

Drafting Persuasive Findings of Fact, Rationale & Proposed Judgments in Domestic Relations Cases

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Thorough trial preparedness does not end at the close of evidence. A crucial aspect of any trial in the Probate & Family Court is the submission of persuasive post-trial pleadings. Post-trial pleadings are an opportunity to summarize the relevant evidence presented at trial; cite the legal authority in support of your case; and offer a detailed rationale for your position. It is critical to provide the presiding judge with an exhaustive summary of the case presented at trial on behalf of your client.

This seminar offers practitioners insightful and practical advice to ensure your post-trial submissions are well drafted and include all of the important elements of the case.

Agenda

- Framing a Case Through a Comprehensive Pre-Trial Memorandum
- Distinctions Between Findings of Fact and Rationale
- Importance of Citing to Oral and Documentary Evidence in Findings of Fact
- Benefits of a Stenographer/Transcript to Cite to Testimony
- Covering All of the G.L. c. 208, § 34 Factors in Post-Trial Divorce Proceedings
- Citing Relevant Standards of Review and Applicable Law in Conclusions of Law
- Filing of Post-Trial Submissions Including Thumb Drives and Hard Copies
- Post-Judgment Pleadings and the Proper Use of 2-99 Motions
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

Hon. Christine D. Anthony, *Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Cochair

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Hon. Michael D. Anderson, *Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

LIVE WEBCAST

Thursday, September 26, 2024

3:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Friday, October 11, 2024

10:00 am–12:00 pm

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Monday, October 21, 2024

12:00 pm–2:00 pm

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ON DEMAND WEBCAST

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