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About the Conference

AFCC strives to offer a wide range of conference sessions highlighting different research, advocacy positions, policies, practices, programs, procedures, and ideas. Some programs may be evidence-based while others may report on works in progress, emerging practices, or policy initiatives. The goal of the conference is to enhance learning while encouraging respectful inquiry, discussion, and debate consistent with AFCC organizational values. AFCC does not necessarily endorse or support the views of conference presenters. The AFCC Exhibit Forum includes a variety of vendors promoting services and products. AFCC does not necessarily endorse or warrant vendors' products, services, or views.

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The Use, Misuse, and Abuse of Technology in Family Law

Marriott Magnificent Mile, Chicago

May 11-14, 2022

(not Mother's Day Weekend!)

Join AFCC for a look at the critical issues in family law with an additional focus on how technology impacts system users, family law-related processes, access to justice, and more! Presenters will examine a wide variety of topics including:

Improving Responses of Lawyers and Judges to High-Conflict Cases

Neurodiversity in Family Court

Etiquette for Online Family Interventions

Promoting Well-Being in Domestic Relations Court

LGBTQ+ Youth in Family Courts

Deconstructing a Child Custody Evaluation

Updating Mandatory Mediation in the Family Law Paradigm

DE&I Roundtable Discussion

Negotiation Theory in Mediation Practice

Ethical Obligation and Data Protection

Online Screening and Mediation with High IPV

Using Implementation Science to Develop a Triage Model

Values, Beliefs, Cultural Norms, and Parenting Time

Millennials, Gen Z, & Family Court

Special ODR Track Sponsored by *Mediate.com*



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Invitation from the President

Dear Colleagues:

I am so delighted to invite you to attend the 59th Annual AFCC Conference in Chicago, our first annual get together since 2019. The conference will be held from May 11-14, 2022 (not Mother's Day weekend) 2022 at the Marriott Magnificent Mile, which is convenient to so much that Chicago has to offer visitors. Our theme this year, ***The Use, Misuse, and Abuse of Technology in Family Law***, will provide a look back at what we learned during the pandemic as well as a view to the future in our multidisciplinary practices.

International presenters will offer diverse perspectives, lessons learned, and guidance for what is yet to come. The program will afford you access to renowned lawyers, judicial officers, mental health professionals, and mediators sharing their knowledge in plenaries, interdisciplinary panels, and workshops.

In addition to the many educational opportunities, AFCC conferences offer many networking opportunities, including conference breaks, receptions, and meals. We hope you will take advantage of all of these. I want to note special events for new members, international attendees and E2M (early-to-mid-career) members.

I am especially excited that the conference is in Chicago, known for the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize — Jane Addams in 1934 — and the first gay rights group, founded by Henry Gerber in 1924. Free attractions include 26 miles of Lake Shore and “the Bean” in Millennium Park, designed by Anish Kapoor in 2004. Chicago is known for its variety of foods: Lebanese, Salvadoran, Brazilian, Filipino, Persian, Korean, Mexican, Thai, and Japanese food — and that's in a single neighborhood.

I hope to see you at the conference: both those who are returning to AFCC and those who will join us for the first time. It will truly be a celebration!



Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA
President, AFCC



Save the date

Child Custody Evaluations Online Training Program

March 15-17 and March 21-23, 2022

Live via Zoom

All registrants will have access to program recordings and handouts.

Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm Conference Registration

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022

7:30am-6:00pm Conference Registration
 8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls for Institute Registrants
 8:00am-5:00pm Exhibit Forum
 9:00am-5:00pm Pre-Conference Institutes
 10:30am-10:45am Break
 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on your own
 2:45pm-3:00pm Break
 5:00pm-6:00pm New Member and First-Time Attendee Orientation*
 6:00pm-7:00pm Welcome Reception
 7:00pm-8:00pm AFCC Awards Ceremony
 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite*

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

6:15am-6:30am Meditation
 6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:30am-8:30am Chapter Council Meeting
 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
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 8:45am-10:00am Opening Session
 10:00am-10:30am Break
 10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-10
 12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Luncheon
 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 11-20
 3:00pm-3:30pm Break
 3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 21-30
 5:00pm-6:00pm International Attendee Reception*
 Evening Taste of Chicago
 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite*

