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As anyone who has attended the recent informative Family Law Section meetings can tell you, we are in the midst of an exciting and busy period for the section. First, the Family Law Section partnered with the Center for Women and Families for our Public Service Project. Our goal is to “Adopt-A-Room” at the Center by raising \$2,000.00 through contributions from attorneys or others. At this publication’s press deadline, we had scheduled three “Get To Know the Center” events, in which speakers from the Center would present “Making Connections: How The Family Court System Can Support Victims of Domestic Violence,” and attorneys that attended one session could receive a 1.0 CLE credit hour. Anyone who wished to attend needed only make a \$50.00 contribution to the Center. Of course, the donation of \$50.00 would be tax-deductible and would have also contributed to the provision of a bedroom to be used by victims of domestic violence and their families. If there is continuing interest in more sessions, please contact me, Michelle Eisenmenger Mapes, [Mapes@LouisvilleDivorce.com](mailto:Mapes@LouisvilleDivorce.com) or (502) 562-0050. I strongly encourage everyone to attend one of these sessions, as it will benefit each individual’s understanding of the cycle of domestic violence and the services offered by the Center, inform attendees as to ways to assist the Center, benefit needy families through contributions to the Center, and lastly, provide both a tax deduction and CLE credit.

Since our last update, we benefited from the knowledge of moderator Chip Bowles and other panelists regarding the intersection of bankruptcy and family law, and our speakers for our Annual Nuts and Bolts of Family Law CLE enlivened the conversation with their collective decades of experience in Family Law. Our next CLE, on September 16, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Bar Center will be presented by retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice James Keller, Margaret “Maggie” E. Keane, Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, and Jefferson County Family Court Chief Justice Patricia Walker FitzGerald. Attendees will be challenged with a series of vignettes regarding proper evidentiary procedure and trial practice. Even the most seasoned of professionals will benefit from this CLE. Then, on November 18, 2008, attorney Sandra G. Ragland will present a CLE on “Parenthood in the New Millennium: Recent Kentucky Decisions Defining the Role of Biology in Custody Awards,” in which she will delve into the impact of cases such as *Hinshaw v. Hinshaw*, *JNR and JFR v. O’Reilly*, *Boone v. Ballinger*, *SRD v. TLB*, and *Picklesimer v. Mullins*. Again, this CLE will benefit practitioners with little or vast experience, given the ever-revolving case law on parenthood.

We have had and will continue to have very informative Family Law Section meetings as well. On May 6, 2008, Carol W. Cecil spoke to the section regarding Reactive Attachment Disorder, and how the emotional stress from divorce and/or other family court issues can affect a child’s ability to form a healthy attachment. At our most recent Family Law Section meeting on July 30, 2008, Charlie Meers discussed the Asset and Debt Tool Division Sheets that are currently utilized by many of the Family Courts; Judge Paula Sherlock of Jefferson County Family Court Division Ten reported to the section regarding current issues before the bar; and the section was introduced to Dr. Chris Catt and Shannon Mahoney of Chris Catt Consulting, PSC, a firm that is relatively new to performing custodial evaluations in the area. Dr. Chris Catt will speak at the next section meeting, to occur October 21, 2008 at noon at the Bar

Center, regarding stress reduction. Further, any attorney, judge, or financial or mental health professional interested in making announcements at this section meeting should please contact Michelle Eisenmenger Mapes, Diana L. Skaggs + Associates, 502-562-0050, [Mapes@LouisvilleDivorce.com](mailto:Mapes@LouisvilleDivorce.com); or Louis Winner, Seiller Waterman LLC, 502-584-7400, [winner@derbycitylaw.com](mailto:winner@derbycitylaw.com).

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