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# ***New Lawyer Training: Core Components of Divorce & Dissolution***



November 9, 2010  
1:30pm – 4:45pm  
3.0 CLE hours

## *Presenters*

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#### **Agenda:**

##### **1:30 Custody and Visitation Law**

- Required affidavits
- Best interest of Child
- Role of Guardian Ad Litem
- Post decree issues

**Presenter: Attorney Robert H. Snedaker, III (25 minutes)**

##### **1:55 Property and Debt Division Law**

- Identification, Valuation and Division of Property
- Division of Marital Property
  - general rules
  - exceptions to the rule
- Division of Separate Property
  - premarital property, inheritances and gifts
  - tracing of separate property
- Financial Misconduct
- Practice Tips

**Presenter: Attorney James A. Hanneman (25 minutes)**

##### **2:20 Spousal Support (Alimony) Law**

- Cases suitable for spousal support - i.e. When it will be ordered
- Modifiability vs. non-modifiability in spousal support cases
- Tax effects on spousal support; interrelation of spousal support and child support
- Income equalization in long-term marriages

**Presenter: Attorney Joseph L. Piccin (25 minutes)**

2:45 Break

##### **3:00 Child Support Law**

- Software options
- Determining income

- Other worksheet inputs
- Child support deviations

**Presenter: Attorney Gary S. Wellbaum (25 minutes)**

**3:25 Dissolution Procedure Law**

- When dissolution is appropriate
- Information gathering/client intake
- Necessary documents
- Final hearing

**Presenter: Attorney Stacey A. Gilbert (25 minutes)**

**3:50 Divorce Procedure Law**

- Sources of law
- Contested vs. uncontested divorce
- Jurisdiction, venue, and strategy
- Documents and procedures

**Presenter: Attorney Douglas B. Dougherty (25 minutes)**

**4:15 Panel Discussion (30 minutes)**

Douglas B. Dougherty

Stacey A. Gilbert

Gary S. Wellbaum

Joseph L. Piccin

James A. Hanneman

Robert H. Snedaker, III

**Presenter Biographies**

**Robert H. Snedaker III ("Chip")**

Attorney Robert H. Snedaker III ("Chip") is an attorney with nearly thirty years of legal experience. He is an Ohio State Bar Association, Certified Specialist, Family Relations Law. His practice is limited to divorce, dissolution, and other family relations law issues. Chip has given presentations and written articles for the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the Ohio Psychological Association, and many other organizations. He is a frequent speaker at seminars for lawyers and non-lawyers. He has spoken and written about many family law issues and concerns. He is a founding member of the Collaborative Divorce Professionals, Inc., an association advocating use of the collaborative divorce process as an alternative to traditional contested divorce. His membership has included service as president and on the board of trustees. He graduated from Ohio University in 1978, cum laude, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He obtained his Law Degree (Juris Doctorate) from Capital University Law School in 1981.

**James A. Hanneman**

Attorney James A. Hanneman ("Jim") is a partner at Dougherty, Hanneman & Snedaker, LLC, in Columbus, Ohio. The firm limits its practice to divorce, dissolution, and other family law matters. Mr. Hanneman has practiced for 15 years and is certified as a specialist in Family Relations Law. He previously served as the Chairman of the Family Law Committee of the CBA. Mr. Hanneman is a member of the Collaborative Divorce Professionals handling numerous collaborative cases each year. Mr. Hanneman also

serves as a referral attorney for Choices and Turning Point, two central Ohio domestic violence groups that provide services for victims of domestic violence. Mr. Hanneman is licensed to practice law in the states of Ohio and Georgia.

#### **Joseph L. Piccin**

Joseph L. Piccin attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, from 1993 until 1997. He graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees in Finance and Accountancy and a subspecialty in Management Information Systems. After college, he attended the University of Akron School of Law from 1997 until 2000. Mr. Piccin has practiced law since 2000. From 2000 until 2003, he was an Assistant Attorney General with the Ohio Attorney General's Office. In 2004, he opened his private practice, focusing on general civil litigation, representation of small to medium-sized businesses including business formation issues, as well as family law.

Mr. Piccin has handled complex divorce cases involving business interests and valuation, child custody disputes, and long-term support issues.

#### **Gary S. Wellbaum**

Mr. Wellbaum is a 1981 graduate of Ohio Northern University and a 1984 graduate of The Ohio State University, College of Law. Since 1991, Mr. Wellbaum has limited his practice exclusively to Family Law. He has been an Ohio State Bar Association Certified Family Relations Law Specialist since 2000. In 2003, he was selected to serve as a committee member on the ABA Family Law Section's Working Group on Same-Sex Marriages and Non-Marital Unions. The Group not only published a White Paper but also presented the topic as one of the ABA Presidential Showcase presentations at the national meeting in Atlanta in 2004. In 2005, Mr. Wellbaum was asked to serve as Co-Vice-Chair of the ABA Family Law Section's Committee on Alternative Families. He was re-appointed as Vice-Chair in 2006. Mr. Wellbaum lectures regularly on the topic of family law at the local, state, and national levels.

#### **Stacey A. Gilbert**

Stacey began her legal career as a Staff Attorney to Judge David Fais, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division. She then opened her own law firm, Gilbert Law Office, LLC. Next, Stacey was an associate attorney with a small Columbus firm. Subsequently, she became a Staff Attorney to Judge Elizabeth Gill, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch. In July of 2008, Stacey became Of Counsel with Dougherty, Hanneman & Snedaker, LLC. She now practices only family law and enjoys what she does because she helps people.

Stacey graduated from the University of Dayton in 1998 (Bachelor of Arts in International Studies; minors: French, International Business). She studied abroad in eastern and western Europe.

Stacey graduated from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2001.

Stacey is married with one son; they are expecting another child in March. Stacey enjoys running and weightlifting and has completed a half and a full marathon.

#### **Douglas B. Dougherty**

Attorney Douglas B. Dougherty ("Doug") is the senior partner at Dougherty, Hanneman & Snedaker, LLC, in Columbus, Ohio. The firm limits its practice to divorce, dissolution, and other family law matters. Mr. Dougherty has practiced for 30 years and is certified as a specialist in Family Relations Law. He has an "AV" rating (the highest possible rating regarding knowledge of the law and ethics) from the LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell organization. He has also been named as one of "Ohio's Top Lawyers" and as

a "Super Lawyer." Attorney Dougherty won a landmark victory in the Ohio Supreme Court in *Fisher v. Hasenjager* (2007), 116 Ohio St.3d 53, 2007-Ohio-5589, which addressed the underlying principles in shared parenting cases and defined when shared parenting orders and plans can be modified. Mr. Dougherty is a frequent speaker and author. He previously served as the Chairman of the Family Law Committee of the CBA. For his work as Chairman, he was given the President's Award in recognition of his leadership of the committee.

# **Custody and Visitation Law**

**Presenter:  
Attorney Robert H. Snedaker, III**

# **Child Support Law**

**Presenter:  
Attorney Gary S. Wellbaum**

# **Dissolution Procedure Law**

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# **Dissolution Procedure Law Appendix**

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# **Divorce Procedure Law with Exhibits**

**Presenter:  
Attorney Douglas B. Dougherty**