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ACFLS 2024
SPRING
SEMINAR

Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 3

Omni Rancho, Las Palmas Resort and Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA

ACFLS ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

The Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) invites you to participate in our annual Spring Seminar program, the penultimate family law educational experience. Spring Seminar, presented since 1992, is the cutting edge in Family Law education. Each year ACFLS selects a topic in Family Law and gives that topic a deep analytical treatment of the kind that only ACFLS can provide. The program spans 3 half days, a Friday afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday mornings. There are six presentation panels composed of well-respected jurists, experts and attorneys. As each of these panels give their in-depth presentation, our Responder Panel of elite bench officers asks questions, and give opinions – often in contrast to that of the panels, creating a true intellectual discourse of the day's topics. At the end of the three-day program the Responder Panel holds court with their final comments, observations of the subject, and answer questions submitted from the audience. All attendees are invited to attend an exquisite buffet on Friday evening and network with colleagues and presenters, as well as a cocktail reception Saturday evening. The Saturday and Sunday programs end mid-day so participants can enjoy the resort and relax a little.

Adding to your Spring Seminar experience, all attendees are provided access to our Spring Seminar mobile application (The App) and Website. The App is the foundation of our sense of Spring Seminar community. Attendees can track the real time Spring Seminar schedule, post comments and photos, download program materials and message other attendees. Throughout the program, important announcements are pushed through the App to keep you connected with our ACFLS Spring Seminar community and events.

SPRING SEMINAR COMMITTEE 2024 (SS)

Co-Chairs: Henry Lewis, Courtney Shepard, and David Lederman

Spring Seminar Treasurer: Courtney Shepard

Members: Sherry Peterson, Dianne Fetzer, Catherine Goodrow, Tracy Duell-Cazes, Jennifer Hemmer, Dorie Rogers and Dee Rolewicz

2024 SPRING SEMINAR PROGRAM

Friday
MAR 1

Responder Panel:

Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Retired), Hon. Mark Juhas, Comm. Sue Alexander (Retired), and Comm. Kimberly Parker

Moderator:

Garrett C. Daley, CFLS

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Las Palmas Ballroom

Seminar Registration

Pre-function reception area between the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

1:00 pm–1:15 pm

Las Palmas Ballroom

Welcome & Opening Remarks

1:15 pm–2:45 pm

Is it Real or Deepfake?

Presenter: Christopher C. Melcher, CFLS

Have advancements in artificial intelligence made it possible to fake evidence to pass for real evidence in the courtroom? How easy or hard is it to create a fake video, audio, or image? Can you spot a fake?

2:45 pm–3:00 pm Break

Foyer (name badge required)

(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)

3:00 pm–4:30 pm

The Future of Ethics in a World of Artificial Intelligence

Presenters: Hon. Mark A. Juhas and Heather Rosing

Please join our experienced panelists for a cutting-edge discussion on the use of artificial intelligence in family law and the corresponding ethical considerations. What are the landmines and pitfalls? How do the risks balance out with the benefits? How can AI help you within the parameters of ethical representation? Are clients expecting law firms to utilize AI? Is it a way to keep costs

down and create efficiencies? This one-hour presentation will explore all these questions and more, and provide practical tips for navigating a new day and age in the practice of law.

4:30 pm–5:00 pm

Technology Corner

Presenter: Jillian Duggan-Herd, CFLS

Practical uses of AI and an iPad in your trial and motion preparation and presentation process. This presentation will go through an introduction on the practical uses of AI to assist in research (and some limits and cautions of the same), to focus and consolidate pleading content, and to create hearing and trial outlines. Additionally, this presentation will conclude with an introduction on how to easily utilize an iPad to replace paper exhibits, hearing binders, bankers boxes, etc. and streamline trial/motion presentation.

