

Agenda

Assisting with Preparation of Parenting Plans *L. Greene*

- Providing for support
- Allocating medical expenses
- Assigning parenting rights and duties
- Calculation of parenting time
- Providing for conflict resolution
- Other optional provisions

Assisting in Matters Involving Allegations of Abuse or Neglect *A. Key
L. Obenhaus*

- Defining abuse and neglect
- Reviewing recent case law
- Investigating allegations of abuse and neglect
- Obtaining/opposing protective orders

Obtaining, Enforcing and Modifying Child Support Awards *M. Wise*

- Current status of Texas child support law
- Applying the child support guidelines
- Obtaining relevant information from your client
- Investigation and formal discovery
- Using the child support calculator
- Preparing the child support order
- Completing withholding and medical support orders
- Public and private enforcement of child support
- Modifying child support orders

Assisting with Adoptions *M. Lowry*

- Looking at different adoption alternatives
- Assisting in conventional adoptions
- Assisting in private adoptions
- Issues in international adoptions

Identifying and Resolving Ethical Issues in Cases Involving Children *M. Lowry*

- Defining and promoting the best interest of the children
- Understanding the scope of client confidentiality
- Working with family law clients while preventing the unauthorized practice of law

Working Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act *M. Lowry*

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

- Develop** parenting plans, including provisions for allocating expenses and calculating parenting time.
- Investigate** allegations of abuse or neglect, and assist with efforts to obtain or oppose protective orders.
- Apply** child support guidelines, use child support calculator, and prepare child support orders.
- Investigate** adoption alternatives, including private and international adoptions.
- Identify** and **resolve** ethical issues involving children.
- Work** under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA).



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Faculty

Liza A. Greene *Laura Dale & Associates P.C.*
Ms. Greene is one of only a handful of Texas attorneys to have board certifications in both Family Law and Consumer Bankruptcy. Ms. Greene received a J. D. degree from South Texas College of Law and a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Texas A&M. She is affiliated with Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, Burta Rhoads Raborn Family Inn of Court, and the Moller/Foltz Bankruptcy Inn of Court.

Aimee M. Pingenet Key *Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC*
Ms. Pingenet Key exclusively practices family law. She has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Monthly* “Rising Stars” each year since 2006. Prior to practicing law, Ms. Pingenet Key was the program director of a supervised visitation facility for families in Austin as well as an elementary school teacher with the non-profit program, Teach for America. She received a B.A. degree in Psychology, with honors, an M.S. degree in Social Work, with honors, and a J.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Pingenet Key is board certified in family law and speaks and writes frequently on issues in family law.

Lindsey Obenhaus *Goranson Bain, PLLC*
Few situations are more life-changing than divorce or other family law matters, and Ms. Obenhaus dedicates her practice to helping clients move forward when the stakes are high. Ms. Obenhaus excels in cases involving complex financial issues such as business or stock portfolio valuations and discovery, contested custody disputes, and domestic abuse. With a background as a former prosecutor, Ms. Obenhaus’s extensive courtroom experience and strategic thinking helps clients to make informed decisions to achieve the best outcomes possible. Her counsel is not only strategic but practical as well. Serving professionals and stay-at-home parents alike, Ms. Obenhaus recognizes that divorce can present an opportunity for clients to reinvent themselves. She assists them in the pragmatic tasks of starting over, while also working to secure their financial futures and empowering them to take the right next steps. A graduate of the SMU Dedman School of Law, Ms. Obenhaus comes to GoransonBain Ausley after previously practicing family law at a boutique law firm. Lindsey also served as an assistant district attorney in Dallas County, where she gained meaningful trial experience in the family violence and protective order units. A Dallas native, Ms. Obenhaus attended the Hockaday School and earned her undergraduate degree from

Vanderbilt University. She is licensed to practice in the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States. Ms. Obenhaus was selected to be a member of the 2017 Dallas Area Young Lawyers Leadership Class. She is also a member of the Dallas Bar Association and volunteers her time and service at a local women’s shelter.

Mari L. Wise *The Wise Law Firm in Houston*
Ms. Wise is a board certified family law attorney practicing family law in Harris County, Fort Bend County, Montgomery County, Waller County, Brazoria County and surrounding counties. Most frequently, she serves clients in Houston, Katy, Sugarland, Richmond, and throughout the surrounding areas. Ms. Wise helps clients in all divorce and family law related matters, including child custody and child support, spousal maintenance, property division, post-divorce modifications and appeals. She also assists clients in other areas of family law, such as adoptions and paternity proceedings. Ms. Wise was admitted to the practice of law in Texas in 2000 and was admitted to the United State District Court for the Southern District of Texas in 2004. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin with honors, majoring in Psychology, and she earned her J.D. degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston. Ms. Wise is a member of the State Bar of Texas, State Bar of Texas Family Law Division, College of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association and its Family Law Division, as well as the Fort Bend County Bar Association.

Maria S. Lowry *Law Office of Maria Lowry PLLC*
Ms. Lowry represents clients in transition or planning for life changes. Many of these are family law matters, focusing on pre-nuptial agreements, post-nuptial agreements, divorce, adoptions, child custody and support, and modifications of custody and support orders. A portion of her practice is also devoted the preparation of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives, as well as assisting clients in probate administration or obtaining guardianship of incapacitated relatives. Ms. Lowry completed her undergraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin, and she earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and is a 2020 director of the Family Law Section of the Houston Bar Association. Ms. Lowry also contributes her time and talent to the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and Fort Bend Lawyers Care, which provide legal services to low-income citizens. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Lowry was a classroom teacher for several years. Her experience and training working with children, as well as her ability to understand their needs, add depth and insight to her work with families going through difficult times.

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