



# ABA SECTION OF FAMILY LAW 2009 FALL CLE CONFERENCE



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HILTON MONTREAL BONAVENTURE  
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA



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Bonaventure for an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the music stylings of the Brian Harbec Jazz Ensemble.

7:30pm

### **Newcomers' Dinner and Dine-Arounds**

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for first-time attendees and those "nearly new" attendees to join Officers of the Section for a "Dutch Treat" dinner.

9:30-11:00pm

### **Chair's Suite Reception**

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## **Friday, October 9, 2009**

7:00am-2:00pm

### **Registration and Hospitality Room**

*Fontaine A Room*

7:00-9:30am

### **Continental Breakfast**

*Fontaine A Room*

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8:30-9:30am

### **Simultaneous Committee CLE Programs**



#### **What's Parentage Got To Do With It?**

#### **Custody and Visitation Claims by Functional Parents and Third Parties**

*Alternative Families Committee*

This panel will discuss custody and visitation claims by persons acting as parents and by third parties. In particular, the panelists will discuss the relevance of same-sex marriage or other legal partnership statuses in custody disputes in states that do not recognize those statuses, as well as the possible effect of anti-marriage recognition statutes in custody and visitation actions between same-sex parents. The panelists will also address constitutional claims that are often raised by the legal parents in such actions and the arguments that can and have been made in response.

#### **Speakers:**

Allison Mendel, Esq., Anchorage, AK  
Cathy Sakimura, Esq., San Francisco, CA  
Richard Wilson, Esq., Chicago, IL

*Fontaine F Room*

#### **Divorce: Taking the "Family" Out of the Family Business**

*Marital Property Committee*

This program will focus on the difficulties that arise when spouses who co-own and operate a business decide to divorce. Topics will include authority to make decisions regarding the business while the case is pending, compensation issues, dissipation, and access to business information, as well as the effect of one spouse leaving the business on its value. The panel will also discuss different options for settlement in these particularly difficult cases.

#### **Moderator:**

Lyne Ranson, Esq., Charleston, WV

#### **Speakers:**

Jan Keefer, Esq., Indianapolis, IN  
Jerry Randall, CPA/ABV, CFP, Bakersfield, CA

*Fontaine G Room*



#### **Bankruptcy and Marital Debts – Is It Enforceable or Dischargeable?**

*Bankruptcy Committee*

The nexus between bankruptcy and divorce is never more prevalent than in these economic times. This panel of experts will provide the family law practitioner with information on the bankruptcy code as it relates to marital debts, what pitfalls may lurk in the bankruptcy code for the divorcee, and how to avoid financial surprise for the client.

#### **Speakers:**

Diane Brazen Gordon, Esq., Lincolnshire, IL  
Barry Mukamal, CPA/PFS/ABV/CFE/CFF, Miami, FL

*Fontaine H Room*