

Agenda

Assisting with Family Law Case Intake Performing conflicts checks Assisting with initial client interview Preparing engagement letter, opening file Collecting information	<i>A. Rummell</i>
Preparing Pleadings and Assisting with Motion Practice Preparing initial pleadings Requesting temporary relief Preparing for the temporary orders hearing Preparing the temporary orders	<i>M. Averill</i>
Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information 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	<i>J. Means</i>
Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues Recent developments in South Carolina 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	<i>M. Averill</i>
Assisting with Alternative Dispute Resolution Assisting in family law mediation Understanding and assisting in divorce arbitration Assisting in the collaborative divorce process	<i>J. Schreiber</i>
Handling Ethical Issues in Family Law Practice 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	<i>A. Rummell</i>

South Carolina Family Law Practice for Paralegals

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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.
- Assist** with child custody and visitation issues.
- 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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| Assist with family law case intake | Assist in alternative dispute resolution |
| Understand how to prepare pleadings and assist with motion practice | Work on custody and visitation issues |
| Obtain and evaluate financial information | Explore ethical issues in family law practice |

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- Paralegals**
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- NFPA**
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Faculty

Ashley Rummell is an attorney with Stokes Family Law & Mediation, LLC. Her main areas of practice are family law, probate, and estate planning. She takes a highly client-centered approach which enables her to fully understand what is best and needed for each family in more than one aspect. Ms. Rummell is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division and the Charleston County Bar. She earned her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. degree from Charleston School of Law.

Maria Averill is the founder of Averill Law Firm, LLC. Her practice is focused on the areas of family law, education law, and wills and trusts. She's a certified guardian ad litem and a certified family court mediator. Ms. Averill received her law degree from the Charleston School of Law, where she attended on a partial academic scholarship. During her time there she was honored with the CALI Award of Excellence in the areas of Family Law and Legal Research and Writing, and she received the Pro Bono Award at graduation for providing more than 100 hours of pro bono legal work. Her pro bono work included serving as an adult guardianship volunteer in the probate court and volunteering at the domestic violence clinic at the Charleston County Courthouse. She also served as the student chair of the Academic Committee for the law school. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was a practicing Board Certified Behavior Analyst in the Lowcountry. She founded a local company that provides therapy, testing, and psychiatric services for children with behavioral and psychological disorders. Her Bachelor's degree is in psychology from Chapman University in Orange, California, and her master's degree is in Clinical Psychology, with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy, from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. She went on to complete post-graduate coursework through the University of Texas at Denton in Applied Behavior Analysis, receiving her board certification in Applied Behavior Analysis in 2008. She also taught for the graduate program at the University of West Florida for two years as an adjunct professor in the Department of Behavior Analysis and served as a clinical supervisor for individuals pursuing their certification. Current memberships include the South Carolina Association for Justice (SCAJ), the American Bar Association (ABA), the Charleston County Bar Association (CBA), Dorchester County Bar Association, Berkeley County Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, the Children's Law Committee of the South Carolina Bar, the Education Law Committee of the South Carolina Bar, the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, and the Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston.

Jessica Means is a partner with Hall & Means, LLC. The firm provides legal advice and advocacy for all aspects of family law. Ms. Means's extensive courtroom experience provides her clients with the advocacy necessary to navigate through the difficulties of a separation, divorce, child custody and/or support issues. She represented lay Guardians ad Litem in Charleston and Dorchester County Family Courts handling abuse and neglect cases from 2013 to 2018. Years of experience in handling difficult issues concerning children in abuse and neglect cases have provided Ms. Means the foundation to continue being an advocate for children. Her practice solely focuses on family law and much of her time is serving as a private guardian-ad-litem in custody disputes. She is a member in good standing with the South Carolina Bar and the United States District Court, District of South Carolina. Ms. Means is also a member of the Charleston County Bar and the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. Ms. Means received the President's Award from the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division in 2016 for her service and leadership as a co-chair for the Families Forever Committee, which promotes adoption and foster care in South Carolina. In 2021, she was selected to the South Carolina Super Lawyers List as a Rising Star. She earned her B.A. degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and her J.D. degree from Charleston School of Law.

Jeffrey Schreiber is the founder of Lowcountry Divorce and Family Law LLC. He likes to focus on achieving predictability and stability for clients while guiding them through an often unpredictable Family Court system and process. In 2014, Mr. Schreiber was named to the Top 10 Family Law Attorneys Under 40 in South Carolina by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys. That year, he was also elected treasurer of the Dorchester County Bar Association, and he has been re-elected twice since then. Mr. Schreiber also sits in his third year on the Bar Association's Family Court Liaison Committee. He served as treasurer for the Dorchester County Bar Association from 2014 through 2017, and is now serving as the vice president of the DCBA. He earned his B.A. degree from Auburn University and his J.D. degree from Rutgers Law School.

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