



**When Paths Cross –
Mastering the Intersection
of Family Law and Other
Areas of Practice**

ACFLS 2019
SPRING
SEMINAR

Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24

Omni Rancho, Las Palmas Resort and Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA



ACFLS Annual Spring Seminar

The Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) invites you to participate in our annual Spring Seminar program, the premier family law educational experience. Spring Seminar, presented since 1992, is the cutting edge in Family Law education. Each year ACFLS selects a topic in Family Law and gives that topic a deep analytical treatment of the kind that only ACFLS can provide. The program spans 3 half days, a Friday afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday mornings. There are six presentation panels composed of well-respected jurists and attorneys. As each of these panels of experts give their in-depth presentation, our responder panel of elite bench officers asks questions, and give opinions – sometimes in contrast to that of the experts, creating a true intellectual discourse of the day's topics. At the end of the three-day program the Responder panel holds court with their final comments, observations of the subject, and answer questions submitted from the audience. All attendees are invited to attend an exquisite buffet on Friday evening and network with colleagues and presenters, as well as a cocktail reception Saturday evening. The Saturday and Sunday programs end mid-day so participants can enjoy the resort and relax a little.

Adding to your Spring Seminar experience, all attendees are allowed access to our Spring Seminar mobile application (The App) and Website. The App is the foundation of our sense of Spring Seminar community. Attendees can track the real time Spring Seminar schedule, post comments and photos, download program materials and message other attendees. Throughout the program, important announcements are pushed through the App to keep you connected with our ACFLS Spring Seminar community and events.

Spring Seminar Committee

Chair: Sherry Peterson

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Members: Jill L. Barr, Seth Kramer, Michele Brown, Anne Davies, Dianne Fetzer, Debra Frank, Sterling Myers, Patricia Rigdon, Mary Molinaro, Courtney Shepard, Catherine Goodrow, Jason Schwartz, Diane Wasznicky, Stephanie Williams, Melinda Sammis, Karen Freitas, Dee Rolewicz and Rachelle Santiago



2019 Spring Seminar Program

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019

Responder Panel:

Hon. Sue Alexander (Retired), Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Hon. Michael J. Naughton (Retired)

Moderator:

Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

11:00–1:00 PM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Seminar Registration – Pre-function reception area between the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

1:00–1:15 PM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:15–3:15 PM

CIVIL

Program Title: *Torts, Suits and Disputes: All is Fair in Divorce and Civil Litigation*

Speakers: Stephen D. Hamilton, CFLS; Elizabeth M. Pappy, Esq.

This panel will discuss cross-over issues between family law and civil litigation. Topics to be addressed include the characterization and division of personal injury settlements, torts between spouses and how to address such claims in and out of family court, assignment of civil liabilities from breach of contract claims against one or both parties, business lawsuits by and against the parties, claims involving the children of the parties and wage and labor claims by a family law litigant. The program will conclude with a two-prong approach to Marvin/palimony claims: the perspective of a family law litigator and the viewpoint from a civil litigator. Sample discovery and litigation tactics to address these issues will be included in the program materials.

3:15–3:30 PM BREAK

Foyer, (name badge required) (Exhibitors and Coffee/ Snack)

3:30–5:00 PM

CRIMINAL

Program Title: *What You Say Can And Will Be Used Against You: The Competing and Comparable Interests Between Family Law and Criminal Law*

Speakers: Honorable Tara M. Flanagan and the Honorable Christopher R. Bowen

This panel will focus on the frequent overlap of issues in family law and criminal law litigation. Among the issues that this panel will discuss are the considerations that arise when advising your client on whether or not to exercise his or her right against self-incrimination (as well as properly assessing when it can be properly invoked at trial or in Discovery); the unforeseen consequences of no contest/ guilty pleas upon family law litigation; understanding the similarities and distinctions of criminal protective orders and domestic violence restraining orders on each side of the court house; an overview of the criminal court proceedings in comparison with family court for related offenses/ actions; and other common issues that impact both areas of practices.

