

MISSOURI  
FAMILY LAW  
COURSE

FAMILY COURT  
of  
St. Louis County, Missouri

*SUPPLEMENTAL COURSE CURRICULUM  
FOR NON-ATTORNEY MEDIATORS*

- I. Legal Process
  - A. Family Court
  - B. Procedural Issues and Administrative Rule 17
  - C. Process (Petition/Answer/Statement of Property/Statement of Income and Expenses)
  
- II. Property Ownership
  - A. General Concepts of Property Ownership
  - B. Separate/Marital Property
    - 1. Definition of Marital Property
    - 2. Exceptions to Marital Property (Separate Property)
    - 3. Source of Funds Doctrine
    - 4. Commingling
    - 5. Debt
  - C. Valuations: Experts
  - D. Division
    - 1. Equitable Distribution
    - 2. Statutory Factors
  - E. Special Issues in Property Distribution
    - 1. Deferred Compensation Plans: Qualified Domestic Relations Orders
    - 2. Real Property
    - 3. Debt
      - a. Indemnification
      - b. Bankruptcy
    - 4. Business Entities
    - 5. Life Insurance
  - F. Types of Documentation
  
- III. Child Custody
  - A. Legal and Physical
    - 1. Joint
    - 2. Primary
  - B. Custody Plan
  - C. Factors Which May Not Be Considered as a Matter of Law
  
- IV. Child Support
  - A. Statutory Factors
  - B. Child Support Guidelines
  - C. Health Insurance/Qualified Medical Child Support Orders

- D. Child Care
  - E. Education
  - F. Life Insurance
  - G. Assignment of Income
  - H. Emancipation
- V. Spousal Maintenance
- A. Statutory Factors
  - B. Decretal and Contractual
  - C. Modifiability
  - D. Health Insurance/COBRA
  - E. Life Insurance
  - F. Termination
- VI. Tax Considerations
- A. Exemptions
  - B. Tax Treatment of Child Support, Child Care, and Spousal Maintenance
  - C. Filing Status Issues
  - D. Property Distribution
    - 1. Tax Basis/Capital Gain
    - 2. Residential Real Estate
- VII. Dissolution (Separation Agreement versus Memorandum of Understanding)
- VIII. Post-Dissolution
- A. Continuing Jurisdiction
  - B. Enforcement
    - 1. Collection
    - 2. Motions for Contempt
    - 3. Liens on Real Property
    - 4. Uniform Acts: UCCJA and URESA
  - C. Modifications
    - 1. Standard to Apply
    - 2. Procedure
    - 3. Custody
    - 4. Financial
- IX. Other Legal Considerations
- A. Paternity Actions
  - B. Rights of the Unwed
  - C. Antenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- X. Miscellaneous Forms