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

6:15am-6:30am Meditation
 6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:15am-8:15am AFCC Committee Meetings
 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibit Forum
 7:30am-8:30am Coffee and Rolls
 8:30am-10:00am Workshops 31-40
 10:00am-10:30am Break
 10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session
 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on your own
 12:00pm-1:30pm *Family Court Review* Editorial Board Meeting
 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 41-50
 3:00pm-3:30pm Break
 3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 51-60
 5:30pm-7:00pm Silent Auction and Reception*
 7:00pm-10:00pm AFCC Annual Banquet
 10:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite*

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

6:15am-6:30am Meditation
 6:30am-7:15am Yoga
 7:30am-12:30pm Conference Registration
 8:00am-12:30 pm Exhibit Forum
 8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls
 8:00am-9:00am AFCC Membership Meeting
 9:15am-10:45am Workshops 61-67
 10:45am-11:00am Break
 11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 68-74

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Pre-Conference Institutes

(Separate fees required. Please see registration form on page 20.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 - 9:00AM-5:00PM

1. The Intersection of Family Law and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR Track)

This practical and hands-on institute is designed to help participants with both the nuts and bolts of mediating family matters online and high-level skills and strategies that take online mediations to the next level with enhanced communication, streamlined practices, and a deeper understanding of the present and future of online dispute resolution. This program is for experienced online mediators and those just getting started. It will help participants learn to help families restructure in a virtual format with the aid of technology, making the process more effective for all!

Clare Fowler, EdD, Mediate.com, Eugene, OR

Susan Guthrie, JD, Mosten Guthrie Academy, Chicago, IL

Colin Rule, MPP, Mediate.com, San Jose, CA

2. Advanced Training in Child Custody Evaluation

This institute is designed for those who have attended AFCC's child custody evaluation online training program or another introductory training program of twelve hours or more. Part one of the institute will focus on report writing, with participants working in small groups and developing recommendations from a custody evaluation report. Part two will explore trial practice, and presenters will lead in-depth discussion and practice on preparation and testifying in court. *If you wish to attend this program and have not met the training criteria, you can purchase the previously recorded AFCC training to view in advance. Contact AFCC at 608-664-3750 for further information.*

Kim Bonuomo, JD, Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crump, PA, Winston-Salem, NC

Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Newton, MA

David A. Martindale, PhD, ABPP, St. Petersburg, FL

Arnold T. Shienbold, PhD, Riegler, Shienbold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA

Sol Rappaport, PhD, ABPP, Counseling Connections, Libertyville, IL

3. Judicial Officers Institute: Values, Beliefs, Cultural Norms, and Parenting Time

Conflict related to separation and divorce is often driven by parents' differences in perspective, which are frequently magnified in parenting time disputes. Is it best for children to attend public or private schools? What is the role of extended family in raising a child? Should it be included in a parenting plan? How are differences over medical treatment or religion addressed? These are just some of the quandaries presented when serving unique families that hold unique sets of values, beliefs, and experiences and may adhere to different cultural norms. This institute will explore how to navigate the challenges of working with these sometimes-intractable conflicts between parents, while making decisions that best serve their children.

Daniel Bloom, JD, Richardson, Bloom & Lines, Atlanta, GA

Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA

April Harris-Britt, PhD, AHB Center for Behavioral Health, Durham, NC

Moderator: Hon. Grace G. Dickler, Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division, Chicago, IL

4. Children's Mental Health, Educational, and Social/Emotional Development

This institute focuses on child development and family dynamics from the vantage point of what takes place in families and school-related decisions amidst the pandemic. How children and families are adjusting to life during these past two years has been quite variable, and these changes interact with separation and divorce in ways that further complicate family conflict about educational and mental health issues concerning children. Current research will be presented related to gender identity, anxiety disorders, and ADHD. Assessment and effective behavioral interventions will be discussed, and how medications are being used and misused will be presented. Issues important for family law and mental health professionals to consider regarding school placement disputes and challenges children face that parents fight about will be highlighted. Attendees will have the opportunity to consult via case presentations.

