



**Advanced Training for Family Lawyers:
Access to mental health records in high conflict custody cases
November 14, 2013
Chattanooga, TN**

Program Description: This year's annual program will focus on key issues for advanced family law practitioners. Issues will address mental health records, piercing the psychotherapist-patient privilege, how to keep psychological records from coming out, supervised parenting time, and phased-in parenting time. Psychologists will discuss mental health disorders and when those disorders are harmful to children, various addictions and how do they manifest themselves and how best to monitor addicts. Attendees will also hear from judges on the amended statute on maximizing parenting time, ordering disclosed mental health records and qualified protective orders. The judges will also discuss the use of parenting coordinators and when to ask for a guardian ad litem. Tips for trial practice and drafting court documents will be reviewed. Topics on several aspects of evaluations will be addressed, such as: Differences between DSM IV and DSM V, APA Guidelines for custody evaluations, forensic evaluations, and independent mental heal evaluations. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with attorneys who practice in this area.

Moderator: Barry Gold, *McWilliams & Gold*

Agenda

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| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Registration/ Welcome |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Mental Health: Experts, Records, and Evaluations
Dr. David Alan Rose, <i>Consulting & Clinical Psychology</i>
Description: This session will offer attendees a look at types of mental health experts and their expertise, as well as a detailed look at types of mental health records and evaluations. Discussion will cover the following.
Types of mental health experts: psychiatrists, psychologists, LCSWs, other, and practice tips qualifying the expert/competence as an expert.
Types of mental health records: evaluation and diagnosis, treatment, practice tips (what the records contain and what they do not), and dilemma (when clinical turns forensic).
Types of evaluations: forensic and parenting/custody evaluations.
Specific evaluation techniques: interview, MMPI, parenting assessment questionnaires, other, practice tips. |
| 2:00 - 2:15 pm | BREAK |

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Using Mental Health Records in Trial

Glenna Ramer, *Ramer & Hedrick, P.C.*

Robin Miller, *Spears, Moore, Rebman & Williams, P.C.*

Description: This session will offer attendees an overview of the legal basis for privilege, public policy issues, current status of the law in Tennessee, and practice tips.

3:15 – 4:15 pm

Court Imposed Restrictions

Judge W. Jeffrey Hollingsworth, *Tennessee Circuit Court, Division*

Description: This session will discuss restrictions on parenting time - scheduling, supervision, parenting coordinators, and guardian ad litem.

Total Credits: 3 General