



# 2022 Family Law Seminar

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2022

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*Monday, October 24 – Featured Speaker Steven Bradley*

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**8:00 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

**8:30 JUDGE'S PANEL (2.0 Ethics CLE Credit)**

Judge Lolita Hartl Romanick, Judge Michael Hurly, Judge Robin Schmidt, and Judicial Referee Stephanie Hayden

Judge Hurley will discuss relevant issues and dynamics about dealing with presenting evidence, post-judgment modification motions, discovery/depositions, ethics and zealous advocacy, and interim motion/ orders. After his presentation, the judges panel will discuss specific questions and concerns about these topics. The judges will also entertain questions from the audience. Victoria S. Konidaris will be moderating the judges panel and taking questions from the audience.

**10:30 BREAK**

**10:45 JUDGE'S PANEL CONTINUED**

**11:45 LUNCH AND SECTION MEETING**

**12:45 THE INTERSECTION OF HIGH-TECH STALKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE COURTS**

**Featured Speaker: Steven Bradley**

As our dependency and use of technology increases, we rely on electronic devices to complete many daily activities. Unfortunately, these same technologies are being seen more and more in legal cases where offenders have identified ways to exploit them in order to facilitate harm towards their victims or attempt to manipulate the outcome of their case. In this interactive workshop, Steven Bradley will explore the risks and benefits of technology, not only for the clients we serve, but also for you in your personal and professional lives. Attendees will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location apps, social media, and more. Non-technical language will be used throughout the presentation and how to safely navigate the world of technology.

Upon the completion of the workshop, attendees will be able to

- List three types of technology used to monitor, harass and abuse,
- Describe evidence collection strategies for text messages and social networking posts,
- Identify eight strategies for safety planning around technology, and
- List the top three security settings for mobile devices.

**2:45 BREAK**

**3:00 WAIT! COLLABORATE**

DeAnn Pladson & Alisha Ankers

This course will contain an overview of the collaborative process and requirements for a collaborative participation agreement. We will review the roles of the professionals in the collaborative process, the necessary paradigm shift for attorneys and clients, and the basic structure of the collaborative case. We will also present a case study for several collaborative cases and discuss the process, the professionals involved, the differences between collaboration and litigation and the overall outcome of each case, including a breakdown of the costs for each case.

**4:00 WRAP-UP/ QUESTIONS**

## *Tuesday, October 25 – Family Law Seminar*

**8:00**    **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

**8:30**    **CRYPTOCURRENCY – PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONERS**  
Stephen Hamilton

This program will discuss what cryptocurrency is and why it must be addressed in every dissolution matter. A brief presentation on how cryptocurrency is created and how it can be held will be followed by a discussion regarding the disclosure and discovery of cryptocurrency assets. Form discovery will be provided, as well as information on how to subpoena cryptocurrency information from third parties such as Coinbase.

**10:30**    **BREAK**

**10:45**    **CASE LAW UPDATE**  
Scott Jensen, Stacy Moldenhauer, and Emily Rouse

**12:00**    **LUNCH**

**12:45**    **TRAUMA-INFORMED LAWYERING (2.0 Ethics Credit)**  
Christina Sambor, and Jeanne Hettich Farnsworth, Sweet Briar Counseling

This session will give background information on the impacts of stress, anxiety and trauma on the brain, discuss how it affects cognitive performance, and discuss the implications for legal practitioners and their clients. The session will also offer skill building for attorneys to manage the impacts of these challenges.

**2:45**    **BREAK**

**3:00**    **CHILD SUPPORT CHANGES AND TROUBLE SPOTS**  
Jim Fleming

This course will present proposed changes to the North Dakota child support guidelines and an update on how child support services are delivered. The course will also discuss recurring trouble spots between private attorneys and the child support program as they work on shared cases.

**4:00**    **QUESTIONS (?)**

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.sband.org](http://www.sband.org)**

Registration fee includes electronic materials, breakfasts, and lunches. Advance registrations must be received by October 21, 2022. After that, attendees must register on site. Cancellations must be received in writing 72 hours in advance of seminar to receive a cash refund; otherwise materials will be sent.

*Please print Attendee*

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Materials will be emailed to each registrant. No hardcopies will be distributed. You must be in attendance and sign the registration sheet to receive CLE Credits.

