

## Child Custody In The 21st Century - South CLEfest

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Societal changes have altered custody arrangements and how partners interact with one another and their children. Fifty years ago, mothers typically stayed at home to raise children, or worked part-time only, and as such, tended to retain custody of the children when parents divorced. Today, when both parents are employed, a career shift or job change can result in a relocation petition. More and more children are raised by family members other than their biological mothers or fathers, and increasing numbers of children have two parents of the same gender, who face somewhat different societal and economic pressures than the stereotypical heterosexual parenting duo. In the past, parents expressed their frustrations or concerns about their co-parent or their children privately, to friends or family, on the phone or in person. In the 21st Century, boundaries are almost endless, as parents convey their points of view on Facebook, Twitter or other social media platforms.

These tectonic shifts in how we structure our families and communicate with one another have had a profound impact on divorce practice. Negotiating custody agreements in the 21st Century demands honed legal skills and a keen and nuanced understanding of divorce dynamics. You must advocate for your client, while encouraging them to let go of anger and hurts, and guiding them to consider the best interest of the children. Our informative seminar will highlight some of the most pressing problems present today in custody disputes and provide the attorney with guidance as to how to resolve these issues.

Learn from the experts on how to navigate today's child custody issues, including:

- Impact of technology on raising children and communicating asco-parents
- The role of blended families in negotiating and executing parenting plans
- Intrastate, interstate and international relocation issues
- Religion and custody
- Third party custody issues

...and more

### Location:

Borgata Hotel and Casino

### Time:

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**Speaker:**

Steven Sacharow, Shareholder, Family Law Practice

**Credits:**

Each session will be worth 3.3 credits. Earn up to 6.6 credits by taking one morning and one afternoon session.

**ATTORNEYS MENTIONED**

Steven Sacharow