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Short concise summary of all Florida Family Law cases from 2005 - 2016 by Board Certified Divorce Attorney Eddie Stephens. Squib: n. a short, sharp, usually witty impression, a short news story. v. The act of squibbing. Eddie Stephens, born Miami, Florida, October 7, 1971, is a third generation Floridian. Mr. Stephens was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1997 and is Board Certified in Family and Marital Law. Certification is the highest level of recognition by The Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys in the area of Family Law. Mr. Stephens may be contacted at (561) 842-3000. In addition, includes published essays by Eddie Stephens. Foreword written by Rev. Shannon Marie L. Berry. This updated sixth edition reflects the most recent changes in family law in Florida. It offers an overview of the divorce process, introduces the basic vocabulary and legal concepts associated with divorce, and

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familiarizes you with what to expect if you are planning to divorce in Florida or if you are already divorced and have questions about your rights. Property division and child custody are outlined in separate chapters. Special topics include the mediation process, financial affidavit preparation and tax aspects of divorce. This book also covers the simplified dissolution of marriage procedure, which allows couples who have no children or property disputes to file for divorce without an attorney.

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, 2008 Edition

Florida Dissolution of Marriage

Including the Maharani's Ring

Covering the Turf in Family Law

How to Get Awards and Avoid Pitfalls

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Brought to you through a collaboration between LexisNexis and the Florida Bar Legal Publications, this affordable, practice-enhancing single volume provides targeted, authoritative coverage of family law in Florida - both the legislative and analytical content you need to succeed in practice. The Yellowbook comprises the entire Domestic Relations Title as well as selected statutes addressing civil practice and procedure, public health, social welfare, and domestic violence. It also includes regulations of the Department of Children & Families. Practical content is provided in areas where there has been significant new case law and tax effects, including alimony, assisted reproduction and surrogacy, domestic violence injunctions, and child custody.

Florida Family Law Handbook

Who Says Family Law Isn't Appealing?

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, 1999

Current Financial Issues & Solutions to Them

Authored by experts in various facets of civil litigation and reviewed by general editor William C. Bochet, LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Trial, Post-Trial, and Appellate Proceedings offers quick, direct, New Jersey-specific answers to questions that arise in day-to-day civil litigation practice. Topically organized, LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Trial, Post-Trial, and Appellate Proceedings covers a range of civil

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practice issues and takes task-oriented approach to each subject in its action-oriented section headings (e.g. Moving for Relief in Limine, Preparing for Direct Examinations of Experts at Trial, and Making Objections or Requests for Curative Instructions) and multiple checklists in each chapter that guide the reader through each step of a task. This publication covers critical topics such as jury charges, bench trial, opening statements, burdens of proof, trial motions, party and non-party witnesses, expert witnesses, summations, and bringing appeals. It includes numerous practice tips (Strategic Point, Warning, Timing and Exception) to ensure best practices and help the attorney make choices, avoid practice pitfalls and recognize important time limitations and exceptions to general rules. The online product includes practice forms.

The Florida Family Law Rules and Statutes Set combines the expertise of The Florida Bar and LexisNexis to bring you these two convenient volumes that contain the rules, statutes and other relevant materials you need most in your practice every single day. Volume I of the set contains the full text of the Rules you need to practice, including: Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms and Instructions Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms and Instructions Florida Rules of Judicial Administration. Rules for Qualified and Court-Appointed Parenting Coordinators Volume II contains the statutes Florida family law practitioners need most, expertly selected from the Florida Statutes and the United States Code by the Florida Bar's Family Law and Continuing Legal Education Committees. Also

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included are the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

Mediation in Family Law

FLORIDA FAMILY LAW SET 2022

Fees and Costs in Family Law

Florida Family Law (Yellowbook) 2021 Edition

Administration of Trusts in Florida

This publication details the dissolution process from interview through temporary relief and discovery to final judgment. Key areas covered include parental responsibility, child support, alimony, equitable distribution, and attorneys' fees. The publication includes forms and checklists. Florida Dissolution of Marriage, 13th Edition, highlights: Discussion and analysis of the new Collaborative Law Process Act, F.S. 61.55 et seq. Florida Supreme Court's adoption of the creation of "stand-alone" Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, which now govern family law proceedings. In re: Amendments to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, 214 So.3d 400 (Fla. 2017). Discussion and analysis of the United States Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, 135 S.Ct. 2584, 192 L.Ed.2d 609 (2015) that the U.S. Constitution requires that same-sex couples be allowed to marry, regardless of where they live, and that states may not reserve that right for only heterosexual couples. Same-sex couples' entitlement to dissolution of marriage. Brandon-