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**QUESTIONS**

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# MEET OUR PRESENTERS

## FEATURED SPEAKER: STEVEN BRADLEY



With an extensive law enforcement career focusing on investigating crimes against persons, specializing in sex crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, and crimes against the elderly, Steven Bradley was recruited by the FBI to start a taskforce that would investigate technology and cyber related crimes. After graduating the FBI Academy with honors, he began combating many types of technology crimes including child pornography, cyberstalking, financial exploitation, and apprehending child predators. Later in his career, Steve began working with State Coalitions, and local domestic violence/sexual assault centers on bridging the gaps between law enforcement and community partners to better support survivors and victims. It was there, that Steven led many group discussions and trainings on proper investigative techniques and working together for offender accountability. Now as part of the Our Family Wizard professional team, Steven further promotes the empowerment and healthy communication between separated and divorced parents via technology. Steven is nationally recognized as an expert on law enforcement's response to intimate partner violence, abuse of the elderly, and stalking/cyberstalking. As an International Trainer for 25 years, Steven is known for his real world practical education and has provided training throughout the globe on many related topics.

**ALISHA ANKERS** has been a practicing attorney since 1992 in Fargo and Wishek, North Dakota. In addition to providing collaborative and mediation services for family law cases, she represents clients in custody matters, child support, divorce, paternal rights, adoptions and guardianships. She also conducts custody investigations and provides guardian ad litem services. She has experience in juvenile court and complex family law matters. Ms. Ankers is a member of the Cass County Bar, Clay County Bar, State Bar Associations of North Dakota and Minnesota. She has been named a Great Plains Super Lawyer since 2011. In 2015 she became certified as a Family Law Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Ms. Ankers earned her B.A. degree from Hamline University (1989) and her J.D. degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law (1992).

**JEANNE HETTICH FARNSWORTH**, LPCC, is the owner of Sweet Briar Counseling, PLLC. She has extensive experience treating trauma, specifically child trauma caused by abuse. She is trained and/or certified in several trauma-informed treatments. In addition to providing therapy, she has also acted as an advocate for crime victims throughout the process of disclosure. Jeanne has had the privilege of accompanying crime victims as they testify in court, and has testified herself. She has provided therapy with adults of all ages, couples, and adolescents. She's also a yoga teacher, and works to help clients connect their bodies and minds, especially relating to trauma. She attended Minnesota State University Moorhead, then settled in Bismarck Mandan with her husband, Stephen, and two children.

**JAMES C. FLEMING** is the director of the Child Support Section of the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, President of the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA), member of the Board of Directors for the Western Intergovernmental Child Support Engagement Council (WICSEC), and former President of the National Council of Child Support Directors (NCCSD). Jim was named the 2022 recipient of the American Payroll Association's Government Partner Award. A second-generation attorney, Jim earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Dakota and his Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame Law School. He has been an assistant attorney general for North Dakota for 28 years, following a clerkship with the North Dakota Supreme Court. Jim and his wife Terri are the proud parents of four daughters and were recently blessed with a perfect granddaughter.

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**STEPHEN D. HAMILTON** has been an attorney for 28 years, with a practice in San Luis Obispo County, California, devoted almost exclusively to family law for 26 of those years. Stephen has been a Certified Specialist in Family Law since 2004. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Southern California Chapter. He is also a past Chair of the California Family Law Executive Committee of the California Lawyers Association (FLEXCOM), a former member of the Board for the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, served as the California Lawyers Association representative on the California Bar Association Paraprofessional Working Group and is a 2023 appointee to the California Judicial Nominations Evaluation Commission.

**REFEREE STEPHANIE HAYDEN** grew up in West Fargo, North Dakota. Following high school graduation, she enlisted in the North Dakota Air National Guard, and served as a traditional guardsman for fourteen years. She obtained a psychology degree from the University of North Dakota, a paralegal degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead, and her law degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law. After law school she clerked for the East Central Judicial District for one year. She then worked in private practice for eleven years, with eight of those years as a managing partner. She currently serve as a Judicial Referee/Magistrate Judge with the East Central Judicial District located in Fargo.

**SCOTT JENSEN** has been with Camrud, Maddock, Olson & Larson, Ltd. since 1986. His practice has focused on litigation, with an emphasis on Family Law. Scott is in the process of limiting his litigation practice and increasing his work as a mediator and arbitrator. He is increasingly asked to mediate complex domestic relations cases, particularly in significant disputes over farming entities, business valuations and spousal support, in addition to child related issues. He also mediates within the family law mediation program.

