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Washington State Family Law Practice for Paralegals

Online - Wednesday, November 30, 2022 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm PST

Credits:

Paralegals/LLLTs: 6.5 CLE Hours

Washington State Bar Association:

6.5 Credits for Paralegals and LLLTs (Includes 1.0 Ethics Credit)

NALA: 6.5 Substantive CLE Hours (Includes 1.0 Ethics Hour)

NFPA: 6.5 Total CLE Credits (Includes 1.0 Ethics Credit)

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Assisting with Family Law Case Intake

- Performing conflicts checks
- Assisting with initial client interview
- Preparing engagement letter, opening file
- Collecting information

Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice

- Preparing initial pleadings
- Requesting temporary relief
- Preparing for the temporary orders hearing
- Preparing the temporary orders

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information

- Identifying relevant information on assets, debts, income and expenses
- Obtaining financial information
 - Using financial information questionnaires
 - Using interrogatories, requests for production, deposition testimony, private investigators
 - Valuing assets
- Evaluating the information you have obtained
- Working with accountants and financial experts
- Preparing financial statements

Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues

- Recent developments in Washington custody law
- Obtaining relevant information
 - Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, formal discovery
- Working with guardian-ad-litem
- Working with experts
- Drafting and reviewing parenting plans

Assisting with Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Assisting in family law mediation
- Understanding and assisting in divorce arbitration
- Assisting in the collaborative divorce process

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice

- Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Maintaining client confidentiality
- Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law
- Working with the secretive or dishonest client
- Handling allegations of abuse or neglect
- Zealous (vs. over-zealous) representation
- Fee agreements, retainers, and collection of unpaid fees

Credit Information

This webinar is open to the public and is intended to offer 6.5 CLE hours to paralegals and Limited License Legal Technicians in Washington, including 1.0 ethics CLE hour. Paralegal certification is not required in order to participate.

This course has been evaluated and approved by the Washington State Bar Association's MCLE Board for a total of 6.5 credits (5.5 Law & Legal credits, 1.0 ethics credit).

The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) has approved this course for a total of 6.5 CLE hours, including 1.0 legal ethics hour.

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) has evaluated and approved this course for 6.5 total CLE credits: 5.5 general CLE credits and 1.0 ethics CLE credits.

Attendance will be monitored, and attendance certificates will be available after the webinar for those who attend the entire course and score a minimum 80% on the quiz that follows the course (multiple attempts allowed).

Presented by

Linda Mason Wilgis *Integrative Family Law, PLLC*

Ms. Wilgis is a passionate advocate for her clients, representing children and families for over 25 years as an attorney in private practice, as a former Assistant Attorney General, and as a family and children's Ombudsman for the State of Washington.

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Mr. Rawnsley is a former chair of the Family Law Section of the Thurston County Bar Association, and he serves as an elected member of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Family Law Executive Committee (FLEC).

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Ms. Rolfe focuses her practice on family law, with a specialty in interstate and international custody and abduction issues (UCCJEA and Hague Convention). Ms. Rolfe was an editor for the WSBA Family Law Deskbook.

Hon. Ron Culpepper

After more than 29 years of judicial experience, retired Judge Ronald Culpepper is available to help resolve disputes through mediation and arbitration. Mediation or arbitration will save clients time, money, and stress. Judge Culpepper graduated magna cum laude from the University of Washington, with a degree in history, then attended and graduated from the University of Washington School of Law

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