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PROGRAM

Presiding: *Kurt A. Kegel*, Program Chair, Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

- 8:15 **REGISTRATION** (All attendees must check in upon arrival. A removable sweater or jacket is recommended.)
- 8:25 **OPENING REMARKS**
Kurt A. Kegel
- 8:30 **INTERNET, EMAILS, ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE – OH MY!!**
Jeffrey B. Bogart, Bogart & Bogart, P.C., Atlanta
- 9:30 **BREAK**
- 9:45 **THE ADVOCACY OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES - LECTURE**
K. Paul Johnson, McCorkle, Pedigo & Johnson LLP, Savannah
Elizabeth Green Lindsey, Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta
M. Kim Michael, Cook, Noell, Tolley, Bates & Michael LLP, Athens
Tina Shadix Roddenbery, Kidd & Vaughn LLP, Atlanta
- 10:45 **THE IMPACT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES – PRACTICAL**
Judges Panel:
Hon. Louisa Abbot, Judge, Superior Court, Eastern Judicial Circuit, Savannah
Hon. N. Jackson Harris, Judge, Superior Court, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, Canton
Hon. J. Stephen Schuster, Judge, Superior Court, Cobb Judicial Circuit, Marietta
Hon. Mary E. Staley, Judge, Superior Court, Cobb Judicial Circuit, Marietta
Hon. Melvin K. Westmoreland, Judge, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Atlanta
- 11:45 **BREAK**

- 12:00 **PROFESSIONALISM FOR THE FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONER**
Avarita L. Hanson, Professor; Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta

1:00 **RECESS**

2:30 **TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

6:30 **WELCOME RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

- 8:30 **WHAT EVERY DOMESTIC RELATIONS ATTORNEY NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT BANKRUPTCY**
Hon. Paul W. Bonapfel, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, Atlanta

- 9:30 **WHAT EVERY FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS**
Emily W. McBurney, Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta

10:00 **BREAK**

- 10:15 **WHERE IS THE EQUITY IN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF PROPERTY – INCLUDING LIVE ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE GEORGIA SUPREME COURT**
Starring the Supreme Court Justices:
Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears
Presiding Justice Carol W. Hunstein
Justice Robert Benham
Justice George H. Carley
Justice Hugh P. Thompson
Justice P. Harris Hines
Justice Harold Melton
Attorneys:
Richard W. Schiffman, Jr., Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta
Barry B. McGough, McGough, Huddleston & Medori, Atlanta

11:45 BREAK

12:00 AVOIDING BAR COMPLAINTS
AND MALPRACTICE IN FAMILY
LAW

*David N. Lefkowitz, The Lefkowitz Firm,
Atlanta*

1:00 RECESS

1:30 GOLF TOURNAMENT

6:30 SECTION RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007

8:30 HOT TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

Moderator:

*Robert D. Boyd, Boyd Collar Knight, LLC,
Atlanta*

Panelists:

*Hon. Cynthia D. Wright, Judge, Superior
Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Atlanta*

*Frank A. DeVincent, Davis, Matthews &
Quigley, P.C., Atlanta*

*Randall M. Kessler, Kessler, Schwarz &
Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta*

*Catherine M. Knight, Boyd Collar Knight
LLC, Atlanta*

*Richard M. Nolen, Warner, Mayoue, Bates &
Nolen, P.C., Atlanta*

*Christopher D. Olinstead, McLain & Merritt,
P.C., Atlanta*

*Alvah O. Smith, Levine & Smith, LLC,
Atlanta*

Carla F. Stern, Stern & Edlin, P.C., Atlanta

*Margaret Gettle Washburn, Margaret Gettle
Washburn, P.C., Lawrenceville*

*Elyse Aussenberg, Aussenberg Waggoner,
LLP, Alpharetta*

9:30 BREAK

9:45 BRIEF ASPECTS AND IMPLICATIONS
OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE
EVALUATIONS IN FAMILY LAW

*Hon. Gail S. Tusan, Judge, Superior Court,
Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Atlanta*

*Michael L. Fishman, M.D., Director, Young
Adults Program, Talbott Recovery
Campus, Atlanta*

10:15 EVIDENCE FOR THE FAMILY LAW
PRACTITIONER

*Paul Milich, Professor, Georgia State
University College of Law, Atlanta*

11:45 BREAK

12:00 CASE LAW/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Jonathan J. Tuggle, Warner, Mayoue, Bates
& Nolen, P.C., Atlanta*

*Marvin L. Solomiany, Kessler, Schwarz &
Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta*

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