

The Landman Case — Pre-Read Package

CDT Advanced Training · “Redefining Family Systems Beyond Divorce” June 12, 2026 · Dallas, Texas

Before You Arrive

This training runs as a **live collaborative case** — four real-time team meetings around a single fictional high-net-worth divorce. The day moves fast and assumes you already know the family, the money, and what happened in the first meeting.

Please review this package before June 12. It takes the place of Meeting 1, which we handle here rather than on stage. The more familiar you are with the Norris family going in, the more you’ll get out of watching the team work.



Short on time?

At minimum, read the case background. We open the day with a 10-minute case summary for anyone who couldn’t get to the rest — but the financial and parenting nuance lands much harder if you’ve done the reading.

Estimated total time: ~4¼ hours (≈3½ hr video, ≈45 min reading)

What’s in the Package

Videos — watch these first

All five videos are in one unlisted YouTube playlist: [▶ CDT Advanced Training 2026](#).

Each video has chapter markers listed in the description — use them to jump to any section without watching the whole thing.

1. Intake Session — Angela Norris · ~43 min Cristi Trusler conducts a recorded initial consultation with Angela. Watch how the collaborative option gets raised and framed — even when the client doesn’t walk in asking for it. This is the front door to the whole case.

[▶ Watch on YouTube](#)

2. Interest-Creation Sessions — Carol Mapp with each client · ~64 min (two sessions)

Our MHP/facilitator, Carol Mapp, guides Tommy and Angela separately through discovering what actually matters to them. One session per spouse. This is where the underlying interests — not positions — first surface. [▶ Watch: Tommy’s session \(26 min\)](#) · [Angela’s session \(38 min\)](#)

3. Team Debrief & First Team Meeting · ~45 min Carol briefs the professional team on both clients, followed by the team’s first planning session: who handles what, how the agenda gets set, and how the first collaborative meeting is structured. This is the collaborative team deciding how to run the case. [▶ Watch on YouTube](#)

4. Child Specialist Interview — Ainsley Norris · ~54 min Child specialist Jennifer Leister sits down with the Norrises’ sixteen-year-old daughter, Ainsley. Watch how a skilled child specialist builds rapport, draws out a teenager’s honest perspective on her family and the questions facing it, and surfaces insight the team can’t gather any other way. This interview sets up the live feedback meeting you’ll watch unfold on the training day. [▶ Watch on YouTube](#)

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5. Case Background & Fact Pattern Meet the Norris family — Tommy (energy executive / landman), Angela (wife and mother), adult son Cooper, and daughter Ainsley. Covers the marriage, the “don’t-ask-don’t-tell” financial dynamic, and the core tensions you’ll see play out on stage.

6. Meeting 1 — Summary, Agenda & Minutes A quick recap of how the first (procedural) meeting went, with the sample agenda and the meeting minutes. This is your bridge from the pre-reads into Meeting 2, where the live day begins.

7. Financial Materials — Property Division Workbook & Key Exhibits The numbers behind the case: Property Division Worksheet, Income, Family Current Expenses, Future Expense Projections, RSU vesting schedule, and ExxonMobil pension coverage analysis. The team will walk the financials live in Meeting 2.

Post-Conference — for the financially curious

Deep-Dive Reading For attendees who want the advanced-issues: the **QOZ white paper** (Qualified Opportunity Zones in divorce) and a sample **full oil & gas lease**. If interested, please let us know after the class.

Why We Send This Ahead

Meeting 1 in a real collaborative case is procedural — introductions, the participation agreement, ground rules. Re-enacting it live would burn an hour of stage time on setup. Instead, you get it here, so the live day can open at the moment things get interesting: the financial estate walk-around, the option generating, and the blow-up that follows.

Questions before the event? Contact the course directors.

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