

Iranian American Lawyers Association, Family Law Section,
Los Angeles County Bar Association,
and UWLA, School of Law, Present:

THIRD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA SEMINAR
**Cultural Competency in Family Law Practice:
The New Frontiers of Divorce**

INTRODUCTION

California is the leading state in the development of many aspects of Family Law. California was the first state that allowed inter-racial marriage (Perez 1948), no-fault divorces (Civil Code 1969), Palimony (Marvin 1976), domestic partnerships (1984), and same sex-marriages (Cases 2008). California has the most diverse population in the United States and leads other states in inter-racial/ethnic marriages. More than 15 percent of California's population is 55 years of age or older; more than 25 percent are immigrants; and more than 50 percent speak a language other than English. This year's Cultural Competency seminar focuses on the complexities that cultural differences have raised in Family Law practice. Seven (7) panels of highly experienced Family Law Judges, Certified Family Law Specialists, and expert psychologists will examine these issues and the challenges facing every family law practitioner.

PANELS AND PANELISTS

1. **Immigrants Divorce:** Separation of the Newly Arrived Wives and Husbands (Interaction between Federal Immigration and California Family Law) Hon. Gita Tehrani (IJ), Foojan Zeinie, Psy.D., Faith Noori, CFLS.
2. **Mixed Divorce:** Inter-race, Inter-faith, and Inter-cultural Litigation (Race, Faith, and Culture shaping California Family Law Litigation) Hon. Patrick Cathcart, Linda Bortell, Psy.D., Diana Martinez, Esq.
3. **Gray Divorce:** Break-up of 55 Years and Older (Interaction between California Probate and Family Law) Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Rita Goetz, Peter Walzer, CFLS.
4. **Lunch With Your Judge:** Q&A with Judges of diverse ethnic, faith, gender, race. Judge Harvey Silberman, Judge Holly Fujie, Judge Bruce Iwasaki.
5. **Micro-Aggression Gone Violent:** Cultural Behavior amounting to Domestic Violence (Interaction between Cultural/Religious intent and Marital Relationship) Judge D. Zeke Ziedler, Gitu Bhatia, Psy. D., Comm. Cynthia Loo
6. **Same-Sex Divorce:** Dividing Tomorrow's Spouses Today (Life after Obergefell: Reflections on impact of USSC decision on California Family Practice) Judge Amy Pellman, Diane Goodman, Esq., Faye Nia, CFLS.
7. **Divorce of Cohabitants:** Marvin Actions in Family Courts (Life after Obergefell: Reflections on the USSC decision, on Out of California and Foreign Assets) Judge Fredrick Shaller, Carol Newman, Esq., Steve Zand, CFLS.

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and General MCLE Including one (1) hour Elimination of Bias