Jamie Pellar, LCSW, Chicago, IL

Hollie Sobel, PhD, Psychological Assessment, Consultation & Treatment (PACT), Chicago, IL

Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, ABPP, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA

5. Intimate Partner Violence: Screening, Process Choice, and Effective Parenting Plans

As family courts expand the use of dispute resolution processes, it is important to understand how intimate partner violence (IPV) is identified and addressed. Participants in this institute will examine how IPV impacts the participants and the process. Presenters will discuss how the nature and context of IPV that families experience impacts the choice of dispute resolution process and safeguards. Participants will learn about screening models including MASIC and the SAFeR model. Presenters will discuss dispute resolution options for when coercive controlling IPV is identified. Challenging conversations will be modeled and participants will practice crafting effective parenting plans.

Magistrate Richard Altman, Wauseon, OH

Kelly Browe Olson, JD, LLM, Univ. of Arkansas Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR

Corinne (Cookie) Levitz, JD, Cook County Family Mediation Services, Chicago, IL

Stephanie Senuta, MS, Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Violence Division, Chicago, IL

6. Pivoting Parenting Coordination to the Virtual World

Pivoting to online services provides advantages to clients and professionals alike while also presenting a new cyberworld of issues and complexities not foreseeable 15 years ago. Presenters will discuss current trends and complex professional practice issues involving the use, misuse, and abuse of technology that appear in parenting coordination practice and explore best techniques to manage them. Presenters will review the social science research in online dispute resolution highlighting the areas in which theory and practice intersect along with the theory-practice gap evident in the (hopeful) post-Covid era.

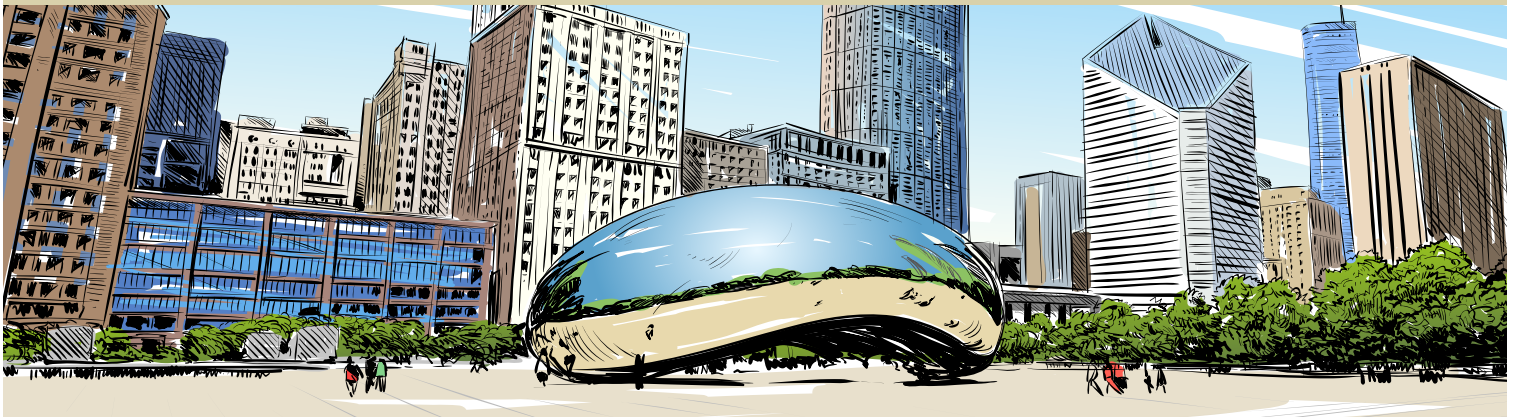
Annette T. Burns, JD, Phoenix, AZ

Shely Polak, PhD, Mackenzie Clinic, Richmond Hill, ON, Canada

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~ Amy Armstrong, Columbus, Ohio

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Welcome: *Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, AFCC President*

Hon. Grace G. Dickler, Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division, Chicago, IL

Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence: Promise and Pitfalls in Family Courts

Family law professionals have been thrust into innumerable forms of technology, which has both improved practice and created new challenges. Thus far, final decisions about parenting plan disputes continue to be made by parents, or by the court when parents cannot agree. But are we nearing computer-generated parenting plans? Are there future opportunities for unbiased, value-free algorithms that determine the most appropriate parenting plan? If algorithms can determine child support and asset division, will professionals continue to be necessary actors in divorce and parenting time disputes? Presenters in this session will examine the future that doubtless lies ahead.

