



STEPHEN D.

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FAMILY LAW OFFICES

## Stephen D. Hamilton

Curriculum Vitae

### ABOUT

Stephen D. Hamilton has been an attorney for 25 years, with a practice in San Luis Obispo County devoted almost exclusively to family law for 23 years. He is a Certified Specialist in Family Law and a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is also a past Chair of the Family Law Executive Committee of the California Lawyers Association (FLEXCOM) and past Chair of the San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section. Stephen is a published author in the field of family law and a Multi-Activity Provider authorized by the State of California to provide continuing legal education.

### EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley  
Bachelor of Science, Major in Political Economy of  
Natural Resources

■ Conferred: May 22, 1987

University of California, Hastings College of the Law

■ Attended: 1988-1989

Law Office Study Program  
State Bar of California

■ Education Completed: 1994

### BAR ADMISSIONS

California State Bar,

■ Admitted November 24, 1994

U.S. District Court, California Central District,

■ Admitted 1999

U.S. District Court, California Eastern District,

■ Admitted 1999

### CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Specialist in Family Law  
California Board of Legal Specialization of the  
State Bar of California

■ August 1, 2004

Approved Multiple Activity Provider, Family Law  
California Board of Legal Specialization of the  
State Bar of California

■ January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

### PROFESSIONAL & OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

San Luis Obispo County Bar Association,

■ 1994 - present

California Family Law Section,

■ 1999 - Present

Association of Certified Family Law Specialists,

■ 2016 - present

Knights of Columbus,

■ 2016 - present

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

■ 2019 - Present

### AWARDS

Knight of the Year, Council 1375  
Awarded on May 22, 2019

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS & APPOINTMENTS**

Member, California State Bar/California Lawyers Association Family Law Section Executive Committee

- 2016 - present
  - Immediate Past Chair/Advisor, 2019 - present
  - Chair, 2018 - 2019
  - Legislative Chair, 2017 - 2018
  - Editor, Family Law News Monthly, 2017
  - Assistant Editor, Family Law News, 2016 - 2017

Association of Certified Family Law Specialists

- Technology Director, 2018 - 2019
- Amicus Committee, 2017 - present
- Outreach Committee, 2016 - present

San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section Chairperson,  
■ 2017 - 2018

Knights of Columbus Council 1375:

- Warden, 2017
- Chancellor, 2017 - 2018
- Deputy Grand Knight, 2018 - 2019
- Grand Knight, 2019 - present

Knights of Columbus John G. Mitty General Assembly 78

- Fourth Degree, 2017 - present
- Faithful Scribe, 2018 - 2019
- Newsletter Coordinator, 2018 -2019
- Faithful Captain, 2019-2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"When and How to Respond to Online Reviews"  
State Bar of California Family Law News, Volume 39, Issue 1 (2017).

"Sanctions after Sagnowski"  
State Bar of California Family Law Monthly News, April 2017.

"Requesting a Statement of Decision: How, When and Why"  
State Bar of California Family Law News, Volume 39, Issue 3 (2017).

"Why ESI Scares Me as a Solo Practitioner"  
State Bar of California Family Law News, Volume 39, Issue Number 4 (2017)

"Yelp v. Superior Court"  
California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 40, Issue Number 1 (2018)

"The Duties and Responsibilities of Minor's Counsel under Family Code Section 3042"  
California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 40, Issue Number 1 (2018)

## **PUBLICATIONS CONT.**

- "Evidence Code for Family Law Attorneys, Part I"  
Co-authored with Hon. William J. Howatt, Jr. California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 41, Issue Number 2 (2018)
- "Evidence Code for Family Law Attorneys, Part II"  
Co-authored with Hon. William J. Howatt, Jr.  
California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 41, Issue Number 3 (2018)
- "Evidence Code for Family Law Attorneys, Part III"  
Co-authored with Hon. William J. Howatt, Jr.  
California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 41, Issue Number 4 (2018)
- "Expert Witness Discovery in Family Law Matters, Pt. I"  
California Lawyers Association Family Law News, Volume 43, Issue Number 1 (2020)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- People v. Sanchez: Can My Expert Witness Still Rely on Hearsay?  
- January 18, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
- What Every Attorney Should Know About Domestic Violence Restraining Orders  
- February 16, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Bar Association
- Cal. Fam. Code §3042: Ascertaining the Wishes of a Child in Custody and Visitation Matters.  
- March 2, 2017: State Bar of California Webinar, Moderator and Co-Author
- Six Month Case Review  
- April 19, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
- Requests for Statements of Decision: How, When and Why.  
- May 17, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
- People v. Sanchez: Can My Expert Witness Still Rely on Hearsay?  
- July 27, 2017: Solano County Bar Family Law Section  
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- Ten Things You Need to Know About ESI  
- August 16, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
- Requirements, Rights and Duties of Minor's Counsel  
- September 29, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section  
- March 16, 2018: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
- February 16, 2019: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
- February 8, 2020: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
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## PRESENTATIONS CONT.

### Cal. Fam. Code §3042: Children's Custodial Preferences and the Role of Minor's Counsel

- September 29, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
  - March 16, 2018: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training
  - February 16, 2019: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training
  - February 8, 2020: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training
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### Six Month Family Law Case Review

- October 18, 2017: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
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### Evidence 101 for Minor's Counsel (co-taught with the Hon. Mark Juhas)

- March 17, 2018: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training
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### Chair and Coordinator, Second Annual San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training March 16-17, 2018

- Conducted negotiations and secured venue, including coordination of food
- Secured all speakers for event
- Conducted all advertising and promotion for event
- Prepared program materials and electronic Guidebook for event
- Directed and lead event, attended by 101 attorneys and 4 judges from 28 counties

### Six Month Family Law Case Review

- April 18, 2018: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
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### Use of Motions in Limine in Family Law Proceedings

- July 25, 2018: California Lawyers Association Webinar, speaker and co-author

### Getting More Out of Less: Family Law Discovery on a Budget

- September 15, 2018: California Lawyers Association Annual Meeting

### Six Month Family Law Case Review

- October 18, 2018: San Luis Obispo County Family Law Section
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### Top Ten Things Your Family Law Bench Officer Wishes You Knew

- December 3, 2018: California Lawyers Association Webinar, moderator

### Chair and Coordinator, Third Annual San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training February 16-17, 2019

- Conducted negotiations and secured venue, including coordination of food
- Secured all speakers for event
- Conducted all advertising and promotion for event
- Directed and lead event, attended by 130 attorneys and 2 judges from 30 counties

### Torts, Suits and Disputes: All Is Fair in Divorce and Civil Litigation

- March 22, 2019: 2019 Annual Association of Certified Family Law Specialists

## PRESENTATIONS CONT.

Spring Seminar, Panel 1: co-presenter with Elizabeth Pappy  
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Reporting Requirements and Legislative Changes  
- May 7, 2019: Priests' Study Days, Diocese of Monterey

Chair and Coordinator, Third Annual San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
February 8-9, 2020  
- Conducted negotiations and secured venue, including coordination of food  
- Secured all speakers for event  
- Conducted all advertising and promotion for event  
- Directed and lead event, attended by 132 attorneys from 31 counties

Noticing and Taking Depositions as Minor's Counsel (co-taught with the Hon. Mark Juhas)  
- February 8, 2020: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
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Requesting, Setting and Enforcing Attorney Fees as Minor's Counsel  
- February 8, 2020: San Luis Obispo County Minor's Counsel Training  
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