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**Current Legal Issues in Breastfeeding: Family Law,
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OBJECTIVES	CONTENT	TIME FRAME	CONTENT SPECIALIST	TEACHING METHODS
Describe one consideration when custody is contested and the infant is exclusively breastfed.	Types of breastfeeding issues in Family Law A. Custody - best interest of child - age of child - is breastfeeding an issue? B. Visitation - visitation plan that adapts to child's developmental stages - letting the court decide	35 min.	Kenneth Friedman (KF) Mary Ann Kerwin (MAK)	Lecture Handouts Discussion
Explain the advantages of the breastfed child's parents working out a visitation plan when they are divorcing.				
Provide two examples of legislation facilitating a mother's ability to breastfeed when away from home.	Breastfeeding legislation A. Components of bills passed - Basic rights - Additions jury duty WIC programs State employee support B. Bills pending C. states with no legislation - constitutional rights D. Necessity for breastfeeding legislation	30 min.	KF MAK	Lecture Handouts Discussion
Discuss legislation that would assist an employed mother maintain her milk supply while at work.	Corporate breastfeeding policies A. Proposed national legislation B. State legislation passed C. Corporate policies D. Impact on insurers and managed care	15 min.	KF MAK	Lecture Handouts Discussion
Question and Answer	Participant Question and Answer	10 min.	KF and MAK	Discussion