4:00–5:00 PM

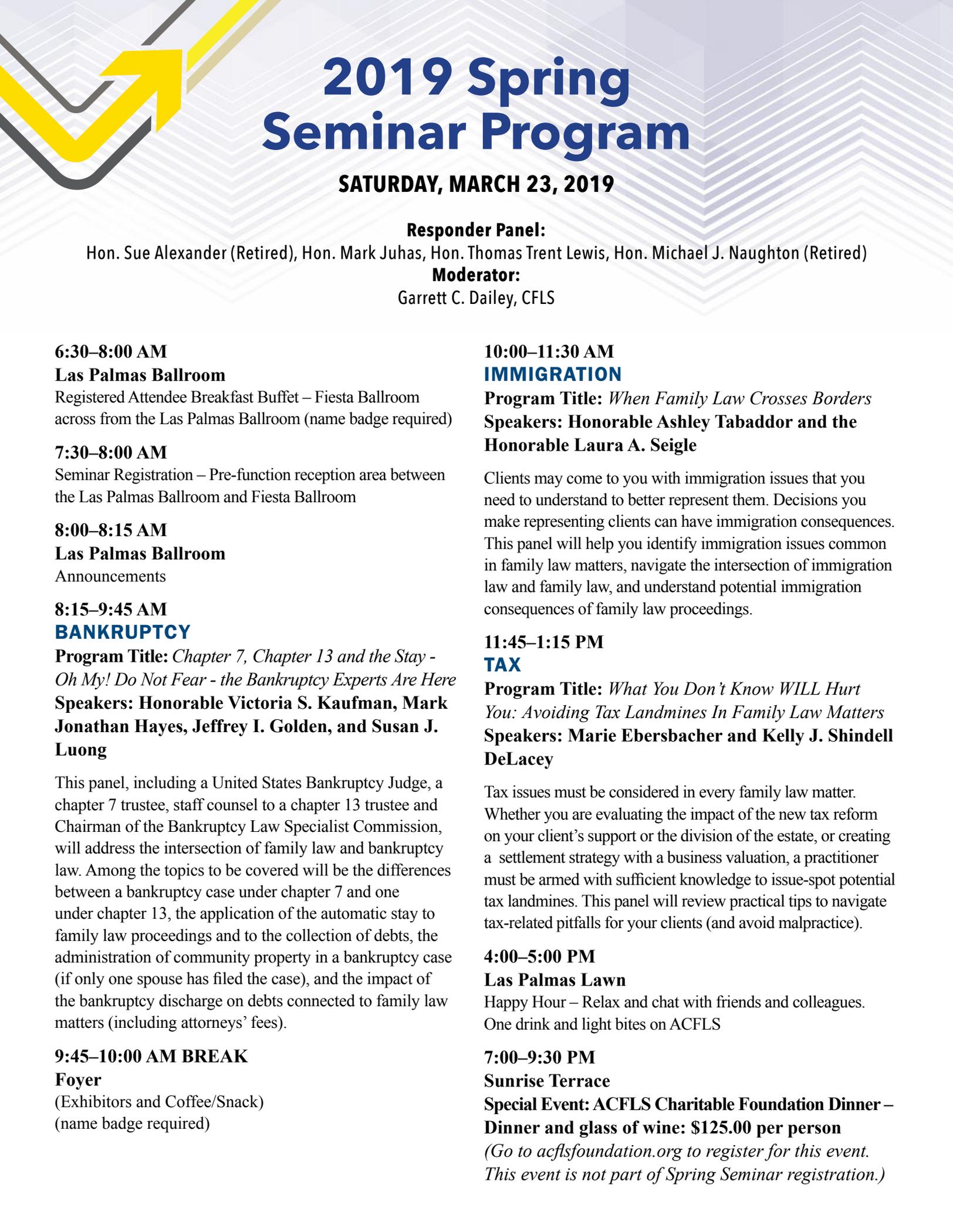
Las Palmas Ballroom

Registration – Pre-function reception area between the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

6:00–8:00 PM DINNER

Starlight Terrace

Welcome Reception Buffet Dinner
(name badge required)



2019 Spring Seminar Program

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

Responder Panel:

Hon. Sue Alexander (Retired), Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Hon. Michael J. Naughton (Retired)

Moderator:

Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

6:30–8:00 AM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Registered Attendee Breakfast Buffet – Fiesta Ballroom
across from the Las Palmas Ballroom (name badge required)

7:30–8:00 AM

Seminar Registration – Pre-function reception area between
the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

8:00–8:15 AM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Announcements

8:15–9:45 AM

BANKRUPTCY

Program Title: *Chapter 7, Chapter 13 and the Stay -
Oh My! Do Not Fear - the Bankruptcy Experts Are Here*

Speakers: Honorable Victoria S. Kaufman, Mark
Jonathan Hayes, Jeffrey I. Golden, and Susan J.
Luong

This panel, including a United States Bankruptcy Judge, a chapter 7 trustee, staff counsel to a chapter 13 trustee and Chairman of the Bankruptcy Law Specialist Commission, will address the intersection of family law and bankruptcy law. Among the topics to be covered will be the differences between a bankruptcy case under chapter 7 and one under chapter 13, the application of the automatic stay to family law proceedings and to the collection of debts, the administration of community property in a bankruptcy case (if only one spouse has filed the case), and the impact of the bankruptcy discharge on debts connected to family law matters (including attorneys' fees).