**STACY M. MOLDENHAUER** is a native of Beulah, North Dakota. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history, magna cum laude, from Concordia College in 2005. She received her J.D., with distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 2008. Upon graduation, Stacy served as a law clerk to Justice Daniel Crothers of the North Dakota Supreme Court. She is licensed to practice in North Dakota and Minnesota. She practices in the areas of family law, administrative law and is a court appointed mediator for the South Central Judicial District. Stacy resides in Bismarck with her husband Chad and their children, Mason, Cameron and Alexis.

**DEANN M. PLADSON** received her undergraduate degree from Moorhead State University in 1989, and was graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1992. She has been practicing family law for over thirty years, has her own firm, Pladson Law Office, P.L.L.C. and focuses on all areas of family law including mediation, collaborative law, family law litigation, parenting investigation, parenting coordination and guardian ad litem work for the court. DeAnn is licensed to practice in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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**JUDGE LOLITA HARTL ROMANICK** received undergraduate degrees from the University of North Dakota in Occupational Therapy and French and her law degree from the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. She also attended the Université Catholique de l'ouest, Angers, France. She began her legal career with what was then the law firm of McGee, Hankla, Backes, and Wheeler, PC in Minot, ND where she had a general practice which included primarily family law, insurance defense, and estate planning. She then served as in-house claims counsel for American West Insurance in Grand Forks, ND where she supervised litigation of both personal and commercial claims in a five-state area. Subsequently, she was employed with the Morley Law Firm in Grand Forks, ND where her practice focused on employment law, insurance defense, and administrative law. In December, 2014, Governor Jack Dalrymple appointed her to the bench for the Northeast Central Judicial District Court in Grand Forks, ND. In 2018 she was reelected to that position. Judge Hartl Romanick has been an active member of the North Dakota Bar Association serving on and chairing numerous committees. She is a past-President of the North Dakota Judges' Association. Judge Hartl Romanick has been a member of the Randy H. Lee Inns of Court since its inception.

**JUDGE MICHAEL HURLY** clerked for the 16th Montana Judicial District from 2005-2006. Attorney at the Traynor Law Firm from 2007 to 2017 in Devils Lake, North Dakota. While at the Traynor Law Firm Judge Hurly maintained a general practice. Appointed by Governor Burgum to the Northeast Judicial District in 2017 to fill the vacancy left by Judge John McClintock. He is chambered in Rugby, North Dakota.

**EMILY ROUSE** was born and raised in Iowa, and moved to Fargo in 2017 after graduating from Drake University Law School the same year. She has been with Oster Law Office for over 3 years and focuses her practice on Family Law. She is currently actively licensed to practice law in North Dakota and Minnesota. Emily is a rostered North Dakota parenting coordinator and is a qualified neutral in North Dakota and Minnesota. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Family Law Section for the State Bar Association of North Dakota.

**CHRISTINA SAMBOR** is a licensed attorney and owner of Sambor Goetz LLP. Her practice focuses on family law, employment law, and legislative advocacy. She is also an expert on human trafficking in North Dakota. Prior to opening her firm, she led the policy efforts and human trafficking training and technical assistance program at Youthworks and provided general legal support to Youthworks in serving runaway, homeless, trafficked and struggling youth. She was also the Director of the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force, and co-chair of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission. Christina is a 2014 Bush Foundation Fellow. Prior to these positions, Christina worked in the private practice of law in Bismarck, North Dakota and clerked at the United States District Court in North Dakota. Christina was also a Senior Legal and Policy Fellow with the Polaris Project, a national leader in the fight against human trafficking in the United States. Christina's experience as a practicing attorney has been shaped and informed by working hand in hand with social workers, advocates, and mental health professionals. She is passionate about sharing the many lessons she has learned about the impacts of trauma with fellow attorneys.

**JUDGE ROBIN SCHMIDT** currently holds a position as the Presiding Judge in the Northwest Judicial District, one of eight judicial districts in North Dakota. She was appointed to the bench in 2013, elected in 2016 to a four year term and re-elected in 2020 to a six year term. Judge Schmidt is chair of the Caseflow Management Committee since 2018. While chair, the committee undertook the task of revising the North Dakota time standards for all case types and levels across the state. She has also served on the Joint Procedures Committee, Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, and numerous other committees that strengthen the North Dakota legal system. She has also worked with local governments to prudently expand the resources needed by the judiciary to efficiently administer justice to the people of the Northwest Judicial District. From 2005-2013, she focused her practice in the area of family law throughout the State of North Dakota.