

**2026 Bell Family Law CLE
Questionnaire for Online CLE**

Complete this only if you are seeking credit in Alabama, Louisiana, and/or Tennessee. Check the correct answer to the question. At the bottom, confirm that you watched the entire hour by signing your name. **Email a scanned pdf copy of your completed answer sheet to msfamilylaw@nautiluspublishing.com.**

First hour

1. A husband was entitled to divorce against his wife based on desertion because
- _____ (a) she was not willing to reconcile with him and remained away from home continuously for one year.
- _____ (b) he refused to reconcile with her.
- _____ (c) neither wanted the marriage to continue.
2. A husband's property settlement agreement obligation to maintain a \$1 million life insurance policy to secure child support and property division payments
- _____ (a) could be reduced to \$400,000 when his children were emancipated.
- _____ (b) could not be reduced to a lower amount because the agreement did not assign specific portions of the policy to child support and to property division.
- _____ (c) could be modified as excessive.

Second hour

3. A nonparent who acts in loco parentis to a child
- _____ (a) may be entitled to visitation with the child based on special, unique circumstances if justice and the child's well-being require an ongoing relationship.
- _____ (b) may be required to pay child support for the child after the in loco parentis relationship ends.
- _____ (c) must overcome the natural parent presumption to be granted visitation.
4. A couple's agreed child support escalation clause was not enforceable because
- _____ (a) it did not provide a clear and unambiguous formula for calculating an increase in support.
- _____ (b) it did not address the children's needs and expenses.
- _____ (c) it did not state a date on which the increase was to be calculated.

Third hour

5. The Mississippi legislature amended Rule 81(d) of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure by
- _____ (a) making all matters thirty rather than seven-day matters.
 - _____ (b) providing that parties must answer a Rule 81(d) complaint.
 - _____ (c) moving the provisions to Rule 4 and providing for Rule 5 notice of continuances and subsequent matters within a proceeding.
6. Foster parents
- _____ (a) are contractually barred from adopting children who have been in their care.
 - _____ (b) are preferred as adopting parents after termination of the parents' rights.
 - _____ (c) are not prohibited from seeking to adopt a foster child after the parents' rights are terminated.

Fourth hour

7. The Mississippi legislature adopted a presumption that
- _____ (a) joint legal custody is in a child's best interest.
 - _____ (b) joint physical custody and equal parenting time is in a child's best interest.
 - _____ (c) parents must agree in order for a court to award joint physical custody.
8. Joint custody
- _____ (a) should never be awarded unless the parents are able to work cooperatively.
 - _____ (b) should only be awarded between fit parents.
 - _____ (c) should ordinarily be based on a week on/week off schedule.

Fifth hour

9. Courts may impute income to a parent for purposes of child support
- _____ (a) based on the assumption that they could work 40 hours at minimum wage.
 - _____ (b) based on information specific to the parent, including their work history, skills, education, and barriers to employment.
 - _____ (c) based on their incarceration as voluntary unemployment.
10. The Mississippi legislature created a child support formula for joint custody
- _____ (a) only in the case of equal parenting time.
 - _____ (b) for any case in which both parents have more the 35% of time with the child.
 - _____ (c) that multiplies support by 150% to reflect the increased costs of shared parenting.

Sixth hour

11. A nonmarital child whose paternity has not been established and who seeks to inherit from an alleged father's relatives

_____ (a) must prove that the relative in question acknowledged him or her as a part of their family.

_____ (b) must file a petition for determination of heirs within one year of the alleged father's death or ninety days after notice to creditors, whichever comes first.

_____ (c) may file a petition for determination of heirs after the statutory one-year period if relatives opposing the petition fail to assert the period as an affirmative defense.

12. An attorney has a duty to disclose adverse authority

_____ (a) unless the authority can be distinguished.

_____ (b) in the controlling jurisdiction.

_____ (c) in other states, if a majority of states disagree with the client's position.

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