



# Often Overlooked – Family Law Issues



**Wednesday  
December 13, 2017**

WSBA Conference Center  
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**Program Chair:** *Mark Alexander – Seattle Divorce Services, Seattle*

## SCHEDULE

**8:00 a.m. Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Coffee and Pastry Service**

**8:25 a.m. Welcome and Introductions by Program Chair**

*Mark Alexander – Seattle Divorce Services, Seattle*

**8:30 a.m. *Howell v. Howell* – Disability Benefits and USFSPA Update**

The session will cover the May, 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding military disability benefits in *Howell v. Howell* and amendments to the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA) overturning the "time rule".

*James A. Cathcart (Ret. Colonel USMC) – Attorney at Law, University Place, WA*

**9:30 a.m. Military Parenting Plan and Child Support Enforcement**

- How to Determine If an Individual Is on Active Military Status
- Requesting Verification of Employment and Pay
- Service of Process
- Determining Child Support Amount
- Enforcing Child Support Orders Through Income Withholding
- Enforcing Medical Support

*Adam D. Mesick – Attorney at Law, Seattle*

**10:30 a.m. BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. Considerations for Drafting Final Documents in Military Divorce**

- Military pension division order
- Survivor benefit plan elections and issues
- Impact of disability pay on pension benefits – recent developments.

*Chris Skinner – Law Office of Christon C. Skinner P.S., Oak Harbor, WA*

**11:45 a.m. LUNCH on your own**

**1:00 p.m. Discovery in Military Family Law Cases**

This session will cover the top 10 things to ask for during Discovery and why!

*Lisa Brewer – Law Office of Lisa Brewer, Spokane*

**2:00 p.m. Military Family Support Guidelines**

Each service has instructions on how to ask for and/or obtain financial support from service members using the chain of command. The Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force all have different support guidelines and manners of enforcement and implementation.

*Daniel G. Jones – Region Legal Service Office Northwest, Silverdale, WA*

**3:00 p.m. Appointing a Guardian Ad Litem**

What happens when a party in a family law matter is mentally disabled? What are the legal guideposts in that circumstance? How do you navigate the ethical issues around appointing a Guardian Ad Litem?

*Rhea J. Rolfe – Gilson-Moreau & Associates PS, Bellevue*

**4:15 p.m. Adjourn**

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