

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake

J. Friedman Helfman

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

Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information

M. Langhals

- 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

Working With Divorce Clients and Opposing Counsel

J. Himmelein

- Establishing and maintaining good communication with clients
- Methods of communication and contents of communications
- Guidelines for responding to client communications
- Working with difficult clients
- Working with the courts and opposing counsel
- Maintaining professionalism

Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees

A. Parise

- 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. Langhals

- 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:

Prepare client engagement letters and assist with initial client interviews.

Use formal and informal discovery to obtain information on the assets, debts, income and expenses of parties in divorce actions.

Establish and maintain good communication with clients and opposing counsel.

Assist with the preparation of family law orders and decrees, and get tips for working on modification actions.

Comply with rules of professional responsibility and avoid the unauthorized practice of law.



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Assist with family law case intake

Explore ethical issues in family law practice

Obtain and evaluate financial information

Assist with enforcement and modification of family law orders and decrees

Learn to establish and maintain good communication with clients

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Faculty

Jill Friedman Helfman *Co-Partner in Charge, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, Cleveland office*
Ms. Helfman is a well-respected attorney and family advocate and she serves as co-partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office. She is the practice chair of Taft’s Domestic Relations practice. Ms. Helfman’s practice focuses on family and divorce law, particularly in high net worth cases. She is certified by The Ohio State Bar Association Family Law Specialty Board as a specialist in the field of Family Law in Ohio and as an arbitrator through the AAML Matrimonial Arbitration Training Institute. With extensive experience and a confident, patient approach, she consistently earns the respect of her clients and peers. Ms. Helfman’s experience ranges from analysis and litigation of complex business valuation issues to property division, support and difficult custody matters. A trusted advisor to high-profile clients, she provides regular legal counsel to business owners, professional athletes, physicians, lawyers and other prominent professionals.

Matthew Langhals *Owner, Langhals Law, LLC - Marysville, Ohio*
Mr. Langhals began his legal career as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Clair County, Michigan in 2001. He transitioned to private practice in 2009, and then later moved back to Ohio and opened his own law office in 2012. The firm’s focus is family law: divorce, dissolution, custody, and mediation. Mr. Langhals is also a guardian ad litem in Union and Logan Counties. As a practitioner in the rural counties west of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Langhals has established a reputation as the attorney who gives clients straight, no nonsense advice, but wraps that advice in a polite and friendly bow. Mr. Langhals has also authored a divorce book set for publication in the summer of 2022 that shows the readers how taking the right perspective when ending a marriage leads to more practical, and sometimes inspired, outcomes.

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Jennifer M. Himmelein *Partner, Brouse McDowell, Cleveland office*
Jennifer M. Himmelein focuses her practice in family law, including domestic relations, juvenile, probate and mediation. She has extensive experience handling a variety of cases in Domestic Relations Court and frequently helps draft prenuptial agreements. She regularly serves as a court-appointed guardian ad litem in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake and Geauga Counties. She also teaches guardian ad litem courses for the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College and has participated in extensive divorce-related mediation training and is certified as a parent coordinator. Jennifer Himmelein also conducts private mediations related to divorces and parenting issues. She is a Certified Family Law Specialist by the Ohio State Bar Association and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Anna M. Parise *Partner with Dworken & Bernstein, Cleveland, Ohio*
Ms. Parise is a family law practitioner and helps clients through divorce, child support, spousal support and custody disputes. Highly rated in peer reviews throughout her career, she is active in bringing family law legal services to those who cannot afford it. Ms. Parise’s legal practice includes domestic relations, divorce, family law, child support, spousal support and custody. She is also frequently appointed by trial courts in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake Counties as guardian ad litem to protect the interests of children.

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