. Use building entrance at Northwest corner. Free parking.
- OTTUMWA:** Indian Hills Community College 8, 651 Indian Hills Drive, Videoconferencing & Training Center. Use main entrance to building and follow posted directions. Free parking.
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