

## **Event Title:**

Family Law: Top Problems and Solutions for Paralegals

## **Event Date and Time:**

July 10, 2024 -- 10:00 AM EDT - 05:00 PM EDT

## **Event Agenda:**

*All times are shown in Eastern time.*

### **I. Mastering Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and Other Retirement Orders**

*10:00 - 11:00, Angela W. McIlveen*

- A. Review of Different Types of Retirement Benefits and How They're Divided
- B. The Art of Obtaining and Analyzing Retirement Information
- C. Drafting and Preapprovals: Creative Insights From Top Family Law Paralegals
- D. Costly Mistakes Paralegals Make With Decrees and Settlement Agreements
- E. Where to Go With the Final Product

### **II. Challenges in Finding Hidden Assets**

*11:00 - 12:00, Hon. Jeanette A. Irby*

- A. Expert Insights Into Reviewing and Analyzing Financial Records
- B. Examining Estate, Gift, and Inheritance Tax Returns for Gifts or Bequests
- C. High-Level Tracing Techniques for Locating Accounts and People
- D. Sophisticated Technology, Tools, and Resources for Locating Hidden Assets
- E. Creative Insights for Using Forensic Accounting Services

### **III. Advanced Tactics for Reviewing Tax Returns and Valuations**

*12:15 - 1:15, David Kowalski*

- A. Reviewing Tax Forms: What You Need to Look For
- B. Analyzing Complex Individual Tax Returns: Secrets and Insider Tips
- C. How Spousal and Child Support Impacts Taxes
- D. Sophisticated Tips and Tricks for Reviewing Business Tax Returns
- E. Components of Business Valuations: What Paralegals Need to Know
- F. Veteran Tips for Finding and Collaborating With Experts

### **IV. Dynamic Discovery Techniques in Divorce Litigation**

*1:15 - 2:15, T. Kevin Knight*

- A. E-Discovery: Advanced Issues and Answers
- B. Tips for Taking Your Interrogatories, RFAs, and RFPs to the Next Level
- C. Objections and Responses - Overcoming Common Challenges
- D. Depositions, DWQs, and Subpoenas: Insights From the Pros
- E. Understanding the UJDDA
- F. Resolving Out-of-State Subpoena Issues; Letters Rogatory and Commissions for Overseas Subpoenas

### **V. Child Support and Spousal Support (Alimony) Calculations (With Sample Documents)**

*2:45 - 3:45, Kevin S. Adaniya*

- A. Income Determinations, Credits, and Deductions
- B. Benefits and Income From Several Sources
- C. Deviation From Child Support Guidelines

## Child Support Arrearage Calculations

### VI. **Tackling Ethical Challenges in Family Law: A Paralegal's Guide**

4:00 - 5:00, Kevin S. Adaniya

- A. Avoiding the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL)
- B. Identifying and Addressing Conflicts of Interest
- C. Attorney-Client Privilege and Confidentiality
- D. Electronic Evidence Spoliation and Remedies
- E. Dealing With Clients Who Are Hiding Assets and/or Don't Respond
- F. Challenges When Handling Emotionally Distraught and/or Difficult Clients

#### **Event Description:**

What are the top mistakes paralegals make with settlement agreements and decrees? Are you up to speed on the latest tech tools paralegals are using to locate hidden assets? Do you know what to look for when reviewing tax returns? In this engaging program, our seasoned faculty show you how to tackle the top problems that paralegals encounter in family law. Further your knowledge - register today!

- Discover high-level techniques for handling QDROs and other retirement orders.
- Overcome hurdles when trying to locate hidden assets.
- Formulate advanced strategies for conducting discovery in divorce cases.
- Enhance your understanding of how to calculate child support.
- Develop strategies for reviewing tax returns.

*\*Any mention of specific products in this program is intended as part of a general overview and does not constitute IPE's endorsement or recommendation of any specific product or provider. This program is not sponsored by any technology or electronics provider.*

#### **Who Should Attend:**

This **advanced level course** is designed to provide attendees with creative tips and tricks for handling complex issues in family law. Those who should attend include:

- Paralegals
- Legal Technicians
- Legal Assistants
- Legal Support Staff

#### **Event Bio:**

**[Kevin S. Adaniya](#)** is a sole practitioner in Honolulu, where he practices in child abuse/neglect law, family law, divorce law, child custody law, paternity law, adoption law and child support law. He has lectured to paralegals on family law issues. Mr. Adaniya is a member of the Child and Parents Advocates (chair), Hawaii State (Young Lawyers Division) and American (Family Law Section) bar associations, a volunteer of Legal Services Hawaii, Kids First program, and volunteer of Guardian Ad Litem program. He earned his B.A. degree, with honors, from the University of California at Santa Barbara and his J.D. degree from the University of the Pacific.

**Hon. Jeanette A. Irby** is a retired Circuit Court Judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. She is currently managing director of Juridical Solutions PLC, where she mediates family law disputes which are most suited to alternative dispute resolution. Judge Irby is experienced in all areas of civil litigation, including complex business disputes, divorce (equitable distribution, spousal support and custody), and personal injury claims. Before going on the bench, she practiced law with her primary focus on domestic relations. Judge Irby earned her B.S. degree from Central Michigan University and her J.D. degree from Thomas W. Cooley Law School.

**T. Kevin Knight** is a partner in the law offices of DSK Law. He is board-certified as a trial lawyer by both The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Over the course of his practice, Mr. Knight has generally focused on personal injury litigation. He earned his B.S.B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Central Florida and his J.D. degree from Stetson University College of Law.

**David Kowalski** is a partner with the law firm of Kowalski Wilson & Vang, LLC in Madison. Mr. Kowalski has throughout his career, represented clients of diverse financial, ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds. Experience gained through participation in hundreds of court hearings, lengthy trials, and all manner of substantive and procedural disputes allows him to serve his clients across the entire spectrum of family issues. Mr. Kowalski routinely lectures on family and child-related topics at seminars sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin and other legal organizations. He received his B.A. degree from Rutgers University and his J.D. degree from Marquette University Law School. Mr. Kowalski is the current Chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

**Angela W. McIlveen** is a partner with McIlveen Family Law Firm. She focuses her practice exclusively on litigation-related issues and handles cases in family law, including child custody and support, divorce, alimony, adoption, separation, domestic violence, and equitable distribution. With her years of experience in all areas of litigation including discovery, court motion hearings, deposition, trial, mediation and appeals, she has handled many cases in state and federal court. Ms. McIlveen is frequently interviewed by the media, including *Fox News*, *Business Leader Spotlight*, and *Arroe Collins 99.7 Unplugged and Totally Uncut*. She is a member of the Gaston County, North Carolina (board member, Family Law and Law Practice Management sections) and American (Family Law and Law Practice Management sections) bar associations. Ms. McIlveen is the author of *The North Carolina Divorce Guidebook*. She is also a member of the National Women Trial Lawyers. Ms. McIlveen earned her B.A. degree from Lenoir Rhyne University and her J.D. degree from Case Law School.