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This three-hour program focuses on the agreements parties make when they are about to be married, when they alter their rights during marriage, and when they end their marriage. There are special rules for each type of agreement that family law practitioners must be familiar with when drafting, enforcing, attacking, or defending the agreement. Judge Thomas Trent Lewis and attorneys Anne C. Kiley and Christopher C. Melcher are leading authorities in this area; they will provide in-depth analyses of the latest issues regarding premarital, marital and marital settlement agreements, including essential terms, pitfalls and hot tips. Whether you draft or litigate these agreements, *you will not want to miss this program!*

HIGHLIGHTS

PREMARITAL AGREEMENTS

- Societal Views
- Transaction vs. Litigation Practice
- UPAA Requirements
- Drafting Tips
- Opting-Out of Community Property
- Waiving/Limiting Spousal Support
- Disinheritance
- Defenses
- Litigation Tactics

POSTNUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

- Comparison to Marital Settlement Agreements
- Fiduciary Duty Issues
- Presumption of Undue Influence
- Making a Valid Agreement
- Scope of Agreement
- Use of Mediation
- Risk Management
- Enforceability

MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

- Importance of Disclosures
- Anticipating a Set-Aside Request
- Key Recitals
- Required Terms
- Tax Issues
- Dealing with an Unrepresented Party
- Reservation of Jurisdiction
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- General Releases

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JUDGE THOMAS TRENT LEWIS serves in a long cause family law trial department in Los Angeles; he served as the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division from 2011 to 2014. Judge Lewis became a Certified Family Law Specialist in 1985 and was inducted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 1987. Judge Lewis served on the Family Law and Juvenile Advisory Commission until 2014 and serves as a faculty member for the judicial training committee for Family Law (CJER). He is the Immediate past president of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Judge Lewis is also a contributing author of The Rutter Group's *California Practice Guide: Family Law* and serves as Program Director for CFLR. In 2010 he was awarded the *Outstanding Jurist Award* by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyer's Southern California Chapter and in 2014, Judge Lewis became the first emeritus member of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists.



ANNE C. KILEY, CFLS, has been practicing family law since 1990 and has been a Certified Family Law Specialist since 2000. Her Martindale-Hubbell rating is "AV," and she has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer by the Los Angeles Times Magazine since 2005, as one of the top 50 women attorneys in Southern California by the Los Angeles Times Magazine since 2011; she has also been included in *Best Lawyers in America* since 2007. Ms. Kiley is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Southern California Gould Law School, where she has taught Family Law since 2007. Ms. Kiley has served on the board of Levitt and Quinn and on the Judge Pro Tem panel for the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Department.



CHRISTOPHER C. MELCHER, CFLS, specializes in complex family law litigation and the preparation of premarital agreements. He also handles appeals of family law judgments and writ proceedings involving family law orders. Mr. Melcher has substantial experience in the financial aspects of divorce, including tax consequences of property division and spousal support, the valuation and division of a family business, and the definition of income for purposes of setting spousal and child support. He served as Chair of the State Bar of California Family Law Section for the 2011-2012 term, is a Certified Family Law Specialist, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has presented over 125 continuing legal education programs to other attorneys across California and in other states on the issues of complex family law issues. He has authored treatises and articles on premarital agreements and financial issues in family law proceedings. He is a partner in the family law firm of Walzer Melcher LLP in Woodland Hills. Before entering family law, he practiced criminal defense and civil litigation. He earned his law degree at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, and was admitted to the California bar in 1994. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Northridge.

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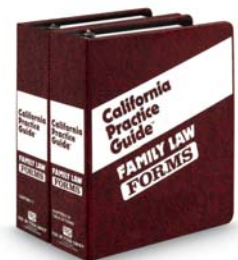
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