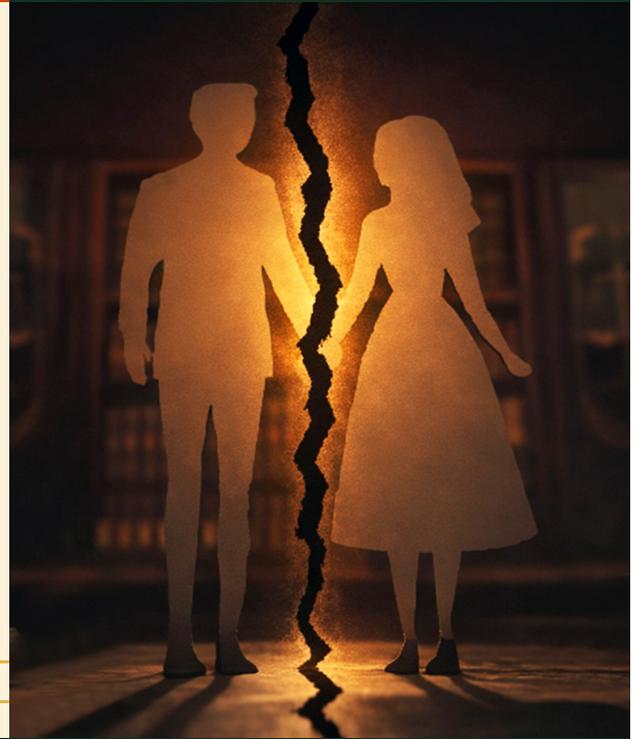




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Program Overview

Divorce is already a battlefield. What if – someone dies? What if – crime enters the case? And the law you thought you knew fractures.

Please join us for our two-part program, **Family Law Disrupted: When Death and Crime Change Everything**. Two powerful, high stakes sessions explore what happens when divorce collides with probate law and criminal law.

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Program Description

Session one discusses the family law and probate law consequences of a spouse dying or becoming incapacitated during a divorce proceeding. The legal standards between family court and probate court proceedings can differ, so practitioners in each field need to be aware of the risks and the strategies that can be used to protect a client.

Session two equips practitioners with practical tools, strategic insight, and a deeper understanding of how criminal law principles directly impact family law litigation in California. The Family Code contains multiple references to the Penal Code, particularly in matters involving domestic violence, abuse, spousal support, and even in the division of property. Understanding how criminal statutes operate – and how their elements are proven, rebutted, or strategically addressed – in family court is essential to effective advocacy. We examine the elements of key Penal Code offenses frequently implicated in family court, including how those elements must be established – or challenged – within a family law proceeding. We also delve into evidentiary issues and procedural strategies to effectively litigate matters at the intersection of family and criminal law.

Program Highlights

Session 1: Death and Divorce

- Enforcing or challenging rights of survivorship and beneficiary designations
- Claims for prospective child support after death
- Protecting property rights of a spouse by terminating marital status prior to death
- Changes to a will or trust during a divorce proceeding
- Competency of a spouse to participate in divorce proceedings

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Session 2: Crime and Divorce

- Establishing and contesting the elements of criminal offenses in family court
- Use and admissibility of police reports
- Obtaining and admissibility of body-worn camera footage and 911 recordings
- Authentication and admissibility of private and third-party recordings
- Proper use and limitations of judicial notice
- Securing and using criminal court orders, transcripts and records
- Assertion of the Fifth Amendment privilege in family proceedings, including procedural requirements, judicial obligations, and the use of Pacer-type motions and related protective strategies

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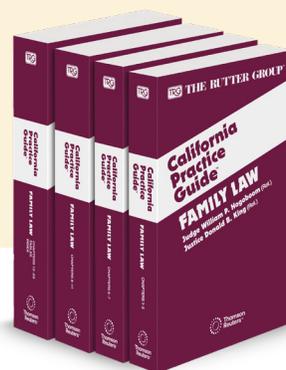
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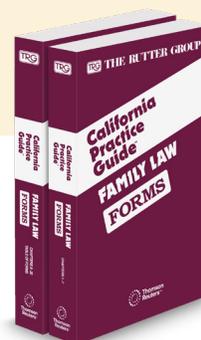
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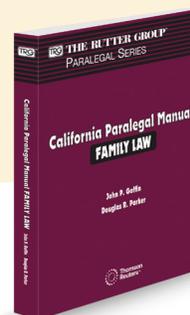
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