

The Fundamentals of an Uncontested Divorce

This series is designed for the domestic practice novice. Each session will focus on the essential components of a divorce case. The speakers will utilize role playing, mock trials and panel discussion to illustrate the vital aspects of a case: interviewing the client, obtaining information, completing required court forms, filing the case, presenting the client for an uncontested divorce hearing and closing the file. You may sign up for one or all three sessions.

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Sessions

Session I -

How to Conduct the Initial Client Interview and Intake Conference

1.5 ethics credits

February 1

- What makes an interview successful and what makes it doomed to fail
- Preliminary matters - conflict checks, fee agreements, retainer agreements
- Professionalism and civility: a two-way street
- Information and paperwork: what you need and how to obtain it

Session II –

Document Preparation & Filing

1.0 credit + .5 ethics

March 7

- Completing forms required by court at inception of divorce case filing
- Special issues including military and out of state clients
- Witness affidavits
- Applications for *ex parte* orders

Session III –

Mock Nominal Trial

1.0 credits +.5 ethics

April 4

- Presentation of a nominal divorce hearing
- Interim and final judgments
- QDROs, asset distribution
- Closing your file
- Post final motions

Speakers

Session I

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Registration Details

DATE/ TIME/ PLACE

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4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Rhode Island Law Center

115 Cedar St., Providence

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