4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Las Palmas Ballroom

Registration

Pre-function reception area between the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Starlight Terrace (name badge required)

Dinner

Welcome Reception Buffet Dinner

Saturday
MAR 2

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Comm. Sue Alexander (Retired), and Comm. Kimberly Parker

Moderator:

Garrett C. Daley, CFLS

6:30 am–8:00 am

Las Palmas Ballroom
Breakfast Buffet

Fiesta Ballroom across from the Las Palmas Ballroom
(registered attendees only – name badge required)

7:30 am–8:00 am

Las Palmas Ballroom
Registration

Pre-function reception area between the Las Palmas
Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom

8:00 am–8:15 am

Las Palmas Ballroom
Announcements

8:15 am–10:15 am

Digital Discovery Demystified

Presenter: Steven K. Yoda, CFLS

Delve into the core principles of electronic discovery
with this program. Explore E-discovery fundamentals
encompassing everything from safeguarding data
integrity to initiating electronic discovery requests, as
well as mastering the art of methodical data compilation
and assessment.

10:15 am–10:30 am Break

Foyer (name badge required)
(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)

10:30 am–12:30 pm

***More Than Words: When Electronic Evidence Meets
Best Interest of the Child and Domestic Violence***

Presenters: Hon. Lawrence P. Riff and Cari Pines, CFLS

Madonna told us in 1984 that we are living in a material
world but in 2023, much of our children's worlds
is digital. And if it's digital, it's stored on a device
somewhere, and that means its ESI—electronically stored
information. Critical evidence in child custody and DVRO
matters exists as ESI and our jobs as advocates is to find
it, secure it, get it in an admissible form and introduce it
into evidence in court. Police body-cams from the EPO
investigation; Ring videos of the argument at the custody
exchange; emojis-(joke or a threat?). This panel spots the
issues and provides the law and practical advice for using
ESI in child custody and DVRO hearings and trials.

12:30 pm–12:45 pm Break

Foyer (name badge required)
(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)

12:45 pm–1:15 pm

Technology Corner

Presenter: Jillian Duggan-Herd, CFLS

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Las Palmas Lawn (name badge required)
Happy Hour

Relax and chat with friends and colleagues. One drink
and light bites hosted by ACFLS.

2024 SPRING SEMINAR PROGRAM

Sunday
MAR 3

Responder Panel:

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Comm. Sue Alexander (Retired), and Comm. Kimberly Parker

Moderator:

Garrett C. Daley, CFLS

7:00 am–8:00 am

Las Palmas Ballroom

Breakfast Buffet

Fiesta Ballroom across from the Las Palmas Ballroom
(registered attendees only – name badge required)

8:00 am–8:15 am

Las Palmas Ballroom

Announcements

8:15 am–9:30 am

***Modern Tools to Resolve Complex Marital Balance
Sheet Controversies***

Presenters: Ben Phillips, CFLS and Kenneth Rugeti, CPA

Modern electronic collaboration tools can facilitate expedited discovery and disclosure regarding complex financial issues, allowing counsel and financial experts to focus their time and efforts on analysis of the legal and financial controversies. This presentation will review and discuss time-saving approaches and technology—including electronic document repositories, data sharing, and validation—that may be employed by adverse parties and their litigation teams to satisfy fiduciary duties of disclosure, narrow issues for trial, and advance the policy of the law to promote settlement of litigation.

9:30 am–9:50 am Break

Foyer (name badge required)

(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)

9:50 am–10:20 pm

Technology Corner

Presenter: Jillian Duggan-Herd, CFLS

10:20 am–10:30 am Break

Foyer (name badge required)

(Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)

10:30 am–12:00 pm

Ask the Judges - the Last Word

Presenters: Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Retired), Hon. Mark Juhas, Comm. Sue Alexander, and Comm. Kimberly Parker

This is a favorite of Spring Seminar attendees! Submit your hypothetical questions concerning anything from this year's program, "Just the Facts Ma'am (Data Collection in the Modern Era and Artificial Intelligence)" in advance by email to Executive.Director@acfls.org with "Ask the Judges" in the subject line. (The opinions the judges voice on stage are not predictive of future rulings nor can the judges comment on pending cases.)

