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ABA Related Activity

Ever since my significant involvement in the ABA began in 1994, I have loved the people and the purpose of our section. [My submission for nomination](#) for 2007/2008 offers a quick summary of why I wanted to be Secretary of the Family Law Section. I enjoy bar involvement and participation and hope to continue both for a very long time. As Family Law Attorneys, we have such an enormous opportunity to help our communities and the communities of others. Whether you got involved in family law by choice or by default, once you are there, it must be clear how significant an impact our work can have on the lives of families and children.

ABA MEETINGS ATTENDED (over 30):

Family Law Section Fall and Spring Seminars since 1999 (all except 2 of the 18),
CLE planning meetings,
ABA TechShow,
Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs,
Standing Committee on Substance Abuse meetings/UFC Summit,
Annual meeting of the ABA each summer,
Mid-year meeting in February, 2008.

Total ABA entity meetings attended exceeds 30 (obviously multiple meetings occurring during same time period not counted, e.g. Substance Abuse Committee and Council both meet during annual, but are only counted as one meeting).

ABA PRESENTATIONS DELIVERED, CHAIRED, PRODUCED OR MODERATED:

Moderator, "Business Evaluations in Family Law", Am. Bar Assoc., San Fran., Aug. 2007
Moderator, "Unified Family Courts Summit", Amer. Bar Assoc., Baltimore, May, 2007
Moderator, "Trial Techniques in Family Law", Am. Bar Assoc., Monterrey, CA, Apr 2007
Producer, "Rebuilding a Family Law Practice", Amer. Bar Assoc., Santa Fe, Oct., 2006
Lecturer, "Hot Tips From the Fam. Law Experts", Amer. Bar Assoc., HW, Aug., 2006
Producer/Lecturer "Family Law Paperless Office", Amer. Bar Assoc., Was., D.C., May, 2006
Producer, "Relocation in Custody Cases", Amer. Bar Assoc., Was., D.C., May, 2006
Lecturer-, "ADR in Family Law", American Bar Association, Alt. Disp. Res. Sect., Atl, April, 2006
Lecturer, "Running a Large Family Law Firm", Am. Bar Assoc., San Diego, Oct., '05
Producer, "Domestic Unions", Amer. Bar Assoc., San Diego, Oct., 2005
Moderator, "Managing a Family Law Practice", Amer. Bar Assoc., Austin, April, '05
Chair, Family Court Showcase (Fulton and Family Courts program), Aug. '04
Lecturer, "Using Technology in Family Law", American Bar Assoc., P.R., Apr. '04
Lecturer, "Law Students Should Consider Family Law", Am. Bar Assoc., Seattle, '03
Chair/Lecturer, "Representing the High Profile Divorce Client", Am. Bar Assoc., Seattle, '03
Lecturer, "Family Law Experts' Hot Tips", American Bar Assoc., San Fran., Aug., '03
Presenter, "Family Law Tax Tips", American Bar Assoc., San Fran., Aug., '03
Moderator, "Fiduciary Responsibilities of Spouses", Am. Bar Assoc., Las Vegas, Apr., '03
Lecturer, "Family Law Experts' Hot Tips", Amer. Bar Assoc., Wash. D.C., Aug., '02
Moderator, "Divorce Practice Management", Amer. Bar Assoc., Vancouver, October, '01
Lecturer, "Hot Tips From the Fam. Law Experts", Am. Bar Assoc., Chicago, Aug., '01
Lecturer, "Best of Family Courts", American Bar Association, Kansas City, April, '01
Lecturer, "Use of Psych. Reports", American Bar Association, Kansas City, April, '01
Lecturer, "Hot Tips From the Fam. Law Experts", Amer. Bar Assoc., NYC, July, '00
Lecturer, "Family Courts", American Bar Association, New Orleans, April, '00

POSITIONS HELD:

Fellow, [American Bar Foundation](#)

Chair, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, 2007-2010

Liaison, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, 2003-2007

FAMILY LAW SECTION OF THE ABA POSITIONS:

Council, Family Law Section, American Bar Association (2005 to present)

Chair, Family Courts Committee, 2000-2007

Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, 2007 +

Vice-Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, 2006-2007

Vice-Chair, Law Practice Management Committee

Past Liaison, Diversity Committee

Member, Trial Practice and Techniques Committee

Past member, Technology Committee

Member, Adoption Committee

Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Member, CLE Committee

Georgia State Reporter for Family Law Quarterly, Law in the 50 States (2003-2006)

Planning Committee for May, 2007 Unified Family Court Summit in Baltimore.

Selected non-ABA positions:

Chair of the Family Law Section, Atlanta Bar Association in 1997 (Section of the Year).

Executive Committee, GA State Bar, Family Law Section

Editor, Georgia Bar Publication, "Family Law Review"

Professor, John Marshall Law School (Atlanta), "Family Law"

NOTABLE WRITINGS:

Served as Georgia State Reporter for Family Law Quarterly, Law in the 50 States.

Papers (over 20) for the many presentations given at Fall, Spring, Annual and TechShow seminars.

Contribution to the Advocate regarding UFC Family Court Summit.

Many others for American Journal of Family Law and other non ABA publications but all to advance awareness of family law.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[Honored by Young Lawyers Division of ABA for assistance during 2006-2007](#)

Frequent sponsor of events such as breakfasts and dessert events for Family Law Section seminars