



A Rhode Island Bar Association CLE Seminar

One Step Beyond the Basics ... Equitable Distribution in Divorce

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Rhode Island Law Center, Providence

Subject to Supreme Court Rule IV 3 this course has been approved by the MCLE Commission for 3.0 RICLE credits, 1.0 of which will apply to ethics

Speakers

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This seminar will delve just beyond the basics of divorce law practice, focusing on asset valuation, tax ramifications, and ethical quandaries. Utilizing hypothetical situations, completely fictional, yet familiar, the panelists will present a lively and engaging discussion on topics such as:

How to assess the value of assets, when:

- clients can't afford appraisals
- the asset is real estate with an upside-down mortgage
- one spouse is a sole proprietor of one or more small businesses
- assets are odd (heirloom toys or baseball card collections, tractors or airplanes, etc.)

How to divide marital debt, when:

- one spouse is a gambler
- one spouse is a shopaholic
- one spouse is a disabled veteran

How to avoid tax pitfalls, when:

- deciding which spouse takes the child tax credit and/or the dependency exemption
- clients owe back taxes (whose debt is it and why?)
- property taxes are overdue

Whether you are a new or experienced family law practitioner, you're sure to gain useful practice tips and receive helpful checklists, forms, templates and case law updates to incorporate in to your practice.

