CLE Program presented by NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee

"Basic Tax Issues for the Matrimonial Lawyer - Part 2"

featuring speakers

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This is a continuation of our must-have primer for matrimonial lawyers! At this second CLE, distinguished panelists will provide additional insights on tax law, income issues, analysis of cash flow, and enhanced earnings calculations. Panelists will provide invaluable tips on how to analyze these issues and utilize them in representing clients and handling applications for child and spousal support.

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. (no one will be admitted after 6:30 p.m.)

Place: Blank Rome, LLP, The Chrysler Building

405 Lexington Ave., NYC (at 42nd St.)

CLE: 2.0 CLE Credits* (1.5 Skills; 0.5 Prof. Practice)
Cost: Free – NYWBA/WBASNY Chapter Members**

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Expanding My Legal Skills: A Foundation Fellow's Update

by Laura Ferro

This past fall I had the invaluable opportunity to serve as New York Women Bar Association Foundation's Fellow at an organization known as *Her Justice* (formerly inMotion). Her Justice provides free legal services for women in the areas of family, divorce, and immigration law. While at Her Justice, I gained practical legal skills and contributed to an admirable mission.

At Her Justice, I performed a variety of tasks. My favorites included performing intake interviews and working on divorce cases. Through intake interviews, I had the opportunity to speak with individual clients directly about their specific situations and inquire into the legal advice they were seeking. Upon completing the interview, I either assigned the individual to a specific Her Justice attorney or referred the individual to another organization that might be of greater assistance based on the legal issues involved. I took satisfaction in knowing, however small my role, I helped these individuals navigate a complex legal system. This experience also greatly expanded my client interview skills and provided me with insight into the law's substantial impact on individuals.

Through my work on divorce cases, I learned a great deal about both legal writing and client interaction. Under the supervision of staff attorneys, I witnessed and partook in all stages of a divorce case, from interviewing clients to drafting final divorce documents to managing case flow. These cases provided me with valuable insight into the day-to-day life of a practicing attorney, something that often eludes law school students confined to reading textbooks in a classroom. These divorce cases helped me realize the true need for attorneys to provide guidance to less affluent clients who have no knowledge of the legal system and are brave enough to seek a divorce from an abusive partner.

Ultimately, this hands-on experience perfectly complemented my classroom legal education. Her Justice provided me with a practical illustration of the legal system, in general, and family and divorce law specifically. I cannot thank New York Women Bar Association Foundation enough for affording me with such a meaningful opportunity.

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NYWBA Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee

present

"How to Effectively and Ethically Use Social Media to Grow Your Practice"

Join Co-Chairs *Jocelyn L. Jacobson* and *Elisabeth Ames* as the Committee provides advice on helpful and practical tips for starting and growing a solo or small practice Existing and prospective members* are welcome. Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Date: Thursday, Mar. 27, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt

885 Third Ave., 20th Fl., (btw 53/54th St.), NYC

Cost: Free for Members*

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