

## ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS

In collaboration with Loyola University Chicago School of Law's  
Child and Family Law Center



### **Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Complex Family Violence, Alienation, Child Sexual Abuse and Attachment**

**June 22-23, 2009, 8:30am-4:00pm**

**Presented by: Nancy Williams Olesen, Ph.D.**

*A two-day training for judges, attorneys for children and evaluators who work with families with high-stakes allegations.*

Some divorcing families present serious issues to be investigated and understood before effective decisions can be made. Family violence, sexual abuse, alienation and attachment issues present evaluators, attorneys and courts with major challenges. This workshop will address current research and describe best practices for these difficult cases. Specific information will be provided about interviewing children and adults, tests and measures and selecting appropriate sources of information, as well as how to weigh and integrate the data that is gathered.

#### **Participants in this two-day training will:**

- Learn factors for differential assessment of alienation and family violence;
- Understand research on children's attachments and parental behaviors that affect attachment;
- Understand empirical research on the accuracy of children's reporting of events;
- Learn when to conduct investigations or evaluations, who best should conduct them and what information is necessary to address each problem;
- Understand empirical research on child sexual abuse;
- Know several ways to observe and measure attachment in young children;
- Be able to describe the recent research on types of domestic violence and implications for parenting; and
- Be able to describe normal sexual behavior in non-abused children.

#### **About the Presenter:**

**Nancy Williams Olesen, Ph.D.** is a licensed psychologist in independent practice. She received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and has worked for over 30 years in child and adult psychology. She conducts child custody evaluations, psychological assessment, psychotherapy, developmental guidance and co-parenting counseling, as well as teaching, research and writing on child alienation, complex family abuse, psychological testing, attachment and child development and child sexual abuse. Dr. Olesen has written several articles on these subjects and has served on the task force to design a *Judge's Guide to Navigating Child Custody Evaluation in Cases with Domestic Violence* for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the AFCC task force developing Guidelines for Focused Evaluations.

**Location:** Loyola Law Center, 25 East Pearson Street, Room 211, Chicago.

#### **Continuing Education**

**Credits:** The two-day training program is eligible for 13 hours of continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The training program is pending approval by the Illinois MCLE Board for CLE credit. Any fees due the Illinois MCLE will be the responsibility of the individual applicant. A certificate of attendance will be provided to all attendees.

**Lodging:** The Cass Hotel, 640 N. Wabash, Chicago. For reservations at AFCC's special rate of \$219 per night, call (800) 799-4030 before May 15, 2009. On-campus accommodations at Baumhart Hall, directly across from the Law Center, are available at \$133 per night for one bedroom with private bath for one person; hair dryer and toiletries are not included with campus lodging. For more details, call Griselda Sanchez at (312) 915-6481.

To register, download the registration form at [www.afccnet.org/training](http://www.afccnet.org/training). Register early, as class size is limited.

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For program and registration inquiries, contact AFCC at (608) 664-3750 or [afcc@afccnet.org](mailto:afcc@afccnet.org). For information about lodging and onsite logistics, contact Griselda Sanchez, ChildLaw Center, at (312) 915-6481 or [gsanch3@luc.edu](mailto:gsanch3@luc.edu).