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Working With Divorce Clients and Opposing Counsel *A. West*

- Establishing and maintaining good communication with clients
 - Methods of communication and contents of communications
 - Guidelines for responding to client communications
- Working with difficult clients
- Working with the courts and opposing counsel
- Maintaining professionalism

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information *K. Sheppard*

- 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 in Child Custody Disputes *K. Sheppard*

- Review of statutory terminology and criteria for determining custody
- Examining recent case law
- Custody checklist
- Obtaining relevant information
 - Client interview
 - Investigation
 - Formal discovery
- Educating your client
- Preparing the client for assessment/evaluation
- Working with experts
- Working with the *guardian ad litem*
- Preparing for trial
- Obtaining a custody modification

State of the Law on Domestic Violence and Best Use Practices of the DV-#### Forms *S. Hittelman*

- Obtaining statements and supporting evidence for DV applications
- Use of forms to make the case for protection orders to issue
- Update on recent DV case law and impact on presentation to court

Developments in Child Custody: Unwed Father Rights *D. Graves*

- Presumption that shared custody is in the best interest of the child
- Invoking/rebutting the presumption
- Seeking changes in custody schedules

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Faculty

Amy E. West, Esq. *Certified Legal Specialist in Family Law with Genesis Family Law in San Diego*

Ms. West has 20 years' experience in both family and criminal law and is certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a Specialist in Family Law. Ms. West joined Genesis Family Law, APC, in April 2023.

Koryn Sheppard

State Bar Certified Family Law Specialist based in San Diego

Ms. Sheppard has practiced family law since 2009. Using her extensive experience, she guides families through the legal system, specializing in divorce, child custody, child support, spousal support, and mediation. Ms. Sheppard possesses significant expertise in handling military divorce matters. She is often appointed by the court as a minor's counsel and qualified as a discovery referee.

Steven G. Hittelman, CLFS

President at Hittelman Family Law Group in Newport Beach

Mr. Hittelman has practiced family law for nearly 30 years, first as a Deputy District Attorney in the Orange County District Attorney's Office Family Support Division, then in private practice limited to family law as a senior associate with the law firm of Minyard Morris, LLP, next as the managing partner at Hittelman Strunk Law Group, LLP, now as President of Hittelman Family Law Group, APC.

Demetria L. Graves, CFLS *The Graves Law Firm in Pasadena*

Ms. Graves handles all aspects of family law, including divorce, child custody, child support, modifications, paternity, visitation rights, and other related legal issues in California. Ms. Graves is a professor at West Los Angeles Community College and a recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" award. She is the former legal chair of the YWCA of Glendale. Ms. Graves is also involved in many organizations, including the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Langston Bar Association, Pasadena Bar Association and others.

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