

Academy of Continuing Legal Education
Domestic Relations for Litigants Off the Chart 2008 Seminar
November 10 and 11, 2008,
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General Outline

Monday November 10, 2008

9:00 AM - The Perfect Domestic Relations Trial

4:30 PM **(Speaker: Hon. Christopher J. Geer, Judge of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations)**

(break 10:30 - 10:45, lunch 12:15 - 1:15, break 2:45 - 2:30)

- A. Initial client interview
- B. Temporary orders
- C. Preparing the complaint
- D. Discovery
- E. Children issues - guardian *ad litem*, parental rights and responsibilities
- F. Admissions and stipulations
- G. Valuation of assets
- H. The Trial Notebook
- I. Attorney fees

5:00 - **Ethics**

6:00 (speaker Hon. Kenneth R. Spanagel, Judge, Parma Municipal Court; president, Association of Municipal and County Court Judges of Ohio; member, Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct)

6:05 - **Substance Abuse**

6:35 (speaker Judge Spanagel)

Tuesday November 11, 2008

9:00 AM - Support Issues for High- Income Litigants

12:15 PM **(Speaker: Diane Palos, Magistrate, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations)** (break 10:30 - 10:45)

- A. Calculation of child support obligations for litigants with incomes above the statutory chart maximum.

B. Spousal Support

1. guidelines indicating when spousal support is appropriate
2. calculating amounts of spousal support
3. determining when spousal support obligation ends.

1:15 - **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

4:30 **(speaker Magistrate Palos)** (break 2:45 - 2:30)

A. Interface between the Court and the Alternative Procedure

B. Varieties of Alternative Procedures

1. Collaboration
2. Principled Negotiation
3. Facilitated Negotiation
4. Mediation
5. Arbitration

C. Selecting the appropriate alternative procedure for the parties

5:00 - **Professionalism**

6:00 (speaker Judge Spanagel)

"A Lawyer's Creed", Aspirational Ideals, Preamble to Rules of Professional Conduct