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CFLR's *Basic Training: Family Law* is a *comprehensive program*, designed and taught by experts in the field for lawyers and their support staff with limited experience in the practice of family law. It is also beneficial to family law lawyers who want a thorough review of best practices. This "how to" course takes you step-by-step in handling a marriage dissolution case, commencing with initial client intake and developing a competent case plan, seeking and resisting immediate pendente lite relief, and continuing through to judgment and post-judgment matters. We focus on current practice and apply the *new and amended procedures and forms*.

You'll learn the importance of each element of the family law forms – including the Petition and Response that begin the case, the Request for Order that initiates an OSC or motion hearing, the all-important Supporting and Responsive Declarations that can make or break your request for, or opposition to, interim orders, and the mandatory Declarations of Disclosure required to satisfy your clients' fiduciary duties. Our panel explains the substantive law and strategies to be considered in competently maneuvering through the many forms and procedures. The panel will also discuss practicing in the ZOOM era. No matter which side you represent, you will hear invaluable *practice pointers* from the experts.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### PETITIONER'S CASE

- Initial client intake (fee arrangements; conflict of interest/ethical considerations)
- Prefiling fiduciary duty considerations and automatic temporary restraining orders
- Exploring nonlitigation options (mediation, collaborative law, etc.) and gathering information to prepare the case
- Where to file (jurisdiction, venue)
- Drafting the petition, UCCJEA forms, preliminary declaration of disclosure and related forms
- Preparing initial Request for Order – custody/visitation, support and attorney fees/costs; protective orders; applications for emergency orders
- Domestic violence proceedings
- Separate civil cases and doctrine of consolidation of related proceedings

### RESPONDENT'S CASE

- Initial client intake (fee arrangements; conflict of interest/ethical considerations)
- Impact of automatic temporary restraining orders
- Attacking jurisdiction
- Drafting the response and determining appropriate requests for affirmative relief
- Responding to the initial Request for Order and preparing respondent's own Request for Interim Orders

### FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF DISCLOSURE; DISCOVERY

- Discovery plans and interplay with fiduciary duties of disclosure
- Use of civil discovery tools in the family law arena
- Demand for production of documents from third parties and privacy considerations
- Depositions of parties and expert witnesses
- Preliminary declarations of disclosure and final declarations of disclosure
- Duty of disclosure remedies
- Separate and community property; transmigrations and title issues

### CASE MANAGEMENT IN FAMILY LAW; MEDIATION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Family centered case resolution plans
- Mandatory child custody mediation
- Early neutral intervention
- Mediation in family law; confidentiality exclusionary rules
- Limited scope representation

### TRIAL PREPARATION AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

- Importance of findings and statement of decision

### POST-JUDGMENT PROCEEDINGS AND ENFORCEMENT

- Fam.C. §2120 et seq. set-aside relief – when and how
- Custody/support modifications: "Change of Circumstances" Rule
- Move-away requests (relocation of children)
- Enforcement of support
- Enforcement of judgment
- Termination of spousal support
- Other enforcement-related issues

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## FACULTY



**JUDGE THOMAS TRENT LEWIS** (Ret.) is a neutral with Signature Resolution providing mediation, arbitration, and privately compensated judge pro tem services in family law. From 2016 until 2019, he was the Supervising Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Division. Judge Lewis became a CFLS in 1985 and was inducted into AAML in 1987. He was inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Law in 2016. He served on the Family Law and Juvenile Advisory Commission until 2014, and he is a past faculty member for the judicial training committee for family law. He is a past president of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. He is also a contributing author of The Rutter Group's *California Practice Guide: Family Law* and serves as Program Director for CFLR. In 2018, he was named *Family Law Judge of the Year* by the Family Law Section of the California Lawyers Association, and ACFLS awarded him their *Hall of Fame Award*, the highest award bestowed by them. In 2010, he was awarded the *Outstanding Jurist Award* by AAML's Southern California Chapter, and in 2014, he became the first emeritus member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Among his many awards are the 2015 Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section *Spencer Brandeis Award*, the 2016 Southern California Inn of Courts *Outstanding Jurist Award*, and the 2017 San Fernando Valley Bar Association *Stanley Mosk Legacy of Justice Award*. In 2018, he received the California Lawyers Association Family Law Judge of the Year Award. In 2018, he was awarded the Association of Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) *Hall of Fame Award*, the highest honor bestowed by ACFLS. Judge Lewis was also awarded the Southern California American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers *Person of the Year Award*.



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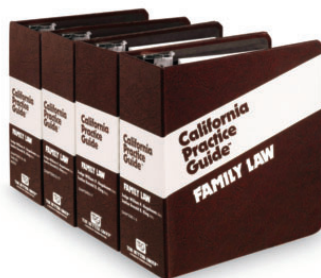
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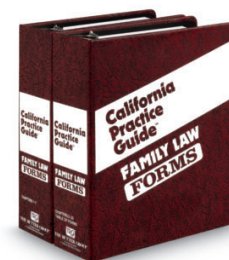
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