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**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**

7:15 **REGISTRATION** (All attendees must check in upon arrival. A removable sweater or jacket is recommended.)

7:45 **FIRST TIME ATTENDEES' BREAKFAST—BY INVITATION ONLY**

8:25 **OPENING REMARKS**  
*Edward J. Coleman*, Chair, Family Law Section, State Bar of Georgia; *Surrett & Coleman, P.A., Augusta*

8:30 **EMPIRICAL MEASUREMENTS OF MARITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GET YOUR CLIENT MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT**  
*Hon. Cynthia D. Wright*, Judge, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Atlanta  
*Robert D. Boyd*, Boyd Collar LLC, Atlanta  
*John L. Collar*, Boyd Collar LLC Atlanta

9:30 **BREAK**

9:45 **JUDGES: SHRINKING BUDGETS, INCREASING CASE LOADS—SAME JUSTICE?**

**LAWYERS: SHRINKING FEES, FINANCIALLY STRAPPED CLIENTS—SAME REPRESENTATION?**  
*Hon. Steve C. Jones*, Judge, Superior Court, Western Judicial Circuit, Athens  
*John F. Lyndon*, Attorney at Law, Athens

10:45 **PRESERVING AND DIVIDING THE SHRINKING NEST EGG: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CLIENT AND YOURSELF**  
*Gwenn Dorb Holland*, Holland Schaeffer Roddenbery Blitch, LLP, Atlanta  
*Emily W. McBurney*, Davis, Matthews, & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta

11:45 **BREAK**

12:00 **EQUITABLE DIVISION OF UNUSUAL ASSETS—FINDING ASSETS TO DIVIDE IN THESE CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES**  
*John C. Mayoue*, Warner, Mayoue, Bates & Nolen, P.C., Atlanta

1:00 **RECESS**

2:30 **TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

5:45–6:30 **YLD WELCOME RECEPTION**

6:30–7:30 **INSTITUTE WELCOME RECEPTION**

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009**

8:30 **AT THE BREAKING POINT—FAMILY VIOLENCE: THE USE AND MISUSE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE PETITIONS**  
*Hon. Kristina Blum*, Williams, Morris & Blum, Buford, and Judge, Gwinnett County Magistrate Court, Lawrenceville  
*Michelle H. Jordan*, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Atlanta  
*Paul Oeland*, LaMalva & Oeland, P.C., Conyers

9:30 **NO MONEY? LET'S MODIFY!**  
*Hon. Jeffrey S. Bagley*, Judge, Superior Court, Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit, Cumming  
*Hon. Kathlene F. Gosselin*, Judge, Superior Court, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Gainesville  
*Kelly A. Miles*, Smith, Gilliam, Williams & Miles, P.A., Gainesville  
*Jeffrey G. Morrow*, Assistant District Attorney, Dougherty Judicial Circuit, Albany

10:45 **BREAK**

- 11:00 **TRUSTS, LLCs, AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS: WHAT TO ASK FOR, WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR, AND HOW TO ADDRESS IN A DIVORCE**  
*Christopher C. Graham, The Graham Private Client Law Group, Atlanta*
- 12:00 **DRIVEN TO DRINK: PERSPECTIVES ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES FROM THE BENCH, BAR AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**  
*Hon. Louisa Abbot, Judge, Superior Court, Eastern Judicial Circuit, Savannah*  
*K. Paul Johnson, McCorkle & Johnson LLP, Savannah*  
*Naomi Rucker, PhD., Savannah*
- 1:00 **RECESS**
- 1:30 **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
- 6:30-7:30 **SECTION RECEPTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009**

- 8:30 **PROFESSIONALISM—DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS**  
**Moderator:**  
*Hon. Warren Davis, Judge, Superior Court, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, Lawrenceville*  
*Hon. Kristina Blum, Williams, Morris & Blum, Buford, and Judge, Gwinnett County Magistrate Court, Lawrenceville*
- 9:30 **BREAK**
- 9:45 **NOT ENOUGH BUSINESS? MARKETING TIPS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
*Geoffrey A. Frost, Manager of Marketing and Professional Development, Bondurant, Mixson, & Elmore LLP, Atlanta*

- 10:45 **CROSS EXAMINATION: DARK ENERGY**  
*Roger J. Dodd, Spohrer & Dodd, Jacksonville, FL and Dodd & Burnham, P.C., Valdosta*

11:45 **BREAK**

- 12:00 **CASE LAW UPDATE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**  
*Marvin L. Solomiany, Kessler, Schwarz & Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta*  
*Karen Brown Williams, The Williams Firm, P.C., Atlanta*

1:00 **ADJOURN**

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