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Alternatives to Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy may not always be the answer to a client's debt relief. This course is designed to provide practitioners with alternatives to bankruptcy, including debt settlements, deeds in lieu of foreclosure, short sales, and state court receiverships. Subjects also to be addressed: asset protection outside of bankruptcy, tax ramifications of debt settlements, fair debt collection, and statutes of limitation on debt collection. Robert Barr; Koehler Fitzgerald LLC; Cleveland

Animal Abuse & Family Violence Approved for Family Relations Law Certification

This program will explore the 'dark side' of the humananimal bond and its implications on prosecutors and law enforcement as well as human and humane services. We will describe new strategies, research, public policies, and programs to prevent family violence and to respond to its human and animal victims. We will also discuss onthe-ground legal efforts to combat family violence, and recent legislation passed in Ohio that provides tools to address animal abuse and family violence. Vicki Deisner: ODNR: Columbus

Ethan Arenstein; Cathy R. Cook, Atty at Law; Cincinnati

Business Valuation Errors - How to Effectively Cross-Examine these Issues

The world of valuation is a complex discipline where seemingly minor errors can result in significant swings in business value. Join us to learn about the most common errors made when valuing a business. Not only will you gain insight into how to review opposing experts' reports and prepare for an effective cross-examination of these common errors, but you will also gain awareness of weaknesses in your own experts' valuations so that you can proactively address them.

Sean R. Saari, CPA/ABV, CVA, MBA; Skoda Minotti; Cleveland Robert A. Ranallo, CPA/ABV, JD, CVA, CFF; Skoda Minotti; Cleveland

Business Valuations Issues in Divorce ®

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This presentation will provide an overview of the most common errors seen in valuation reports. This presentation will be relevant for anyone that needs to review valuation reports in the context of litigation, M&A transactions, estate/tax matters, bankruptcy, and ESOP transactions

Tami Bolder: SS&G Financial Services, Inc; Solon

Dealing with DROP in a Divorce

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Since the program started in 2003, the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) has been one of the most complex and least understood retirement benefits that Ohio domestic relations attorneys deal with. This one-hour presentation explores the unique funding of the plan, identifies the dangers to clients and attorneys and presents recommended solutions. Materials include critical language for inclusion in property settlement agreements

Brian Hogan; QDRO Group; Medina

Dealing with Fidelity Investments in Divorce Cases ®

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This intermediate course gives a detailed look at the recommended approach when Fidelity Investments is the plan administrator. The discussion of Fidelity's pitfalls ranges from initial discovery to QDRO best practice tips. Brian Hogan: ODRO Group: Medina

Developing a Parenting Plan: A Child-Centric Approach

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Ohio courts have discovered that taking a child-centric approach to parental separation has a long-term benefit to children. One benefit is the reduction in parental conflict, which, in turn, reduces post-decree litigation. Learn how to develop a parenting plan that focuses on children's developmental and emotional needs, so that children have the benefit of maximized parental involvement as they grow and develop. Karen Brinkman; Brinkman & Associates; Cincinnati

Effective and Strategic Use of Appraisals in Litigation

Learn how appraisers and appraisal documents can be used in litigation, how to attack and defend an appraisal in court, and key details that attorneys don't know about appraisals

Dr. John A. Kilnatrick, Ph.D., MAI, FRICS: Chairman and Co-Managing Director, Greenfield Advisors:

Equality Ohio - Contextualizing LGBTQ Issues

A discussion of the issues facing the LGBTQ community. including crime victimization, human trafficking victimization, discrimination, and other legal concerns, and some of the legal protections that exist at the Federal and State level.

Alana Jochum, Esq.; Equality Ohio; Cleveland Maya Simek, Esq.: Case Western Reserve University School of Law: Cleveland Fmily Meyer, Fsq.: Fquality Ohio: Cleveland Andrew Dugan, Esg.; Equality Ohio; Cleveland

Family First Prevention Services Act ®

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This webcast will provide an overview of the Family First Prevention Services Act and discuss how the Act will affect child welfare cases and the courts. Magistrate Kathleen S. Lenski. Montgomery County Juvenile Court: Dayton Karen McGormley, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services: Columbus

Featherbrained and Flighty: Frivolous Conduct in Litigation

This presentation will present the possible worstcase scenario that can result from frivolous conduct allegations under R.C. 2323.51. It is based on the Federal National Mortgage Assn v. Schmidt case, 10th Dist., 2015-Ohio-2659

Dianna M. Anelli, Esq.; The Anelli Law Firm, LLC; Columbus

How to Read and Understand Financial Statements – A Primer for Lawyers

Financial statements tell the story of a business in numbers. In this course, participants will learn the fundamentals of the four major financial statements: income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and statement of shareholders' equity. You will also learn about the levels of financial statement assurance offered by CPAs (audit, review and compilation) and the pros and cons of each. Finally, we will cover basic accounting concepts and financial statement analysis that will help you better understand your clients' businesses. Sean R. Saari, CPA/ABV, CVA, MBA; Skoda Minotti; Cleveland Robert A. Ranallo, CPA/ABV, JD, CVA, CFF; Skoda Minotti; Cleveland

Managing the Difficult Client

Learn tools for preventing and handling difficult clients: identify warning signs, learn common tactics, and understand what you can do once you have a difficult client. Also, ensure that you stay within the ethical guidelines by reviewing the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct.

J. William Duning, Esg.; Grav & Duning; Lebanon

Professional Responsibility: Recent Ethical Violations in Family Law Cases 🖪 🧐

Approved for Family Relations Law Certification Join this discussion to review some of the violations heard by the Ohio Supreme Court within the last 12

Diane DePascale, Attorney DePascale Law Offices; Dayton

Using a Forensic Accountant A Perspective for Lawyers

This presentation will examine how to get the most out of using a forensic accounting expert, as well as tips in qualifying the proper expert. In addition, we will review the accounting standards most commonly questioned by lawyers in forensic accounting cases, as well as Daubert challenges. This program also covers effective engagement management methodologies, forensic approaches, expert report preparation, expert comparisons, testifying, the art of conveying clear expert conclusions and of course, "expert vulnerabilities." Howard L. Klein, CPA, CFE, CIRA, CVA; Skoda Minotti Valuation and Litigation Services; Cleveland Frank A. Suponcic, CPA, CFE, CFF; Skoda Minotti Valuation and Litigation Services; Cleveland

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