9:45–10:00 AM BREAK

Foyer

(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
(name badge required)

10:00–11:30 AM

IMMIGRATION

Program Title: *When Family Law Crosses Borders*
Speakers: Honorable Ashley Tabaddor and the
Honorable Laura A. Seigle

Clients may come to you with immigration issues that you need to understand to better represent them. Decisions you make representing clients can have immigration consequences. This panel will help you identify immigration issues common in family law matters, navigate the intersection of immigration law and family law, and understand potential immigration consequences of family law proceedings.

11:45–1:15 PM

TAX

Program Title: *What You Don't Know WILL Hurt
You: Avoiding Tax Landmines In Family Law Matters*
Speakers: Marie Ebersbacher and Kelly J. Shindell
DeLacey

Tax issues must be considered in every family law matter. Whether you are evaluating the impact of the new tax reform on your client's support or the division of the estate, or creating a settlement strategy with a business valuation, a practitioner must be armed with sufficient knowledge to issue-spot potential tax landmines. This panel will review practical tips to navigate tax-related pitfalls for your clients (and avoid malpractice).

4:00–5:00 PM

Las Palmas Lawn

Happy Hour – Relax and chat with friends and colleagues.
One drink and light bites on ACFLS

7:00–9:30 PM

Sunrise Terrace

**Special Event: ACFLS Charitable Foundation Dinner –
Dinner and glass of wine: \$125.00 per person**
*(Go to acflsfoundation.org to register for this event.
This event is not part of Spring Seminar registration.)*

2019 Spring Seminar Program

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

Responder Panel:

Hon. Sue Alexander (Retired), Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Hon. Michael J. Naughton (Retired)

Moderator:

Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

7:00–8:30 AM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Registered Attendee Breakfast Buffet – Fiesta Ballroom across from the Las Palmas Ballroom (name badge required)

8:30–8:45 AM

Las Palmas Ballroom

Announcements

8:45–10:15 AM

PROBATE

Program Title: *Ensuring those who may not be present are heard: Red Flags for the Family Law Attorney In Trusts & Estates, Conservatorships and Guardianships*

Speakers: Honorable Mitchell L. Beckloff and the Honorable David J. Cowan

How to handle frequent cross-over issues that may present roadblocks to proper resolution of your family law case in three distinct subject matter areas. Focus on assuring protection of the interests of the deceased, heirs and beneficiaries who may not know they are impacted, those who may be cognitively impaired, and minors - all of whom have in common that they are not the ordinary litigant who can be heard.

10:15–10:30 AM BREAK

Foyer

(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
(name badge required)

10:30–12:00 PM

Ask the Judges – the Last Word

Saving the best for last! Submit your hypothetical questions concerning anything from this year's program, When Paths Cross – Mastering the Intersection of Family Law and Other Areas of Practice in advance by email to Executive. Director@acfls.org with “Ask the Judges” in the subject line. (The opinions the judges voice on stage are not predictive of future rulings nor can the judges comment on pending cases.)



Savor Star Treatment in the Coachella Valley

Discover the ultimate in luxury at our resort near Palm Springs. A relaxing oasis with a backdrop of mountains and palm trees, Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa offers an ideal escape in the Coachella Valley. Revel in timeless comforts, classic conveniences and modern technologies that have made our resort minutes from Palm Springs a desired destination for a sun-drenched getaway.

Located in Rancho Mirage, California, we're convenient to the world-famous Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Palm Desert's El Paseo with a shopping experience similar to Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive, and fine dining at a stunning number of establishments. Set on 240 lush acres, our resort has been renovated to include a fresh, new color palette, expanded fitness center, refurbished spa and redesigned boutiques. Make a splash in one of our three pool settings. Splashtopia, our 2-acre water playground, features a 450-foot lazy river, two 100-foot water slides, cliff-side Jacuzzi, sandy beach and fountains and sprinklers for the kids.

