

Family Law Group Training

April 12, 2019

10:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

PHFA Building, 211 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Agenda

10:00 – 11:30 PFAs and Firearms – 1.5 substantive CLE

Laurie Baughman, MPLS

The session will detail the changes to Pennsylvania's Uniform Firearms and Protection From Abuse Acts as a result of Act 79. These changes become effective on April 10, 2019. Specifically, Act 79 enhances the protections for victims of domestic violence especially for victims whose abusers have firearms. The Act also removes the provision in the law that previously allowed family or friends of the abusive party to act as third-party safe-keepers and hold the defendant's weapons for the duration of the protective order.

11:30 – 11:45 BREAK

11:45 – 12:45 Pro Se Advice and Assistance – 1 ethics CLE

Nick Matash, MPLS

An interactive discussion on the ethical issues involved in assisting pro se litigants. Topics to be discussed include: limiting the scope of representation; Ghostwriting; Clinic best practices; PA.R.P.C. 6.5.

12:45 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 – Divorce Update and Divorce Tracker – 1 substantive CLE

Sheila Fisher – NPLS

The "Divorce Tracker" is a real step forward in access to justice. The free, automated program guides low-income litigants – or their advocates - through start to finish of a simple, uncontested divorce. The program keeps track of where litigants are in the divorce process and produces the appropriate divorce forms at timely junctures in the case. See how the Divorce Tracker can supplement services to your client community.

2:30 – 2:45 BREAK

2:45 – 3:45 Motion Practice in Family Law - 1 substantive CLE

Arly Smith-Person and Ashley Walker, PLA

Presenters will discuss best practices in family law motions practice from preliminary objections through motions for reconsideration in PFA, custody, and support matters. The presentation will delve into jurisdictional, evidentiary, and substantive motions practitioners can employ throughout litigation to better position clients at trial, or to avoid trial altogether. Finally, the presentation will discuss creative ways to use motions for special relief.