

WSBA

# Family Law Skills Training Institute

**For the Beginner and Other Practitioners New to Family Law**

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and the Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW)*

## **Family Law Nuts ‘n Bolts**

**Tips for preparation of the case and the client for your day in court.**



***Friday, April 13 – Saturday, April 14, 2018***

*At the*

Yakima County Courthouse, 128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (April 13)

Yakima Juvenile Court Center 1728 Jerome Ave. (April 14)

Yakima, WA

9.75 CLE credits for Washington attorneys pending including .75 ethics credits

***Save the date: 2018 Family Law Midyear***

***June 29-31***

***Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA***

## Schedule & Topics

### Day One

- 8:15 a.m. Check-in and walk-in registration, distribution of course materials, coffee and pastries.
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and introductions by Chair(s) – *Monique Gilson Moreau & Shelley Brandt***
- 8:45 a.m. **Opening the File – *Amy Yarger***  
The initial client interview and determination of whether to accept the case and client; identification and discussion of the issues, goals and strategies; fee agreements.
- 9:30 a.m. **Obtaining Information and Documents – *Karen Schweigert***  
Requests and checklists for the client, discovery from the other party, requesting information from other entities.
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Working with Experts - *Jonathan Lee***  
Tips and best practices for working with appraisers, evaluators, actuaries, guardians ad litem, and other professionals.
- 11:15 a.m. **Professionalism and Ethics, in the Courtroom and Out – *Amir John Showrai / Judge Naught***  
Rules of professional conduct, courtroom conduct and demeanor, communication with opposing counsel and parties.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch On Your Own** – Enjoy one of the many local restaurants
- 1:30 p.m. **Presenting the Case to the Court: Motions, Settlement Conferences, and Trials – *Shelley Brandt/Judge Bartheld***  
Preparing and presenting the pleadings and other materials; preparing the client and witnesses.
- 2:15 p.m. **Drafting Good Declarations – *Rhea Rolfe / Comm'r Tutsch***  
A critical part of advocacy is the witness statements submitted in declaration form. This session will include discussion of the technical requirements for valid sworn statements and drafting tips.
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**

- 3:15 p.m. **Presenting Your Case – Do’s and Don’ts of Motion Practice - *Mark Alexander / Comm’r Tutsch***  
The do’s and don’ts of effective presentation and argument of a motion.
- 4:00 p.m. **Small Group Meetings in Preparation for Mock Hearing Exercises – FLEC/DRAW attorneys to work with groups**  
Participants will break up into groups and assigned roles for the following day’s mock hearing exercises. Experienced family law practitioners will assist with preparation.
- 4:45 p.m. **Adjourn for the Day**

## **Day Two**

- 9:00 a.m. **Small Group Assembly and Final Preparation for Mock Hearings [FLEC/DRAW attorneys will help.]**
- 9:30 a.m. **Mock Hearing Exercises and Critiques: Judge Naught/Judge Bartheld/Commissioner Tutsch as well as FLEC members**
- 12:00 p.m. **Break**
- 12:15 p.m. **Conclusion and Program Wrap-Up**  
  
Commentary and feedback on the mock hearing exercises.
- 1:00 p.m. **Complete Evaluation Forms and Adjourn**

## Please Register Me for the Family Law Skills Training Institute in Yakima

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Attendance/Tuition (select applicable tuition rate):	
Admitted to the Bar for less than four (4) years:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 – WSBA Family Law Section Members
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<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200 – Sr. Yakima Attorneys
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All course materials will be provided in electronic format with each registrant receiving either a link by email or an email copy of the materials by prior to the Institute. If you do not have a laptop available for use at the program, please make your own hard copy from which to work at the seminar.

\*Individuals eligible to join the WSBA Family Law Section receive benefits that are only available to section members such as:

- ✓ Discounted tuition for the Family Law Skills Training Institute
- ✓ Other member benefits including Forms and Resources, Family Law Section list serve, and more...

Payment Information:
Please enclose a check with this registration form made payable to: Domestic Relations Attorneys of Washington (DRAW) Attn: <b>Cameron Fleury, CLE Coordinator, 1102 Broadway, Suite 500, Tacoma, WA. 98402</b> Walk-In Registrations Subject to Space Available; Hilton Garden is offering Group Room Rate for Participants; Reserve Early if you plan on staying in Yakima as rooms fill up fast this time of year.
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