Keynote Speaker:

Amy J. Schmitz, JD, The Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH

Discussants:

Hon. Kevin Duffan, Virginia Beach, VA

Kathleen McNamara, PhD, Fort Collins, CO

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10:00am-10:30am Break

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1. Everything You Wanted to Know about ODR but Were Afraid to Ask (ODR Track)

Online dispute resolution (ODR) is here, and courts around the world are leveraging it to expand access to justice for parties involved in family disputes. Presenters (who have more than 50 years of combined experience in dispute resolution) will share the latest developments in ODR, including best practices, ethical standards, technology platforms, and practical implementation advice for practitioners and courts that can help to ensure success.

Susan Guthrie, JD, Mosten Guthrie Academy, Chicago, IL

Colin Rule, MPP, Mediate.com, San Jose, CA

Amy J. Schmitz, JD, The Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH

2. An Evidence-Informed Family Systems Decision Tree for Intervening in Parent-Child Contact Problems

Parent-child contact problems occur within the broader family system. This workshop will introduce an evidence-informed decision tree to consider treatment plans that emphasize each family member's strengths and builds upon them for change within the system. Using a family systems approach, the decision tree considers a multifactorial approach that addresses intensity, severity, and duration of contact problems, the level of engagement with each family member, and strains within the larger family system.

Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Seattle, WA

Michael A. Saini, PhD, Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Christen A. Carson, PhD, ABPP, Seattle, WA

3. "Will You Please Behave Properly?" Etiquette for Online Family Interventions

This workshop will present a beginning framework and details for developing best practices for conducting online family interventions with moderate to high-conflict divorce cases, within the contexts of custody mediation, co-parenting counseling, and parenting coordination. Categories of protocols for practitioners and clients that have emerged will be described and their efficacy will be illustrated with case examples. Participants will be encouraged to share protocols that have worked for them as we work toward building a comprehensive set of best practices.

Donald T. Saposnek, PhD, Family Mediation Services, Aptos, CA

Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Newton, MA

4. Parent Group Counseling for Underserved Communities: A Telehealth Model

This presentation will examine the use of a court mandated group counseling intervention for parents who are experiencing behavioral problems with their adolescent children. Specifically, a case example will be utilized to describe how parent group counseling can assist mothers and fathers from underserved communities via a telehealth platform. Implications for clinicians, family court judges, and staff will be discussed.

Carla R. Adkison-Johnson, PhD, Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo, MI

5. Development of a Collaborative for the Evaluation of Divorce Education Programs

Although divorce education programming is prevalent and frequently mandated by statute statewide, standardized evaluation of programs is limited. The Divorce Education Assessment Collaborative (DEAC) was designed to implement a standardized assessment tool and evaluation services for divorce education programs. This workshop will provide description of the DEAC's development, current efforts, and preliminary findings collected in partnership with diverse for-profit, nonprofit, and extension-based organizations. Recommendations for judges, policy makers, educators, and practitioners will be shared.

Anthony J. Ferraro, PhD, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS

Renée E. Wilkins-Clark, MS, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS

Melinda S. Markham, PhD, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS

Luke T. Russell, PhD, Illinois State Univ., Normal, IL

6. The Hague Convention: From Best Interest to Grave Risk – Repositioning Parents' Counsel, Child Advocate, and Evaluator

The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction is supposed to be a jurisdictional inquiry. Why does it "feel" like a custody battle? This workshop will focus on how parents' counsel, child advocates, and evaluators must modify their focus, advocacy, and analysis to succeed in Hague cases. This inquiry will include the meaning and application of the most common Hague defense – grave risk; other defenses permitted by the convention; the impact of potential parental exclusion on Hague analysis and evaluation; and how undertakings and, where applicable, available ameliorative relief, are affecting and changing international practice.

Stacey E. Platt, JD, Loyola Law School Civitas Childlaw Clinic, Chicago, IL

Joy Feinberg, JD, Feinberg Sharma, Chicago, IL

Robert Shapiro, PhD, Bloomingdale, IL



7. Understanding and Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in the Family Courts

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual and gender minority (LGBTQ+) youth face an elevated risk of mental health problems associated with experiencing maltreatment in a variety of systems, including families, schools, and the justice system. LGBTQ+ affirming practices show promise for improving mental health and resilience. This workshop introduces participants to issues facing LGBTQ+ youth, with an emphasis on the assessment and treatment of LGBTQ+ youth and their families.

