

# Agenda

**Assisting with Alternative Dispute Resolution** *L. Merrill*

- Assisting in family law mediation
- Understanding and assisting in divorce arbitration
- Assisting in the collaborative divorce process

**Understanding High Conflict Divorce** *L. Merrill*

- How to identify high conflict personalities
- HCP tactics, predictable patterns of behavior
- How to help clients prepare: documentation, education, and strategy

**Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information** *S. Liko*

- 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

**Preparing Marital Settlement Agreements** *E. Gebhardt*

- Assisting with different types of agreements
  - Property agreements
  - Child-related agreements
  - Support agreements

**Recent Developments in Colorado Family Law** *J. Price*

- Legislative update
- Case law update
- Current issues in family law

**Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice** *J. Price*

- 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** in family law mediation and in the collaborative divorce process.
- Identify** high-conflict personalities, and use effective strategies for working in high-conflict divorces.
- Obtain** financial information, value assets and work with financial experts.
- Assist** with the preparation of property agreements, child-related agreements and support agreements.
- Discuss** recent legislative and case law developments in Colorado family law.
- Avoid** conflicts of interest, maintain client confidentiality and prevent the unauthorized practice of law.



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- Assist** in mediation, arbitration and collaborative divorce
- Assist** with property, support and child-related agreements
- Learn** strategies for working in high-conflict divorces
- Review** recent developments in Colorado family law
- Obtain** information on assets, debts, income and expenses
- Handle** ethical issues in family law practice

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# Faculty

**Liz Merrill** *Owner of Open Space Mediation*  
Ms. Merrill is a mediator and a divorce coach with a specialization in high-conflict and narcissistic relationships. She lectures regularly on high conflict divorce strategies and is a sought-after speaker and podcast guest. She also engages in regular pro bono work for families who are experiencing financial hardship and offers pro bono services through various nonprofits and the Colorado Court system. Her understanding of psychological and physiological reactions to trauma, conflict, and anxiety brings a holistic approach to her work with families caught in the high- conflict cycle. After her own litigious high-conflict divorce, she saw the need for a holistic approach to divorce mediation, which included non-violent communication skills, managing trauma, and an understanding of how personality traits and personality disorders create high conflict in a divorce. When she started working as a mediator for the courts, she discovered how badly equipped most divorce professionals are to manage the specific needs of people in high-conflict relationships and how damaging it can be to the individuals and, most importantly, the children and family systems. Now she helps hundreds of people in crisis find workable solutions so they can reduce anxiety, save money, and move on with their lives.

**Sharon D. Liko** *Sharon D. Liko, P.C.*  
Ms. Liko has earned a reputation for excellence, thorough preparation, and success in representing men. The boutique law firm established in 1991, offers clients quick, responsive, personal, and professional service. Ms. Liko's preparedness and tenacity in the courtroom have built her reputation as one of the top men's rights attorneys in Colorado. Men and fathers have equal rights under the law. Ms. Liko, P.C. has over 30 years of attorney experience representing men and assisting them with the unique issues they often face. The firm has served as legal counsel to a wide range of clients, including professional athletes, politicians, doctors, lawyers, dentists, CEOs, CFOs, business owners, executives, and others with high-profile and high net-worth divorce and family law issues.

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**Erika A. Gebhardt** *Partner at Gebhardt Emerson Moodie Bonanno, LLC*  
Ms. Gebhardt is an attorney licensed in Colorado, who offers clients efficient and effective representation and who tailors her services to the unique needs of each individual client. Ms. Gebhardt's practice focuses exclusively on family law.

Ms. Gebhardt's clients have the added benefit of her experience in the areas of employment law, estate planning, and complex commercial litigation. Her previous experience in these areas provides her with a unique perspective and skill set, which enable her to successfully navigate more complicated issues that may arise in cases involving business interests and trusts. Ms. Gebhardt has a wide breadth of experience in family law matters, to include unique parenting time issues, non-traditional families, and high net worth families and individuals.

Ms. Gebhardt works closely with her clients to ensure that their case is handled and resolved in a manner that enables them to transition smoothly beyond the legal system. Whether she is working as a mediator, collaborating with other professionals, or advocating for her clients in court, Ms. Gebhardt's strength is her tireless dedication to making sure that each client is heard and their needs and goals considered in the pursuit of best possible results. It is Ms. Gebhardt's philosophy that resolving family law cases outside of the courtroom offers families the best opportunity to move forward positively, however, she is the vigorous advocate clients need and trust when litigation becomes necessary.

**Janet M. Price** *Paralegal at Ciancio Ciancio Brown, P.C.*  
Ms. Price is a certified family law paralegal at Ciancio Ciancio Brown, P.C., she is a former president of the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association. Ms. Price is an experienced paralegal with a demonstrated history of working in the legal field. Ms. Price is skilled in trials, document drafting, appeals, legal discovery, and creative problem solving. She is a strong community and social services professional with an associate's degree of applied science focused in paralegal from Arapahoe Community College. Ms. Prince is an Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) in family law through NALA the Paralegal Association and Core Registered Paralegal (CRP) through the National Federation of Paralegal Associations.

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