

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake Performing conflicts checks Preparing engagement letter, opening file Collecting information	<i>Y. Rantisi</i> Assisting with initial client interview
Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice Preparing initial pleadings Preparing for the temporary orders hearing Preparing the temporary orders	<i>B. Cranmer</i> Requesting temporary relief
Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information Identifying relevant information on assets, debts, income and expenses Obtaining financial information • Using financial information questionnaires • Using interrogatories, requests for production, deposition testimony, private investigators • Valuing assets Evaluating the information you have obtained Working with accountants and financial experts Preparing financial statements	<i>S. Mansfield</i>
Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues Current status of custody law in Louisiana Obtaining relevant information • Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, using formal discovery Working with guardian-ad-litem Working with experts Drafting and reviewing parenting plans	<i>Y. Rantisi</i>
Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees Implementing divorce decrees and orders • Preparing and filing the decree • Enforcing judgments and orders Modifying decrees and orders • Determining which parts of a decree or order are subject to modification, deciding when to seek modification Assisting in modification actions	<i>Y. Rantisi</i>
Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals Avoiding conflicts of interest Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law Working with the secretive or dishonest client Handling allegations of abuse or neglect Zealous (vs. over-zealous) representation Fee agreements, retainers, and collection of unpaid fees	<i>A. Kaloyares</i> Maintaining client confidentiality

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You'll be able to:

Assist with initial client interviews, conflicts checks and client intake.

Work on drafting family law pleadings and preparing for temporary orders hearings.

Obtain and evaluate financial information, get tips on valuing assets, and work on financial issues with accountants and other financial experts.

Assist with child custody and visitation issues, and work on parenting plans.

Handle ethical issues in family law and avoid the unauthorized practice of law.



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Learn about assisting with family law case intake

Prepare pleadings and assist with motion practice

Obtain and evaluate financial information

Assist with child custody and visitation issues

Learn about modifying family law orders and handling ethical issues in family law practice

Continuing Education Credits

This seminar offers paralegals 6.5 CLE hours, including 1.0 ethics hour.

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Faculty

Yazan Rantisi *Attorney at The Louisiana Family Law Firm*
Mr. Rantisi is the founding attorney of The Louisiana Family Law Firm. He earned a Political Science degree from LSU, and then followed in his father's footsteps and became a successful car salesman in Baton Rouge. During this time, he discovered his passion for helping others and began dreaming of transitioning into a career as a lawyer. The road was not easy, but with the support of his friends, family, and co-workers, he was able to support himself through Southern University Law Center by working during the day and attending classes at night. He quickly realized he had a passion for family law, and earned a skill set that lends itself to finding solutions in highly-contested divorce and child custody disputes. He applied his passion and skills by volunteering as a CASA advocate, where he assisted children in foster care. He earned a reputation within the organization and courtroom as someone who could help find solutions among even the most adversarial parties. Mr. Rantisi has been recognized multiple times by Capital Area CASA for his work. Prior to graduating, Mr. Rantisi spent 2018 working as a law clerk within Southeast Louisiana Legal Services' Family Law Unit. This opportunity allowed him to gain amazing experience, as he worked on a large number of cases involving divorce, child custody, and domestic violence. In May of 2019, with the help of his family, friends, and community, Mr. Rantisi applied all of his experiences and founded the Louisiana Family Law Firm.

Brad Cranmer *Attorney at Mansfield Melancon Cranmer & Dick*
Mr. Cranmer, a Baton Rouge native, opened his own law practice right out of law school. His practice revolved around fighting for his clients' rights. He also spent several years as a prosecutor for the City of Baton Rouge. His job as a prosecutor allowed him to be in the courtroom daily. He has prosecuted cases ranging from D.W.I. to domestic abuse battery, securing numerous convictions. In 2017, he received Avvo's "Clients' Choice Award" for the dedicated legal service that he provides to his client. He has also received awards including the "American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys 10 Best Attorneys Client Satisfaction" award, and "Super Lawyers Rising Star 2020." Mr. Cranmer received his J.D. degree from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. He served on LSU Law's Trial Advocacy Board as a member, competitor, and coach, along with serving in the Student Government for the Law Center. He has competed and coached for LSU Law in mock trial competitions ranging from New York to Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Cranmer attended Louisiana State University for his bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminology. He is involved with multiple legal and charitable organizations, including the Family Law Section of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, the Young Lawyer's Section of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Seminar Information

Baton Rouge Marriott 5500 Hilton Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (225) 924-5000	Registration 8:00 - 8:30 am Morning Session 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Lunch (On your own) 12:00 - 1:00 pm Afternoon Session 1:00 - 4:30 pm
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Scott Mansfield *Attorney at Mansfield Melancon Cranmer & Dick*
After several years of practicing law with one of Louisiana's oldest and most respected firms, Mr. Mansfield formed Mansfield Melancon with other experienced lawyers. He has argued in numerous Louisiana courts and has advocated for clients throughout the state. He has represented clients in personal injury cases, family law cases, criminal cases, and numerous business/civil litigation cases. In 2018, Mr. Mansfield was ranked by his peers among the Super Lawyers - Louisiana Rising Stars. The Rising Stars list recognizes less than 2.5 percent of attorneys in Louisiana. He serves as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics Advisory Service Committee, which works to encourage ethical lawyer conduct and supports the LSBA's Ethics Counsel in the provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar. He also serves on the LSBA Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, which protects the public from incompetent or fraudulent activities by those who are unauthorized to practice law or who are otherwise misleading those in need of legal services. Mr. Mansfield graduated from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. While in law school, he served as an editor of the *Mineral Law Institute Newsletter* and member of the Student Bar Association Ethics Committee. Mr. Mansfield is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, in the United States District Courts for the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Aimee Kaloyares *Attorney at Messer & Associates*
Ms. Kaloyares is a trial attorney practicing in the areas of family, criminal and juvenile law. She has handled criminal law trials and appeals, family law trials, mediations and hearings, as well as several juvenile felony court trials, DCFS parent representation and juvenile misdemeanors. She grew up in rural Maine before pursuing her undergraduate degree from Cazenovia College in Syracuse, New York, in 2011 and her Juris Doctorate degree in the law from Southern University, here in Baton Rouge. During her time at Southern University, she was a member of Moot Court, Law Review and Phi Alpha Delta. She is the author of the 2011 publication in the Criminal Law Section of the *California State Bar* entitled, "Sex Offenders: The Modern Day Scarlet Letter", and of the book *Annie Get Your Gun? An Analysis of Reactionary Gun Control Laws and Their Utter Failure to Protect Americans From Violent Gun Crimes* available on Amazon. Ms. Kaloyares has served as a juvenile public defender in Ascension Parish for the past four years, dedicating her abilities to the defense of parental rights because she strongly believes in public service and that children deserve a better future through stronger parents. She prides herself on seeking the best outcome possible for her clients who may be going through the worst times of their life.

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