

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake

C. Bone

Performing conflicts checks Assisting with initial client interview
Preparing engagement letter, opening file
Collecting information

Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice

M. DeTreville

Preparing initial pleadings Requesting temporary relief
Preparing for the temporary orders hearing
Preparing the temporary orders

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information

C. Warner

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

Assisting with Family Court DSS Cases

D. Butcher

Appealing an indicated case; how and why
Discovery – what to ask for and what is a complete file
Important statutes
What is a Safety Plan and why it is not worth the paper it is written on
Court information sheets are ex parte contact with the court – how to strike them
Sometimes your client is guilty – helping them through

Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees

S. Hawkins

Implementing divorce decrees and orders
• Preparing and filing the decree • Preparing other necessary documents
• 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

Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice

M. Dell

Complying with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals
Avoiding conflicts of interest
Maintaining client confidentiality
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

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Assist with family law case intake, including performing conflict checks and assisting with initial client interviews.

Prepare initial pleadings and temporary orders and understand temporary orders hearings.

Obtain, identify, and evaluate financial information, including assets, debts, income, and expenses.

Receive an overview of Family Court DSS cases and relevant important statutes.

Discuss how to implement, enforce, and modify family law orders and decrees.

Identify ethical issues in family law practice and understand how to comply with rules of professional responsibility and ethics guidelines for attorneys and paralegals.



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Review family law case intake

Understand how to prepare pleadings and assist with motion practice

Analyze obtaining and evaluating financial information

Discuss assisting with Family Court DSS Cases

Enforce and modify family law orders and decrees

Explore ethical issues in family law practice

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Faculty

Carolyn M. Bone is the principal of The Law Office of Carolyn M. Bone, LLC in Summerville, South Carolina, where she focuses her practice entirely on family law issues. Ms. Bone is a Certified South Carolina Family Court Mediator and past president of the Dorchester County Bar Association. She serves on the South Carolina Bar Family Law Council, as well as the Dorchester County Family Court Liaison Committee. Ms. Bone earned her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina and was recently voted “Best Family Law Attorney in Charleston- Runner Up” by the *Charleston City Paper*.

J. Michael DeTreville is the principal attorney in the firm of DeTreville Law & Mediation, LLC, whose office is located in Charleston, South Carolina. The firm primarily handles clients in the “Tri-County” (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester) region. Mr. DeTreville graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.A. degree in Political Science in 2001, and with a J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina, School of Law in 2005. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November of 2005, and he has been in private practice since that time, first as an associate attorney for Patricia O. DeTreville, P.A., prior to founding DeTreville Law & Mediation. Approximately 75 percent of his practice is devoted to Family Court litigation. He is an active member of a number of professional organizations, including the Charleston County Bar, the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Carrie Warner, Attorney at Law, is known for her ability to successfully litigate complex cases. She was part of the legal team that made history in 2014 when their clients prevailed on their challenge to South Carolina’s ban on same-sex marriage, with the ultimate decision made by the U.S. District Court. Ms. Warner brings considerable experience in the family, probate, civil and appellate court systems. She is regularly featured in statewide publications, at conferences, and in the news media. She also serves as a volunteer for the American Bar Association’s legal services program for U.S. Military service members.

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Deborah J. Butcher is a founding attorney of the Camden Law Firm, P.A. Mrs. Butcher has been in private practice since 2007 and has extensive experience with both criminal, family, and civil practice. Her family law practice includes separation, divorce, alimony, custody, and visitation, child support, both in and out of state adoptions, paternity, state jurisdiction, and orders of protection. Mrs. Butcher has worked with Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, providing representation to defend individuals’ civil rights under the ADA. She has also worked under a grant from the United States Department of Justice to provide representation for domestic abuse victims.

Suzanne L. Hawkins is the owner of Hawkins Law, where she practices in the fields of family law, LLR defense, and custody and special needs. Her family law practice includes separation, divorce, custody, visitation, DSS cases, modification of custody and visitation orders, and enforcement of prior orders. Over more than 22 years of practice, Ms. Hawkins had worked across South Carolina and has tried cases, argued motions, and handled appeals in courts ranging from the Administrative Law Court to the Federal District Court. She is also Special Counsel at Duff Freeman Lyon, LLC.

Megan Hunt Dell is the founder and principal attorney of Dell Family Law, P.C. She focuses her practice on all areas of family law and appeals of cases heard in South Carolina Family Court. She is a certified guardian ad litem for private custody and adoption cases. Ms. Dell is regularly invited to speak at continuing legal education seminars on family law topics. She is a member in the Charleston County Bar Association, the Berkeley County Bar Association, and the South Carolina Bar Association. Ms. Dell is a graduate of the College of Charleston and the Charleston School of Law, and she previously served on the Charleston School of Law Alumni Association’s Board of Directors. Ms. Dell was named the 2017 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the South Carolina Bar Association.

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