

ARBITRATION

Schedule of Events

- I. **PRE-TRAINING WEBINAR:** Pre-recorded webinar to be posted by May 1, 2023 and reviewed by attendees before program (.5 hours substantive and .5 hours ethics CLE credit). Topics include:
 - Development of family law arbitration
 - State laws and rules applying to family law arbitration
 - Professional responsibilities of attorney arbitrators
- II. **PRE-TRAINING ADVISOR FACILITATED ZOOM SESSION:** About one week prior to in-person training (group meeting for about 30 minutes-no CLE credit):
 - Presentation of hypothetical to be used during training
 - Review of the laws and rules of procedure in states where attendees practice, and the ethical guidelines applicable in those states
- III. **JUNE 1 AND 2, 2023: IN-PERSON FAMILY LAW ARBITRATION TRAINING** (12 hours substantive, 1 hour ethics). Topics to be covered include:
 - Skills and forms needed to be an effective arbitrator
 - Disclosing and avoiding conflicts of interest
 - Domestic violence screening/protection of party and child
 - Arbitration process from start to finish
 - Billing practices and how to collect fees
 - Dealing with difficult counsel, non-compliance by party
 - Considerations for virtual conferences and hearings
 - Conducting hearings, issuing directives and drafting awards
 - Confirmation of and challenges to awards
 - Advertising and promotion
 - Breakout sessions to draft agreement to arbitrate, interim directive, and arbitration award with advisors
- IV. **POST-TRAINING ADVISOR FACILITATED ZOOM SESSION:** About one week after in-person training (group meeting for about 30 minutes-no CLE credit):
 - Feedback on each participant's arbitration awards/decision
 - Mentoring and other resources available for staying informed
 - Presentation of certificates