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The Family Law Section presents

When a Family Court Party's Capacity is Uncertain

Litigation Strategy and Pitfalls

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MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

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Considerations in Family Court litigation when one spouse lacks, or may lack, mental competence to participate in proceedings. The program will cover ethical considerations, procedure, and strategy implications, and exploration of when a conservator or guardian ad litem is appropriate and the difference between those roles.

Topics

- What to consider when a client or potential client lacks or may lack legal competence to participate in a proceeding
- When a conservatorship and/or appointment of a guardian ad litem is appropriate
- Who can ask the Court for a conservatorship and/or Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)
- Considerations for counsel for a client with potential incapacity, as well as counsel for a well spouse
- Differences between the role of a conservator and GAL; ethics considerations

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