Located in Rancho Mirage, California, the hotel is convenient to the world-famous Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Palm Desert's El Paseo with a shopping experience similar to Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive, and fine dining at a stunning number of establishments. Set on 240 lush acres, our resort has been renovated to include a fresh, new color palette, expanded fitness center, refurbished spa and redesigned boutiques. Make a splash in one of our three pool settings. Splashtopia, our 2-acre water playground, features a 450-foot lazy river, two 100-foot water slides, cliff-side Jacuzzi, sandy beach and fountains and sprinklers for the kids.

You can also take time for yourself and replenish your body and soul at the hotel's 20,000-square-foot spa. New heights of relaxation will be discovered with their exhilarating treatments that use pure essences of desert botanicals. The hotel's 27 holes of championship golf will challenge amateurs and pros alike with palm tree-lined fairways and incredible mountain vistas.

SAVOR STAR TREATMENT

in the Coachella Valley



Registration for ACFLS 2024 Spring Seminar

Register online at acfls.org, or mail/fax registration form to:

Dee Rolewicz, ACFLS Executive Director
1296 E. Gibson Rd., Ste. A #253, Woodland, CA 95776
Phone: 916-217-4076 • Fax: 916-930-6122

Pay by credit card or enclose check payable to ACFLS.

Registration is not complete until tuition payment is received.

Seminar Registration Includes:

- Three half days (11 hours of MCLE and Family Law Specialization credits)
- Friday evening Welcome Reception Buffet Dinner for registered attendees (no-host bar)
- All guests for Friday Dinner: \$30 per guest
- Saturday and Sunday Breakfast Buffets (registered attendees only)
- Saturday Happy Hour (registered attendee and one guest – one free drink each)
- Coffee and snacks at breaks
- Electronic materials including seminar handbook and additional materials.

ACFLS Members: \$650; Non-members: \$725

Electronic Materials and Program: Can't make it in person? **ACFLS Members:** \$650; **Non-members:** \$725 (includes ground shipping and sales tax)

NOTE: SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES ARE **NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERABLE**. THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON WILL RECEIVE THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM AND MATERIALS.

2024 Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa Room Reservations. ACFLS Spring Seminar attendees are solely responsible for making their own transportation and lodging arrangements. The room block reservation link and code will be provided on your receipt after you register for the seminar on the ACFLS website by email, upon receipt of your paid seminar registration. As soon as you receive the code to the room block, reserve your room immediately through the reservation link on your receipt or online at rancholaspalmas.com. **ROOM BLOCK WILL BE OPEN November 20th.** Information is available at acfls.org. The block fills up quickly!

The 2024 Spring Seminar discounted room rates start at \$249 per night inclusive of resort fee and parking. Discounted room rates may apply for three nights before and three nights after the seminar dates, subject to availability. Attendees staying at the resort will also enjoy a 15% discount on spa, golf and tennis bookings.

If you have a succinct question for the Judges' "Last Word" panel on a topic related to this year's theme—no more than 25 words, not related to any pending case—please email your question to Dee Rolewicz at Executive.Director@acfls.org.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

Attending the **FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

GUEST NAME(s): (FOR FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME BUFFET RECEPTION) @ \$30 PER GUEST

GUESTS MUST BE PREREGISTERED AND HAVE A NAME TAG.

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING: @ \$30 PER GUEST

EMAIL ADDRESS: (REQUIRED)

☐ ACFLS MEMBER PRICE @ \$650

☐ NON-MEMBER PRICE @ \$725

☐ ATTORNEY PRACTICING UNDER 5 YEARS @ \$550

DATE ADMITTED TO STATE BAR: (REQUIRED)

☐ NONPROFIT @ \$550

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: (REQUIRED)

☐ BENCH OFFICERS (CURRENTLY SITTING ON FAMILY LAW ASSIGNMENT) (NO CHARGE)

ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE PROGRAM AND MATERIALS ELECTRONICALLY.

ELECTRONIC PROGRAM & MATERIALS **ONLY**

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GRAND TOTAL: \$

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED

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