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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, March 4, 2022, Las Palmas Ballroom
Moderator: Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

**Responder Panel: Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.),
Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Ret.),
and the Hon. Monica F. Wiley**

- 11:00 am–1:00 PM Seminar Registration
Pre-function reception area
between the Las Palmas Ballroom and Fiesta Ballroom
- 1:00–1:15 PM Welcome and Opening Remarks
Las Palmas Ballroom
- 1:15–3:15 PM **PANEL 1: The Use of Forensics in Tracing and Characterization**
Leslie Dawson, CPA, and S. Roger Rombro, CFLS
This panel will review the use of forensics to untangle the complex property transactions that sometimes exist in dissolution cases. The panel will also review the recent case law, including In re Marriage of Ciprari (2019) 32 Cal.App.5th 83.
- 3:15–3:30 PM BREAK (Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
Foyer (name badge required)
- 3:30–5:00 PM **PANEL 2: Achieving Success in Business Valuation Cases**
by Leveraging the Attorney-Expert Team
Lawrence A. Moskowitz, CFLS, and Ted Israel, CPA/ABV/CFE
The presentation will be about how a family law attorney can make the best use of his or her business valuation expert through collaboration, teamwork, and constant communication. There will be an emphasis on how strategic decisions, for which counsel is ultimately responsible, can be informed by input from the expert. These strategic decisions include, but are not limited to, characterization of the entity involved; valuation method; valuation date; and how to deal with any contractual provisions, such as shareholder agreements, that may affect the client's interest in the entity involved. The timing of key strategic decisions, and related evidentiary issues, will also be addressed.
- 4:00–5:00 PM Registration
Pre-function reception area
- 6:00–8:00 PM Welcome Reception Buffet Dinner
Starlight Terrace (name badge required)

SATURDAY, March 5, 2022, Las Palmas Ballroom

Moderator: Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

**Responder Panel: Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.),
Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Ret.),
and the Hon. Monica F. Wiley**

- 6:30–8:00 am Registered Attendee Breakfast Buffet
Fiesta Ballroom (name badge required)
- 7:30–8:00 am Registration
Pre-function reception area
- 8:00–8:15 am Announcements
Las Palmas Ballroom
- 8:15–9:45 am **PANEL 3: The Vocational Evaluations:
From Selection and Use to Challenge**
Barbara K. Hammers, CFLS, and Phillip D. Sidlow, M.S.
This program will explore the nuances of a vocational evaluation from the selection of the expert through the use of the report and testimony at trial, including the direct and cross examination of the expert.
- 9:45–10:00 am BREAK (Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
Foyer (name badge required)
- 10:00–11:30 am **PANEL 4: Navigating the Complexities of Domestic Violence
With and Without Resources**
Jane K. Stoever, Esq., and Tracy C. Miller, Esq.
Discussion regarding the nuances of defending or prosecuting domestic violence actions. How to mitigate exposure by referring the accused to appropriate experts. When the option of hiring experts is not available, how to utilize other resources to successfully prosecute or defend domestic violence claims.
- 11:30–11:45 am BREAK (Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
Foyer (Name Badge Required)
- 11:45 am–1:15 PM **PANEL 5: Take Nothing for Granted: A Planful Approach to
Working with Custody Experts**
Andrea Palash, CFLS, and Dr. Nancy Williams Olesen, Ph.D.
This panel will explore approaching custody issues (as they relate to litigation as well as settlement) in a “planful” way and will address how to find an expert in an ever narrowing field, how to explore what an expert can, cannot, and should not do, what are the ways in which lawyers under- and over-use custody experts, what lawyers can, and should learn from their experts and what lawyers can do to help our experts do their best work.
- 5:00–7:00 PM **HAPPY HOUR**
Relax and chat with friends and colleagues
One drink and light bites on ACFLS
Las Palmas Lawn

SUNDAY, March 6, 2022, Las Palmas Ballroom

Moderator: Garrett C. Dailey, CFLS

**Responder Panel: Hon. Sue Alexander (Ret.),
Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Ret.),
and the Hon. Monica F. Wiley**

7:00–8:30 am Registered Attendee Breakfast Buffet
Fiesta Ballroom (name badge required)

8:30–8:45 am Announcements
Las Palmas Ballroom

8:45–10:15 am **PANEL 6: Property Issues in Family Law:
How Best to Utilize your Expert
James R. Parke, Esq., and John Aust, Ph.D.**

The panel will present various ways to utilize an expert for property matters that arise during a dissolution case from discovery, appointment of experts, trial preparation, etc. The focus will be both on use of your own expert as well as dealing with opposing experts.

10:15–10:30 am BREAK (Exhibitors and Coffee/Snack)
Foyer (name badge required)

10:30 am–12:00 PM **PANEL 7: Ask the Judges: The Last Word**

Saving the best for last! Submit your hypothetical questions concerning anything from this year's program, Battle of the Experts – Preparing Your End Game, 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.)

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