

Agenda

Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice

C. Dienstag

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

Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees

C. Dienstag

- 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

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information

C. Derr

- 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 Law Case Intake

A. Nickolaou

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

Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues

S. Kay

- Recent developments in Florida custody law
- Obtaining relevant information
 - Client interview, custody questionnaires, authorizations for disclosure, formal discovery
- Working with guardian-ad-litem
- Working with experts
- Drafting and reviewing parenting plans

Ethics in Family Law: Conflicts of Interest and Client Confidentiality

S. Kay

- Preventing conflicts of interest
- Protecting client confidentiality

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Prepare initial pleadings and temporary orders.

Assist with modifying decrees and orders, and determine which parts of a decree or order are subject to modification.

Identify relevant financial information on assets, debts, income, and expenses.

Assist with family law case intake, including performing conflict checks and preparing engagement letters.

Discuss recent developments in Florida custody law.

Explore ethical issues in family law, including conflicts of interest and client confidentiality.



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Prepare pleadings and assist with motion practice

Assist with family law case intake

Assist with enforcing and modifying family law orders

Participate in drafting and reviewing parenting plans

Obtain and evaluate financial information

Evaluate ethical issues in family law

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Faculty

Cynthia J. Dienstag *Cynthia J. Dienstag, P.A. in Miami*
Ms. Dienstag has focused her practice on marital and family law since 1989, and has expanded her specialization to include domestic partnership matters. Ms. Dienstag is a Florida Supreme Court-certified family mediator and Martindale-Hubbell AV preeminent rated attorney. She has been chosen by *Florida Trend Magazine* as one of the Florida Legal Elite since 2006, and she has been named a Florida Super Lawyer since 2007. She was named Nation’s Top One Percent 2015 by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. Ms. Dienstag is a frequent lecturer on complex areas of family law. She received her J.D. degree from University of Miami School of Law.

Christine L. Derr *Harris Hunt & Derr, P.A.*
Ms. Derr is a board-certified expert in marital and family law in Tampa. While she is known as a skilled litigator, Ms. Derr is equally adept at fashioning creative, mutually beneficial resolutions in mediation and through her collaborative divorce practice. While she is proud of her success in the courtroom, her experience has taught her that the most advantageous way to resolve a case is usually at the negotiation table. Ms. Derr believes that the collaborative process is suited for cases where the parties seek a confidential, less contentious solution. Regardless of whether a case is collaborative or contested, Ms. Derr puts in the same effort to analyze each case, get the right answers, and allow clients to make informed decisions. She believes that clients are in the best position to make decisions about their families and finances, and an attorney’s role is to use her training, analysis, and experience to help navigate those decisions.

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Andrew Nickolaou *Bernal-Mora & Nickolaou, P.A.*
Mr. Nickolaou is a founding partner at Bernal-Mora & Nickolaou, P.A. He practices exclusively in divorce, marital and family law as an attorney, mediator, and *guardian ad litem*. He and his partner, Ophelia Bernal-Mora Nickolaou, joined forces in March 2016 to form the unique and boutique husband and wife family law team at Bernal-Mora & Nickolaou, P.A. Together, they take a practical and team-based approach to all of their cases and clients to deliver the highest quality experience and representation. This has served as the foundation for being known as the Orlando Family Team. Mr. Nickolaou was born in Chicago, Illinois, and relocated to Florida as a teenager, where he has lived since. He graduated from the University of Florida, with honors, acquiring a bachelor of arts degree. He then proceeded to law school, where he earned his juris doctorate degree from Barry University – Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando with high honors in the top five percent of his class. Mr. Nickolaou’s experience as a family law paralegal for nearly eight years while in school and before becoming an attorney gives him both a unique experience level as well as understanding of the importance and difference in the roles of a paralegal and an attorney.

Sarah E. Kay *Kay Family Law PLLC*
Ms. Kay is a trial-tested litigator who is board certified in Marital and Family Law by The Florida Bar who is also experienced in collaborative divorce and a Certified Family Law Mediator by The Florida Supreme Court. She assists solo and small firm attorneys throughout Florida through contract research, writing, and consulting services in addition to directly assisting Florida’s families through legal representation, *guardian ad litem* services, and as a mediator. Ms. Kay takes time to understand and embrace each family’s and firm’s exceptional qualities. She proudly serves Florida’s families and their attorneys through her law firm Kay Family Law PLLC in Tampa, Florida.

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