

Pioneering on the Plains: Forging New Directions in Family Formation

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Time	Title	CLE (Ethics)
1:15 – 1:30	Opening Remarks	
1:30 – 3:00 (Dual)	Taking the Long View: How to Recognize, Acknowledge, and Educate Clients To Avoid Microaggressions	1.5
3:00 – 4:00 (Adoption)	ICWA – Avoiding Litigation and Settlement with Tribes	1.0
3:00 – 4:00 (ART)	Advances in Embryo Transfer Protocols: PGS/Genetic Testing, Pre & Post Implantation Standard of Care	1.0
4:00 – 4:15	Break	
4:15 – 5:15 (Adoption)	Immigration – Habitual Residence Cases (Interplay with Stepparent and Relative Adoptions)	1.0
4:15 – 5:15 (ART)	The Age of the Internet: Ethics & Information in ART	1.0 (Ethics)
6 – 8	Welcome Reception	

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Time	Title	CLE (Ethics)
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast/New Member Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:00 (Adoption)	The Business of Adoption Practice – Website; Use of Social Media/Negative Social Media; Technology Solutions; On-Line Payments; Time/Case Management Systems	1.0
9:00 – 10:00 (ART)	Blurred Lines: Medical v. Legal Advice; Clinics Donating Embryos to Clients; Contact with Other Counsel’s Clients and other Legal & Ethical Quandaries	1.0 (Ethics)
10:00 – 11:00 (Adoption)	Ethics and Dealing With The Alleged Birth Father	1.0 (Ethics)
10:00 – 11:00 (ART)	International Dilemmas of Parentage – Coming Home to the US with Baby: Progress in Perceptions of ART Worldwide, Recognition & Parental Assumptions, Goals & Hopes	1.0
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:15 (Adoption)	Nature v. Nurture – Effects of Birthparents Competency on Child	1.0
11:15 – 12:15 (ART)	International Dilemmas of Parentage – How to Get Your International Clients Home with Baby: Notarization, Immigration, Insurance, Relationship Building, Language Barriers	1.0
12:15	Lunch	
1:45 – 3:45	Business meeting	
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Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Time	Title	CLE (Ethics)
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast/Committee Meetings	
9:00 – 10:30 (Dual)	Full Faith and Credit in Action and How the US Supreme Court Shut Down Discrimination: <i>V.L. v. E.L.</i> , 136 S.Ct. 1017, 577 U.S. ____ (2016) and beyond. Attorney Heather Fann (trial counsel) & Attorney Adam Unikowsky (US Supreme Court counsel) Share Their Experience and Impact of the Decision.	1.5
10:30 – 11:30 (Adoption)	What Does It Mean To Act Like A Dad? Survey of Paternal Preterm Abandonment; Update on Constitutionality of Paternity Registries and Court Opinions	1.0
10:30 – 11:30 (ART)	Evolution of Gamete Donation: Changing Societal Perceptions, Myths of Anonymity, and Intersection with Existing Statutes	1.0
11:30 – 11:45	Break	
11:45 – 12: 45 (Adoption)	Post Adoption Conflicts & Mediation – Survey Research of States Allowing Post-Adoption Attacks and Post-Adoption Ethical Considerations	1.0 (ethics)
11:45 – 12:45 (ART)	Keeping Sanity and Humanity in the ART Practice: Navigating Difficult Issues as They Arise in Surrogacy Arrangements	1.0
12:45 – 1:45	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30	Business Meeting	
6:00	Evening Gala at WWI Museum	

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Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time	Title	CLE (Ethics)
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:00 (Adoption)	Avoiding & Coping With Adoption Disruption	1.0
9:00 – 10:00 (ART)	Fast & Furious: Court Curveballs (Case Law Trends & Conflicts)	1.0
10:00 - 11:00 (Adoption)	Advising Clients on Funding Their Adoption: Failed Adoption Credit & Adoption Tax Credit Update	1.0
10:00 – 11:00 (ART)	It's Been a Tough Day at the Office: Managing Difficult Clients and Situations	1.0
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12: 15 (Adoption with Some Dual Topics)	Lightning Rounds – Recent & Recurring Hot Topics on the Listserv	1.0
11:15 – 12:15 (ART)	ART Advocacy in Everyday Practice: Keeping Essential Principles in Mind in Conversation, Drafting Contracts, and Shepherding Legislation	1.0
12:15 – 12:30	Closing remarks	