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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

8:30 Registration
9:00 Divorce and Bankruptcy: Understanding a Difficult Intersection

The intersection of these areas of law continues to confuse attorneys from the bankruptcy side to the family side. Join a United States bankruptcy judge, a circuit court judge, and attorneys from both practice areas to learn what is dischargeable in bankruptcy and what is not, when a complaint is required, when a bankruptcy filing stays or stops the divorce action in state court, and how bankruptcy may benefit husbands and wives jointly when they discover they cannot maintain two separate households and meet debt obligations.


10:30 Break
10:45 Foreclosure: Can I Save My House, and if Not, Does Bankruptcy Automatically Follow?

Do loan modifications really work? If yes, how can your client get one and what will it do to help? Can a lender modify a loan that is currently in a Chapter 13 or 7? Do your divorcing clients really need to keep the house that is $100,000 upside down? From HAMP to alternative modification programs available through lenders, map out the pathways to help your client retain the “American Dream.” And if it is simply too late, find out when bankruptcy can help with those pesky deficiencies and when bankruptcy is not necessary.

Fairfax: Michael T. Freeman, Henry W. McLaughlin, Daniel M. Press
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12:15 Lunch (provided at full-day live programs only)

*Directions to seminar locations are on the Internet at www.vacle.org.*
Dealing with Difficult Clients, Whether Mentally Ill or Just Ornery: How to Cope but Still Ethically Represent Your Client

With the higher numbers of bankruptcies combined with the higher incomes of debtors, dealing with difficult clients can drive an attorney crazy. This unique panel will explore ways to deal with all sorts of difficult clients: from mentally ill to those who misrepresent the truth to divorcing joint clients and those in-between. The panel will consist of experienced counsel, a trained psychologist or counselor, and a representative from the VSB’s disciplinary process. This promises to be a lively ethics presentation!

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