



Divorce and Family Law Primer for Mental Health Professionals

Child Custody and Visitation

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Program Description: Mental health and other behavioral health professionals are sometimes called upon by a court to testify about child custody decisions. This program will focus on the information a judge considers when making a custody decision – the different types of custody, the rights of parents and children, the parent coordination process and the legal concepts of that process.

Presenters: **J.H. Corpening, II, J.D.** – Chief District Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial District. Judge Corpening graduated from Wake Forest Law School in 1979. He practiced law until he became a District Court Judge in 1991. Since 2000 he has been a Family Court Judge.

Virginia R. Hager, J.D. – Ms. Hager has practiced law for twenty-five years. She limits her practice to divorce and family law. She is qualified as a NC Parent Coordinator and certified by the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct family financial issues mediations.

Denise Scearce, MSW, LCSW – Ms. Scearce has been working with children and families for more than 16 years. She works closely with the court system as a NC Parent Coordinator and a forensic evaluator of child sexual abuse. In her clinical role she works with parents and children on the effects of divorce.

Mark Spencer Williams, Ed.S., J.D. – Mr. Williams primarily practices education and family law at the trial and appellate levels. He has three years trial experience and fourteen years experience in higher education. He is also a NC Parent Coordinator.



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