

Agenda

Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice Preparing initial pleadings Requesting temporary relief Revising and editing motions	<i>C. Richardson</i>
Assisting with Family Law Case Intake Performing conflicts checks Assisting with initial client interview Preparing engagement letter, opening file Collecting information	<i>A. Pingnot Key</i>
Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees Let's start with the current court order Which parts of the order are subject to modification or enforcement Child support and medical support Conservatorship, possession and access Property division How to get started-Meeting with the client and information gathering Drafting the petition for modification or enforcement Preparing for the hearing/mediation/trial Drafting the final orders and preparing other necessary documents Getting the final judgement and orders entered Liens and other tools to collect the judgement	<i>M. Wise</i>
Family Law Discovery Discovery requests Disclosures Deadlines	<i>A. DeHart</i>
Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information Identifying relevant information on assets, debts, income and expenses Preparing an inventory and appraisalment Preparing your client's budget Obtaining financial information - Obtaining information from your client - Obtaining information from your client's spouse through interrogatories, requests for production, deposition testimony - Obtaining financial information from third parties Valuing and characterizing assets Working with accountants and financial experts Evaluating and using the information you have obtained	<i>R. Tsai</i>

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Learning Objectives

- You'll be able to:**
- Work** on preparing initial pleadings and requesting temporary relief.
 - Perform** conflicts checks and assist with initial client interviews.
 - Learn** which parts of family law orders can be modified and learn to assist with the modification process.
 - Assist** with discovery requests.
 - Prepare** financial documents including inventories and budgets, and get tips on working with financial experts.



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- Learn** about family law case intake
- Obtain** and evaluate financial information
- Assist** with pleadings preparation and motion practice
- Enforce** and modify family law orders and decrees
- Work** on family law discovery requests

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- National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)**
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- Texas Board of Legal Specialization**
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Faculty

Christina Richardson *Attorney, Gray Reed*
Christina Richardson's practice focuses on all aspects of family law, including divorce proceedings, marital property valuation and characterization, premarital agreements, enforcement actions, child custody and support issues, modification proceedings, adoptions and other child-related issues. She graduated with a B.F.A. degree from the University of Houston and with a J.D. degree from the South Texas College of Law. Following law school she served as a clerk for Judge Larry Weiman, Texas 80th District Court, and for Judge Evelyn Keyes, First Court of Appeals of Texas.

Mari L. Wise *Attorney, The Wise Law Firm*
Ms. Wise is a Board Certified Family Law Attorney at The Wise Law Firm. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin with honors, majoring in Psychology, and she earned her J.D. degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston. Ms. Wise was admitted to practice in Texas on February 8, 2001, and has been Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2011. Ms. Wise is a member of the State Bar of Texas, its Family Law Section, its Texas Technology Section, and then the College of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association and its Family Law Section, the Fort Bend County Bar Association, and Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists.

Aimee M. Pingenet Key *Attorney, Goranson Bain Ausley*
Ms. Pingenet Key exclusively practices family law. She has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Monthly* "Rising Stars" each year since 2006. Prior to practicing law, Ms. Pingenet Key was the program director of a supervised visitation facility for families in Austin as well as an elementary school teacher with the non-profit program, Teach for America. She received a B.A. degree in Psychology, with honors, an M.S. degree in Social Work, with honors, and a J.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Pingenet Key is board certified in family law and speaks and writes frequently on issues in family law.

Ashley DeHart *Attorney, Gray Reed & McGraw*
Ashley DeHart is a compassionate advisor and tenacious courtroom advocate with significant experience representing clients in challenging family law cases all over Texas. Her practice covers all aspects of family law, including divorce proceedings, complex marital property characterization and valuation, premarital and post-marital agreements, enforcement actions, child custody and support matters, modification proceedings, adoptions and other child-related issues. Ms. DeHart brings a creative and detail-intensive approach to helping clients reach the best possible outcome in every case, whether it involves a complicated marital estate with considerable assets and business interests at stake, or an emotionally-charged custody battle where the best interests of the children take center stage. Although Ms. DeHart is ready to litigate aggressively when necessary, she focuses on minimizing pointless antagonism between the parties and resolving disputes amicably before they land in the courtroom. During her final year of law school, she served as a judicial intern in the 246th Family District Court in Houston. This experience gave her an inside look at how judges evaluate complex family law issues and effective strategies for delivering compelling arguments in the courtroom. Ms. DeHart also worked as a criminal law paralegal for seven years while attending college and law school. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and her B.A. degree from Texas A&M University.

Robert Tsai *Attorney, Law Office of Robert Tsai, PLLC*
Robert Tsai is an attorney with the Law Office of Robert Tsai, PLLC. Mr. Tsai began his career in a boutique litigation defense firm. In 2016, he switched from civil litigation to family law litigation at a medium-sized law firm. His experience at that firm included managing his own docket of family law cases and first-chairing numerous trials, hearings, and a jury trial. He sat for the board certification exam in family law and later passed that exam. He is board certified in family law as of December 2020 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Tsai received his B.S degree from Purdue University and his J.D. degree from Baylor Law School.

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