

## 2nd Annual Family Law Trial Advocacy Program: The Support Trial

**11/15/2008**

*Presented by Family Law Section*

**Program Information:**

The Second Annual Family Law Trial Advocacy Program: The Support Trial is a must for family law attorneys and other attorneys who handle family law matters and who are seeking to enhance their family law trial skills.

The program addresses preparation for and conduct of the support trial, featuring both lecture and demonstrations by experienced family law attorneys, bench officers, and experts. The program will focus on immediate pre-trial preparation for a child and spousal support trial, presentation of the Petitioner's case, presentation of the Respondent's case, rebuttal testimony, and closing arguments.

Among the topics to be covered are trial-related discovery, trial briefs, witness and exhibit lists, motions in limine, opening statements, direct and cross-examination of the parties, direct and cross-examination of a forensic accountant and a vocational expert, rebuttal testimony, closing arguments, and post-trial considerations.

**Program Schedule**

**8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Registration/Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 - 8:45 a.m.**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**William J. Glucksman, Esq., CFLS**

Chair, Family Law Section  
Los Angeles County Bar Association

**Ronald F. Brot, Esq.**

Brot & Gross, LLP  
Program Director, 2008 Family Law Trial Advocacy Program

**8:45 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Panel 1: Immediate Pre-Trial Preparation**

**Paula Ann Kane, Esq. (Moderator)**

Law Office of Paula Kane

**Commissioner Michael J. Convey**

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

**Lynn Soudik, Esq.**

Law Offices of Lynn Soudik

**Leonard J. Meyberg, Jr., Esq.**

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The first panel will cover discovery, subpoenas, trial briefs, trial book, witness and exhibit lists, motions in limine, and other immediate pre-trial issues.

**10:15 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Panel 2: The Petitioner's Case**

**Jeff M. Sturman, Esq., CFLS (Moderator)**

Kolodny & Anteau

**Commr. Maren E. Nelson**

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

**Anne C. Kiley, Esq., CFLS**

Trope and Trope

**William S. Ryden, Esq., CFLS**

Jaffe & Clemens

**Joseph Sweeney, CPA**

Taylor & Lieberman

The second panel will cover the presentation of the Petitioner's case (seeking support) including opening statement, party examination, forensic accountant examination as to cash flow, and trial exhibits.

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Panel 3: The Respondent's Case**

**Laurel B. Brauer, Esq. (Moderator)**

Brauer Law Corporation

**Judge Thomas Trent Lewis**

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

**Larry A. Ginsberg, Esq., CFLS**

Harris Ginsberg LLP

**Susan W. Miller, M.A.**

California Career Services

**Peter M. Walzer, Esq., CFLS, AAML**

Walzer & Melcher LLP

The third panel will cover the Respondent's case (opposing support) including opening statement, party examination, forensic accountant examination as to marital standard, vocational expert examination, and trial exhibits.

**2:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:45 - 4:15 p.m.**

**Panel 4: Rebuttal and Closing Argument**

**Gary Fishbein, Esq. (Moderator)**

Buter, Buzard, Fishbein & Royce LLP

**Judge Mark Juhas**

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

**Lisa Helfend Meyer, Esq., CFLS**

Meyer, Olson & Lowy

**Patrick DeCarolis, Jr., Esq.**

Trope & DeCarolis

The fourth panel will cover rebuttal testimony, closing arguments, and various post-trial issues.

**Speakers:**

Laurel B. Brauer , Brauer Law Corporation  
Hon. Michael J. Convey , Los Angeles Superior Court  
Patrick DeCarolis , Trope & DeCarolis, LLP  
Gary Fishbein , Buter, Buzard, Fishbein & Royce LLP  
Larry A. Ginsberg , Harris Ginsberg LLP  
Hon. Mark A. Juhas , Los Angeles Superior Court  
Paula Kane , Law Office of Paula Kane  
Anne Kiley , Trope and Trope  
Hon. Thomas T. Lewis , Los Angeles Superior Court  
Leonard J. Meyberg , Law Offices of Leonard Meyberg, Jr.  
Lisa H. Meyer , Meyer, Olson & Lowy, LLP  
Susan W. Miller , California Career Services  
Hon. Maren E. Nelson , Los Angeles Superior Court  
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Jeff M. Sturman , Kolodny & Anteau  
Joseph S. Sweeney , Taylor & Lieberman  
Peter M. Walzer , Walzer & Melcher LLP

**Location:**

Los Angeles Marriott Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa St , Los Angeles

**Parking:**

Hotel Valet: \$9.00

**Times:**

**Registration:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Meal/Reception:** 8:00 a.m. breakfast; 12:00 p.m. lunch

**Program:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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