Title:

Race to the Courthouse: The Curious case of Guillot v. Guillot.

And Writs vs. Appeals: Can you Correct Your Mistake?

Summary:

Presentation will deal with situations in which a hearing for a no fault divorce in the commissioner's court clashes with an adverse fault-based divorce in the district court. Which petition prevails? Which party gets his or her hearing, and who gets mooted out of court?

Initial focus is on Guillot v. Guillot, 25-CA-149 and related jurisprudence.

Presentation will then shift to the often complicated and confusing question of whether to seek appellate review by writ application or appeal, and specifically, whether and how a mistake might be corrected. This is often most uncertain and frequent in domestic cases in which there are various ancillary judgments related to support or custody, and counsel must decide whether the judgment is final and appealable, or interlocutory and subject only to supervisory review.