

**Debra S. Frank,
Moderator and Panelist,
2013 CEB Family Law Conference,
Continuing Education of the Bar California**

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Debra S. Frank, Certified Family Law Specialist

Debra S. Frank, a Certified Family Law Specialist in Century City, California, was the moderator and a panelist of the 2013 CEB Family Law Conference held on October 31 and November 1, 2013 in Pleasanton, CA.

CEB (Continuing Education of the Bar California) is a program of the University of California co-sponsored by the State Bar of California. Founded in 1947 with the mandate to cultivate the professional development of California lawyers, CEB was the first organization to offer formal Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in the state.

In addition to serving as moderator of the conference, Debra S. Frank was the moderator of and a panelist on the Year in Review panel, along with Seth D. Kramer and Gregory C. Abel.

Other panels included:

- *Psychological and Counseling Aspect of Divorce – How Men, Women, and Children are Affected by Divorce*
 - *Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP*
- *Attorney Fees as Sanctions and Inter-Spousal Fiduciary Duties*
 - *Michelene Insalaco*
- *Discovery and Disclosures in Family Law*
 - *Mark Ressa*
- *Representing Same Sex Families after Windsor and Perry*
 - *Deborah H. Wald*

- *Alternative Dispute Resolution in Family Law Matters and Limited Scope Representation or Unbundling*
 - *Vivian L Holley*
 - *Hon. Marjorie A. Slabach, (Ret.)*
 - *M. Sue Talia*

Debra S. Frank served as Chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association for the 2011 – 2012 term and on the Beverly Hills Bar Association’s Board of Governors for the 2009 through the 2012 term. She also served as the Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section for the 2010 – 2011 term and has served and continues to serve on the Family Law Executive Committee as a member and a Past Chair. She has been the editor of the Family Law Reference CD/book prepared in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Symposium for many years and is the 2014 Newsletter Editor for the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. She is also the past Chair of the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court, the only Family Law Inn of Court in Southern California. The Mission of the American Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills. She also served as a Commissioner on the Family Law Advisory Commission, Board of Legal Specialization, for the 2005-2008 term. The Family Law Advisory Commission reviews and make recommendations on certification and recertification applications to the Board of Legal Specialization, develops and grades the legal specialist, reviews and approves applications for legal specialty education provider status and for individual education programs and recommends revisions to the standards for certification and recertification to reflect current practice in family law.

She also served on the State Bar Family Law Executive Committee. She was also a Governor Jerry Brown appointee to the California Law Revision Commission during his first term. The California Law Revision Commission is an independent state agency created by statute in 1953. It assists the Legislature and Governor by examining California law and recommending needed reforms. Family law was a major area of examination at that time.

Ms. Frank maintains her law practice in the Century City area of Los Angeles. She has practiced law for more than 30 years, limiting her practice to family law issues. A certified family law specialist, Ms. Frank has played important roles on the executive committees of the State Bar's Family Law Section, the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Family Law Section, the Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section, the

Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS), and the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court. She has been a panelist on and moderator of family law programs, has written articles on family law, served as a Judge Pro Tem, and is a past commissioner and vice chair of the California Law Revision Commission. She earned her undergraduate degree from Boston University, her M.A. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, and her J.D. degree from Southwestern University School of Law. Through her work with CEB and other contributions to the legal community as a practitioner and instructor, Ms. Frank has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing legal education and the furtherance of the legal profession. In 2012, she was named a recipient of the "Spirit of CEB" Award, which is an acknowledgement of her selfless sharing of information for the betterment of the legal profession and the society it serves.

Southern California *Super Lawyers* magazine named her as one of the top attorneys in Southern California for 2009 through 2014. And she is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell. (AV® Preeminent™ and BV® Distinguished™ are certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies, 2011-present).

Her practice includes divorce and dissolution of marriage; California community property; spousal support/alimony; child support; child custody and child visitation; breach of fiduciary duty; domestic partnerships; prenuptial & postnuptial agreements; litigation; modifications of custody and support agreements; domestic violence; interstate custody; international custody; paternity and paternity tests; and property and debt division.

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