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FIRST HOUR: SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, DIVORCE GROUNDS, PROPERTY DIVISION

1. A temporary order for separate maintenance

___ (a) may not be converted to a permanent order by the passage of time.

___ (b) should only continue for a maximum of one year.

___ (c) can only be awarded based on a finding that the recipient was not at fault in the marriage.

2. In *Cassel v. Cassel*, the Mississippi Supreme Court held that the presumption in favor of marital property

___ (a) does not apply to premarital assets.

___ (b) is inapplicable to couples married less than ten years.

___ (c) does not apply to real property.

3. The Mississippi Supreme Court in *Cassell*

- (a) held that separate property is converted to marital when it is deposited into an account with marital funds.
- (b) held that commingling funds does not automatically convert separate funds to marital.
- (c) held that conversion of separate property can be reversed by agreement.

SECOND HOUR: ALIMONY; CUSTODY

4. Alimony may be terminated

- (a) if the recipient spouse cohabits for more than six months.
- (b) if the recipient spouse enters a de facto marriage.
- (c) if the recipient spouse's income doubles from the time of the award.

5. In determining whether alimony should be awarded, a court

- (a) may use the *Armstrong* or *Cheatham* factors.
- (b) must use the *Armstrong* factors.
- (c) should not award alimony if the recipient received 50% or more of the marital estate.

6. A court may order that a parent's visitation be supervised

- (a) only if there is evidence of immediate danger to the child.
- (b) only on the request of the custodial parent.
- (c) if the court finds that the parent has a history of violence toward any family member.

THIRD HOUR: CHILD SUPPORT, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, JURISDICTION

7. A court may order a parent to pay for private school tuition and costs

- (a) if the parent agreed to their attendance at the school.
- (b) if the parent agreed to their attendance and the costs are reasonable.
- (c) if the child wants to attend the school.

8. Durable legal custody

- (a) may only be awarded to relatives of a child.
- (b) may not be awarded on a temporary basis.
- (c) may not be awarded after termination of parental rights.

9. A Rule 81(d) summons

- (a) is required as notice of a petition for contempt in a pending action.
- (b) is required for a motion for continuance.

___ (c) is no longer required in paternity actions.

FOURTH HOUR: MEDIATION

10. A mediator

___ (a) can testify regarding the parties' good faith in the mediation.

___ (b) may not appear as a witness in the case.

___ (c) is barred from discussing the case with attorneys prior to mediation.

11. Collaborative law proceedings

___ (a) are not appropriate for mediation.

___ (b) were recently approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

___ (c) are appropriate for highly contentious divorces.

12. An attorney planning for mediation

___ (a) should consider alerting the mediator to potential triggers for their client.

___ (b) should not share confidential information with the mediator.

___ (c) should feel free to bring any third parties to the mediation.

FIFTH HOUR: ETHICS: REPRESENTING CHILDREN

13. New legislation in Mississippi

___ (a) requires appointment of an attorney for children in all divorce cases.

___ (b) requires appointment of an attorney for children in all custody cases.

___ (c) requires appointment of an attorney for children in cases of abuse and neglect.

14. An attorney may breach a child's confidences

___ (a) if the attorney believes it is in the child's best interest.

___ (b) to report abuse or neglect under the mandated reporting statute.

___ (c) only if ordered to do so by a court.

15. New legislation in Mississippi provides that a guardian ad litem may act in the dual role of attorney and GAL

___ (a) if the child's parents consent.

___ (b) if the parents are unable to afford an attorney.

___ (c) unless a conflict arises.

SIXTH HOUR: ALIMONY REFRESHER

16. The following types of alimony can be modified:

- ___ (a) permanent, rehabilitative, and some hybrid.
- ___ (b) permanent, lump sum, and hybrid.
- ___ (c) lump sum, reimbursement, and hybrid.

17. Alimony may be terminated or modified based on cohabitation

- ___ (a) that involves mutual financial support.
- ___ (b) if there is mutual financial support that alters the need for alimony.
- ___ (c) if the cohabitants are engaged.

18. Alimony may be modified based on

- ___ (a) a payor's obligations for a new family.
- ___ (b) an out-of-court agreement to reduce alimony.
- ___ (c) a payor's unforeseen and involuntary reduction in income.