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Thomas v. Brandon-Thomas, 163 So.3d 644 (Fla. 2d DCA 2015), Brenner v. Scott, 999 F.Supp.2d 1278 (N.D. Fla. 2014). Viability and constitutionality of F.S. 61.043(1)'s requirement of using "husband" and "wife" in the caption in the context of same-sex marriage dissolution procedures. Brandon-Thomas v. Brandon-Thomas, 163 So.3d 644 (Fla. 2d DCA 2015), Brenner v. Scott, 999 F.Supp.2d 1278 (N.D. Fla. 2014). Reproductive technology and parental rights of same-sex couples. D.M.T. v. T.M.H., 129 So.3d 320 (Fla. 2013). Viability of the general rule that partition is available as a matter of right pursuant to the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Condrey v. Condrey, 92 So.2d 423 (Fla. 1957). Florida Supreme Court's adoption of Fla.Fam.L.R.P. 12.003(a), under which all related family cases must be handled before one judge unless impractical. See *In re Amendments to Florida Rules of Judicial Administration*, 132 So.3d 1114 (Fla. 2014). Florida Legislature's amendment of F.S. 61.13(2)(b) regarding shared parental responsibility over health care decisions. Discussion of the implications of the Florida Supreme Court's rejection of F.S. 90.702 to the extent that it is procedural and discovery in dissolution of marriage actions. See *In re: Amendments to Florida Evidence Code*, 210 So.3d 1231 (Fla. 2017). United States Supreme Court's abrogation of *Abernethy v. Fishkin*, 699 So.2d 235 (Fla. 1997). *Howell v. Howell*, 137 S.Ct. 1400 (2017)

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(states are prohibited from increasing, pro rata, amount divorced spouse received each month from veteran's retirement pay to reimburse or indemnify divorced spouse to restore that portion of retirement pay lost due to postdivorce waiver). Florida Legislature's enactment of F.S. 61.13(9), restricting time-sharing when a parent is a resident of a "recovery residence." Florida Supreme Court's decision in *Hooker v. Hooker*, 220 So.3d 397 (Fla. 2017) regarding the appropriate standard of review on appeal for reviewing whether a trial court was correct in determining whether donative intent existed to render an asset an interspousal gift and part of the marital estate. Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, Pub.L.No. 114-113, §101(a), 129 Stat. 2242 (2016).

Quickly find answers to evidentiary and substantive law questions whether you are in the office or the courtroom. More than 200 summaries of recent noteworthy cases make this edition of Florida Family Law Trial Notebook invaluable for both new and experienced practitioners. Developments include: Incorporation of Marital Settlement Agreement into final judgment was no bar to legal malpractice action. 17.1.9 Salary owed to wife on divorce pursuant to prenuptial agreement was not alimony. 17.1.10 Court could not order husband's company (a non-party) to pay wife a monthly stipend. 17.2.2 Error to impute to wife social security income that

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she was eligible to receive but had deferred to receive a higher amount in the future. 17.2.17 Error to impute income to husband when wife produced no evidence of corporate pilot positions for which husband could qualify given their equal timesharing agreement. 17.2.17 Husband's need for retirement that arose after parties signed MSA, but before entry of final judgment, was sufficient for court to entertain husband's motion for modification of alimony.

17.2.21 Where waiver of right to seek alimony modification was ambiguous, husband was entitled to seek modification. 17.2.21 Court erred in finding husband had ability to pay wife's attorney fees based on loan from a friend. 17.4.1 On remand, trial court was required to conduct a need and ability to pay analysis in fixing conditionally granted appellate attorney fees. 17.4.3 Charging lien requires that attorney's services produce positive result for client as lien attaches to tangible fruits of services. 17.4.6 Trial court erred in ordering former wife to pay attorney fees to former husband while making no findings regarding reasonable hourly rate or reasonable number of hours for attorney's services.

17.4.14 Former wife was not judicially estopped from pursuing fee award from her former husband even though the fees owed by the former wife to a law firm were discharged in bankruptcy. 17.4.31 Life insurance policy ordered to secure child support should have named children as beneficiaries, not

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former wife. 17.5.34 Husband's obligation to pay wife half the proceeds from the sale of a business was properly characterized as a property settlement and not spousal support. 17.6.17 In First District, it does not constitute fundamental error for a trial court to not address steps needed to be taken by a party to reestablish unsupervised parenting time if the issue is not brought to the trial court's attention. 17.7.33 Stock option could not be considered as both a marital asset for division and a source of income for alimony. 17.8.2 Husband who paid down mortgage encumbering the wife's non-marital home should be given credit for one-half of the amount by which he reduced the mortgage balance, not a dollar for dollar credit. 17.8.21 In actions for injunctions for protection against repeat violence, dating violence, and sexual violence brought pursuant to Chapter 784.046, Florida Statutes, a trial court may award attorney's fees in accordance with Chapter 57.105, Florida Statutes. 17.9.1 Trial court did not abuse its discretion in not dissolving 15 year old injunction against domestic violence where petitioner testified about numerous violations and fear she would be victimized when respondent was released from prison. 17.9.1 Trial court should not have entered an injunction for protection against stalking when only one incident of harassment was proven. 17.9.2 Because the actions of husband's paramour were not directed to the wife but were directed toward him,

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the wife should not have been granted an injunction for protection against stalking. 17..9.2 An order requiring a psychological examination must specify the manner, conditions, and scope of the evaluation. 17.9.5 Trial court should not have entered an injunction for protection against sexual violence based solely on what the children told their father about what their stepfather allegedly did to them. 17.9.5 Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution required enforcement of a sister state's judgment ordering grandparent visitation with minor children. 17.17.9 And More!

