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The Family Law Section presents

Hidden Risks in Special Needs Divorce

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Special need divorce cases contain hidden legal, financial and benefit-related risks that most attorneys never see until a family is already harmed. This program exposes those risks, explains how they arise, and gives family law practitioners a clear framework for protecting government benefits, ensuring long-term stability, and avoiding malpractice-level mistakes.

Topics

- How routine divorce terms (support orders, reimbursements, asset division) can unintentionally terminate SSI, Medicaid, housing supports, or long-term support eligibility
- The hidden interactions between child support, alimony, reimbursements, and means-tested benefits that create unexpected benefit loss
- Practical strategies for structuring benefit-safe settlements that protect vulnerable families while meeting legal and financial objectives
- The key risk categories attorneys often miss that lead to benefit disruptions, financial instability and long-term planning failures
- Real-world case examples showing how small drafting choices can cause catastrophic benefit loss — and how to avoid those outcomes
- A repeatable workflow attorneys can use to identify risk early and prevent benefit disruption in special needs divorce case

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