You can also take time for yourself and replenish your body and soul at our 20,000-square-foot spa. New heights of relaxation will be discovered with our exhilarating treatments that use pure essences of desert botanicals. Our 27 holes of championship golf will challenge amateurs and pros alike with palm tree-lined fairways and incredible mountain vistas.

Highlights

- 444 guest rooms, including 22 suites
- 27-hole Ted Robinson-designed golf course
- 20,000-square-foot European spa with 26 treatment rooms
- 25 state-of-the-art tennis courts
- Lazy river, waterslides and cliff-side hot tub in Splashtopia
- Adult-only pool
- State-of-the-art fitness center with Cybex equipment
- Five resort restaurants
- 84,000 square-feet of diverse meeting & event space



Registration for ACFLS 2019 Spring Seminar



Hotel information:

Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa
41000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Telephone: 866-423-1195 or 760-568-2727
www.rancholaspalmas.com

Register online at acfls.org, or mail/fax registration form to:

Dee Rolewicz, ACFLS Executive Director,
1296 E. Gibson Rd., Ste. A #253, Woodland, CA 95776
Phone: 916-217-4076 | Fax: 916-930-6122

Pay by credit card or enclose check payable to ACFLS.

Registration is not complete until tuition payment is received.

Seminar Registration Includes:

- Three half days (11 hours of MCLE and Family Law Specialization credits)
- Friday evening Welcome Reception Buffet Dinner for registered attendees (no-host bar)
 - All guests: \$30 per guest
 - Saturday and Sunday Breakfast Buffets (registered attendees only)
 - Saturday Happy Hour (registered attendee and one guest – one free drink each)
 - Coffee and snacks at breaks
 - Electronic materials including seminar handbook and additional materials

ACFLS Members: \$550; Non-members: \$625

Electronic Materials and Program: Can't make it in person?
ACFLS Members: \$550; Non-members: \$625
(sales tax included)

NOTE: SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERABLE. THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON WILL RECEIVE THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM AND MATERIALS.

2019 Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa Room Reservations ACFLS Spring Seminar attendees are solely responsible for making their own transportation and lodging arrangements. The room block reservation link and code will be provided after you register for the seminar on the ACFLS website (code will appear on the "Thank you for Registering" screen), or by email, upon receipt of your paid seminar registration. As soon as you receive the code to the room block, reserve your room immediately through the reservation link on the ACFLS website or online at rancholaspalmas.com. **ROOM BLOCK WILL BE OPEN DECEMBER 1ST.** Information is available at acfls.org. The block fills up quickly!

The 2019 Spring Seminar discounted room rates start at \$225 per night inclusive of resort fee and parking. Discounted room rates may apply for three nights before and three nights after the seminar dates, subject to availability. Attendees staying at the resort will also enjoy a 10% discount on spa, golf and tennis bookings.

If you have a succinct question for the Judges' "Last Word" panel on a topic related to this year's theme – no more than 25 words, not related to any pending case – please email your question to Dee Rolewicz at Executive.Director@acfls.org.

SPECIAL EVENT:

ACFLS Charitable Foundation Dinner

Join us Saturday night from 7:00–9:30 PM on the Sunrise Terrace. Enjoy a plated three-course dinner and glass of wine for \$125.00 per person directly following the ACFLS Happy Hour. This is a separate event from the Spring Seminar and you must go directly to the ACFLS Charitable Foundation website at acflsfoundation.org to register.

Seating at this event is very limited so sign up now.

Registration Information:

NAME:

GUEST NAME(S): (FOR FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME BUFFET RECEPTION):

GUESTS MUST BE PREREGISTERED AND HAVE A NAME TAG

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING @ \$30 PER GUEST:

ADDRESS (CITY/STATE/ZIP):

EMAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED):

ACFLS MEMBER PRICE @ \$550

NON-MEMBER PRICE @ \$625

ATTORNEY PRACTICING UNDER 5 YEARS @ \$500 (DATE/MONTH ADMITTED TO STATE BAR)

NON-PROFIT @ \$500 (NAME OF ORGANIZATION)

BENCH OFFICERS (CURRENTLY SITTING ON FAMILY LAW ASSIGNMENT) (NO CHARGE)

ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE PROGRAM AND MATERIALS ELECTRONICALLY. SHOULD AN ATTENDEE PREFER A FLASHDRIVE, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$50

ELECTRONIC PROGRAM AND MATERIALS **ONLY** (NON-ATTENDEES)

ACFLS MEMBER @ \$550 NON-MEMBER @ \$625

GRAND TOTAL \$

CHECK ENCLOSED

CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD

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