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I would be remiss if I did not extend a special thanks to each of you who are attending this seminar and for whom the program was planned. All of us hope your attendance will be most beneficial as well as enjoyable. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

*May, 2011*

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**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011**

- 7:30 **REGISTRATION AND FIRST-TIMERS BREAKFAST**  
 (All attendees must check in upon arrival. A jacket or sweater is recommended.)
- 8:15 **OPENING REMARKS AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW**  
*K. Paul Johnson*  
*Randall M. Kessler*
- 8:30 **PANEL OF 10 TO 15 JUDGES, EACH PRESENTING A 5-MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT, CLOSING ARGUMENT OR MOTION ARGUMENT**  
**Moderator:** *Nancy F. Lawler*, Lawler Green Givelber & Prinz LLC, Atlanta
- 10:00 **THE STATUS OF GAY MARRIAGE, DOMA AND RELATED ISSUES IN THE USA AND GA**  
*John C. Mayoue*, Warner, Mayoue, Bates & McGough, P.C., Atlanta
- 10:45 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION ON PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SAME SEX ISSUES**  
**Moderator:** *Dennis G. Collard*, Kessler, Schwarz & Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta  
**Panelists:**  
*Daniel A. Bloom*, Pachman Richardson LLC, Atlanta  
*Denise D. VanLanduyt*, Attorney at Law, Decatur  
*Ruth F. Claiborne*, Claiborne & Surmay, P.C., Atlanta

- 12:00 **GUARDIAN AD LITEMS V. PSYCHOLOGISTS: IS ONE BETTER THAN THE OTHER, AND WHEN DO YOU NEED EITHER?**  
**Moderator:** *Richard W. Schiffman, Jr.*, Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta  
**Panelists:**  
*H. Elizabeth King*, Ph.D., Peachtree Psychological Associates, Atlanta  
*Andrew M. Gothard*, Psy.D., Atlanta Psychological Services LLC, Atlanta  
*Nancy A. McGarrah*, Ph.D., Cliff Valley Psychologists, Atlanta  
*Paul Cardozo*, Ph.D., Psychologist, Athens  
*Debra M. Finch*, Debra M. Finch, P.C., Athens  
*Melody Z. Richardson*, Pachman Richardson LLC, Atlanta  
*Rebecca A. Hoelting*, McCurdy & Candler, LLC, Decatur
- 12:45 **RECESS**
- 1:00 **OPTIONAL MEETING FOR SOLOS AND SMALL FIRMS ON LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT (NO CLE)**  
 Informal discussion will include topics important to those in, or managing, a solo or small firm. Potential discussion topics: Getting business, billing and collecting.  
**Moderator:** *Charles M. Medlin*, Bovis, Kyle & Burch, LLC, Atlanta  
**Panelists:**  
*L. Katherine Adams-Carter*, The Adams-Carter Law Firm, P.C., Decatur
- 2:00 **TENNIS TOURNAMENT**
- 5:30-6:45 **WELCOME RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011

- 8:30 **PANEL OF 10 TO 15 JUDGES, EACH GIVING A 5 MINUTE ACTUAL OPENING STATEMENT, CLOSING ARGUMENT, OR MOTION ARGUMENT**  
**Moderator:** *Shiel G. Edlin*, Stern & Edlin, Atlanta
- 10:00 **MARRIAGES END — DIVORCE IS FOREVER - WHAT WE DO COUNTS**  
*Jeffrey B. Bogart*, Bogart & Bogart, P.C., Atlanta
- 10:45 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:15 **MILITARY HOT TIPS**  
*William J. "John" Camp*, Westmoreland Patterson Moseley & Hinson, Warner Robins  
*Mark E. Sullivan*, Law Offices of Mark E. Sullivan, P.A., Raleigh, NC  
*Steven P. Shewmaker*, Lynch & Shewmaker, LLC, Atlanta  
*Patricia D. Shewmaker*, Lynch & Shewmaker, LLC, Atlanta
- 12:00 **INTERNATIONAL CUSTODY**  
*Patricia E. Apy*, Paras, Apy & Reiss, P.C., Red Bank, NJ  
*Karen Brown Williams*, Attorney at Law, Atlanta  
*Michael E. Manely*, The Manely Firm, P.C., Marietta
- 12:45 **RECESS**
- 1:00 **OPTIONAL SESSION ON MILITARY ISSUES (NO CLE)**  
*Mark E. Sullivan*  
*William J. "John" Camp*  
*Steven P. Shewmaker*  
*Patricia D. Shewmaker*
- 1:30 **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
- 6:00-7:30 **FAMILY LAW RECEPTION**

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011

- 8:30 **PANEL OF 10 TO 15 JUDGES, EACH GIVING A 5 MINUTE ACTUAL OPENING STATEMENT, CLOSING ARGUMENT, OR MOTION ARGUMENT**  
**Moderator:** *Marvin L. Solomiany*, Kessler, Schwarz & Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta
- 10:00 **THE GOOD KARMA DIVORCE**  
*Hon. Michele F. Lowrance*, Judge, Cook County Domestic Relations Division, Chicago, IL
- 10:45 **BREAK**
- 11:00 **CASE LAW UPDATE AND THE NEW GEORGIA RULES OF EVIDENCE**  
*Sarah McCormack*, Kessler, Schwarz & Solomiany, P.C., Atlanta  
*Rebecca L. Crumrine*, Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., Atlanta  
*Kathleen B. Connell*, Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle, LLC, Atlanta
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