



Oregon Law Institute  
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# **BEST PRACTICES: 21st Annual Family Law Seminar**

**T**his year's program will focus on, among other topics, an update on the child support guidelines, establishing a successful lawyer-client relationship, how to successfully delegate in your office, e-discovery issues, effective billing practices, elder law issues, and valuable advice from judges.

Don't miss this practical seminar designed to provide you with the most up-to-date information in areas that will affect your everyday practice!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008**

Oregon Convention Center  
777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Portland, Oregon

**6.5 General MCLE Credits**

# SCHEDULE

- 8:00 A.M. LATE REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS
- 8:25 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
- 8:30 - 9:00 **The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly—  
Child Support Guidelines Update**
- What changed in your world
  - What didn't change
  - Answers to most frequently asked questions  
– *Shawn Brenizer*
- 9:00 - 9:45 **Successful Delegation: Teamwork Testimonials**
- Setting up systems for effective delegation
  - Communication rules
  - Who does what? How and why?  
– *Ruth E. Pekelder*  
– *Alex P. Sutton*  
– *April Schopmann*
- 9:45 - 10:30 **Cyber-Discovery: A New Frontier**
- Discovery in an electronic age
  - How far is too far?
  - Practical privacy concerns  
– *Craig Wymetalek*
- 10:30 - 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 - 11:30 **Ethical and Effective Billing Practices**
- Common sense matters
  - Client responsibility
  - Right to quit/withdrawal
  - Right not to complete work  
– *Steven Carpenter*  
– *Robert T. Scherzer*
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Elder Law and Family Law—Issues and  
New Developments**
- Declining/disabled spouse in dissolution
  - Disabled children, public benefits, and dissolution
  - Death before dissolution complete
  - Beneficiary designation changes at dissolution
  - Parental abandonment  
– *Cynthia L. Barrett*
- 12:00 - 1:15 LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
- 1:15 - 2:15 **Establishing and Maintaining a Successful  
Lawyer-Client Relationship**
- Act 1: Reasonable Expectations
  - Act 2: Crisis in Confidence
  - Act 3: Happy Endings  
Moderator: *Susan E. Teller*  
– *Steven Carpenter*  
– *Hon. Elizabeth Welch*
- 2:15 - 2:30 BREAK

# SCHEDULE (cont.)

2:30 - 3:15

## How to Get Judges to Pay Attention (and See it Your Way)—Practical Do's and Don'ts

- Objections
- Asset lists
- Proof
- Exhibits
- Organizational tips
- Witnesses
- Proper use of questions—direct and cross
  - *Hon. Deanne L. Darling*
  - *Hon. Katherine E. Tennyson*

3:15 - 4:15

## Miscellaneous Thorny Issues

- Procedures and forms to obtain medical records, DHS records and CARES records
  - Dealing with the client who wants to “fly under the radar” and brings issues to the table that suggest criminal potential, tax liability, or other government oversight
  - Internet and e-mail issues—discovering e-mail correspondence, seeking production of a hard drive, and counseling clients on e-mail and internet etiquette
  - Dealing with the *pro se* party on the other side of the case
  - Getting your client, or the other attorney, to the table in mediation or a settlement conference
  - Closing a case—what keeps the file open and how to get it closed
- Moderator: *Linda J. Larkin*  
– *John D. Peterson*  
– *Kathryn L. Villa-Smith*

4:15

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## **LIVE PRESENTATION**

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Kellington, Krack, Richmond,  
Blackhurst & Glatte, LLP  
23 Newtown Street

### **Portland – 10/22/08**

**Replay 9:00 a.m.**  
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