Family Law

Business Litigation in Florida

Library of Florida Family Law Forms

Florida Family Law Set: Florida Supreme Court approved family law forms and instructions

Florida Divorce Handbook

Library of Florida Family Law Forms serves as a resource for family litigators in their everyday practice, and for general practitioners in their occasional family litigation matter. For ease of reference, the forms, depending on topic area, are set forth in separate chapters from the initial appearance leading up to the trial of the matter, and post-judgment issues. Library of Florida Family Law Forms includes over 150 sample documents and court forms in print

and on CD: for divorce (equitable distribution of property, alimony, division of financial assets), child custody (visitation, protective orders, and paternity), domestic violence matters, attorney fees. These forms are presented in book and electronic format on a CD-ROM, which may be opened in MS Word. These forms may be edited to suit the unique facts and circumstances of each case. Use these forms as your templates and save valuable time drafting and typing.

***Florida Family Law & Practice LexisNexis
An Examination of Family Law Appeals
Florida Family Law Rules and Statutes Set
and Rules of Judicial Administration***

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***Stephens' Squibs - Florida Family Case Law
Updates - 2017***

Removing the Baby from Bad Bath Waters

Florida Family Law & Practice Factors beyond their control are increasing the challenges faced by all who work with Florida family law. Divorce studies and a flood of pro se litigants have driven Florida family courts to revise trial procedure and promote case management and settlement. Consequently, lawyers' courtroom skills are frequently lacking in the implementation of "trial as a last resort." And their existing settlement approaches are at times inadequate to meet court mandates. Judge Renee Goldenberg, a master of systems organization and

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management, has written a procedural toolbox to address these challenges. Florida Family Law & Practice provides techniques, law, and forms to improve your effectiveness and efficiency in everything from client preparation through entry of evidence to closing argument. The book is heavily annotated with over 3,000 case citations, dozens of practice tips and checklists, and over 200 forms. Taking a step-by-step approach, this complete practice and procedure guide walks you through: • Screening cases • Investigation • Emergencies • Discovery • Temporary relief • Property issues • Alimony • Child support • Attorneys' fees • Settlement • Trial

Round Two from the amazing life and times of legendary South Florida attorney Lewis Ress takes readers from Brooklyn in the 1940s, via a spell in a top-secret Army Department (and a transatlantic solo flight in a replica Spirit of St. Louis), to adventures in and out of the courtroom in a sometimes rougher-than-ready Fifties and Sixties Miami. Fans of Strange Cases and Wild Tales will need no introduction to the author's brilliant and fast-paced story telling laced with salty evocations of the human carnival of the era and shot through with compassionate insight. From advising the heir to Colonel Sanders (and falling out with Buddy Hackett) to night-time jogging with Vitas Gerulaitis, the stories keep on coming. Larry, the charismatic wheeler-dealer from the last book, needs to be rescued from yet another risky deal. A bridge-playing mobster needs help to find his missing daughter... All this and more, along with sage advice against buying a lottery ticket-you might win.

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Florida Family Law

Adoption, Paternity, and Other Florida Family Practice

Volume II: Statutes

Stephens' Squibs - Florida Family Case Law Updates - 2019 Edition

The revised and expanded Tenth Edition of this perennial bestseller addresses in-depth the Florida Trust Code and subsequent amendments to the Code passed by the Legislature through 2017. In addition, this new edition features extensive treatment of all facets of trust administration. Highlights of the new Tenth Edition include: Coverage of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act New and expanded overview of trust administration New sections on Decanting, Social Investments, Self-Settled Spendthrift Trusts Outside Florida, Ethical Issues in Preparation of Deeds, Marital Agreements and Title, Drafting Third-Party Special Needs Trusts, and on Offshore Trusts, including Determination of Beneficiaries, Taking Inventory of Trust Assets, Life and Annuity Policies Rewrites of sections on Who May Serve as Trustee, Trustee's Power to Invade Principal, and Multiple Trust Rule with 2019 legislation Updates on the Florida Trust Code, fiduciary attorney-

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client privilege, safe harbor and homestead rights, Florida Medicaid Programs, Deductions for Qualified Business Income, Alimony Special Needs Trusts with respect to 2018 POMS Revisions, and Distributions and SSI Income Rules Elaboration on Statutes of Limitations Regarding Trust Disclosure Documents, Trust Modification and Trust Termination, the Sole Benefit Rule for Special Needs Trusts, and the Choice of Trustee for d4A Trusts Updates and discussions about rules, statutes, and recent case law Tax considerations are stressed throughout the text, and are treated in depth in Chapter 12 of the manual. With the explosive increase in the use of trusts by Florida residents, this updated manual addresses a myriad of issues that attorneys practicing in this area are likely to confront on a daily basis.

Falling for Family Law

Family Law Ethics -- a View From the Bench [sound Recording].

Miami Memoirs

Evidence

Florida Family Law Trial Notebook