Lindsey Sank Davis, PhD, William James College, Newton, MA

8. Parenting Coordination: The Experience of the Systemic Model in Italy

The family is a system and fits into a socio-cultural and historical context, which contributes to the evolution of the system itself. The parenting coordinator works with the family with a systemic approach on three levels: intervention with the parents; listening to the child; and network coordination with professionals involved. This workshop will present innovative tools and techniques for listening to children, and a model of online intervention.

Conny Loporatti, Psychologist and Parenting Coordinator, Florence, Italy

Francesca Lemmi, Psychologist and Parenting Coordinator, Florence, Italy

Annamaria D'Ambra, Social Assistance and Parenting Coordinator, Florence, Italy

9. Dealing with Social Networking Data: Authenticity and Implications

Navigating data from text messages, coparenting apps, and emails is already a feat in and of itself. Social networking sites (SNS) data can be invaluable when it comes to forming and informing hypotheses regarding each party's current and past functioning, the relationships and communication styles between parties, and the level of insight parties have into their own contributions to conflict. This workshop will focus on processes for verifying, collecting, considering, and archiving data from SNS, email, text, and other online sources. These processes will provide a framework for custody evaluators to collect such data, and for attorneys to ensure that it has been collected in a reliable manner.

Sean B. Knuth, PhD, Charlotte, NC

Chris Mulchay, PhD, Asheville Testing, Asheville, NC

10. A New World for Mediation: Self-Represented Parties, Interdisciplinary Roles, and More

As the majority of family court parties are self-represented, mediation is becoming a bridge between a DIY and a two-lawyer process. The Family Mediation Center interdisciplinary team mediation approach incorporates the voice of the child while helping couples navigate the legal process, providing the value of diverse expertise for families. How does it work? Is it cost-effective? Can it be done virtually? This workshop will explore these questions and others.

Susan A. Hansen, JD, Family Mediation Center, Milwaukee, WI

Hon. Dolores A. Bomrad, (Ret.), Family Mediation Center, Hartford, WI

Casey A. Holtz, PhD, Family Mediation Center, Milwaukee, WI

Maureen Goldblatt, LPC, Family Mediation Center, Milwaukee, WI

12:00pm-1:30pm

AFCC Luncheon

1:30pm-3:00pm

Workshops 11-20

11. Innovative Technologies in Family Mediation (ODR Track)

This workshop will discuss and demonstrate new technology developed in Australia, which helps mediators resolve family law disputes in both face-to-face mediation and ODR. The technology assists lawyers and mediators to: (1) collect and disclose information and documents online securely 24/7 to better prepare everyone for mediation; (2) accurately calculate, model, compare, and save proposals through interactive balance sheets; (3) model parenting arrangements in an interactive parenting schedule; (4) increase productivity and efficiencies through streamlined mediation case management tools; and (5) manage a specialist mediation practice.

Fiona Kirkman, B Laws, Family Property/Kirkman Family Law, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Tim Kirkman, Family Property, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Ruchie Chadha, JD, Smokeball US, Chicago, IL

12. The Weaponization of Technology in Domestic Violence and Family Law Cases

Family law professionals understand that offenders use whatever means are available to abuse and harass victims and co-parents alike. Technology has provided many tools to accomplish these tasks. This workshop will explore the risks and benefits of technology for victims and professionals alike. Attendees will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location apps, social media, and more. Non-technical language will be used during the presentation.

Steven Bradley, OurFamilyWizard, Tallahassee, FL



13. The Adolescent Brain, Resist-Refuse Dynamics, and Therapeutic Intervention

This workshop will examine how to recognize and understand the underpinnings of resist-refuse dynamics in high-conflict divorcing families. While this dynamic can impact children of all ages, this presentation will focus on adolescent development and the challenges that adolescence poses for treatment and making decisions in their best interest. Various treatment options and decisions to be made for this age group will be addressed.

Marcy A. Pasternak, PhD, Watchung, NJ

Sharon Ryan Montgomery, PsyD, Morristown, NJ

Eileen A. Kohutis, PhD, Livingston, NJ

14. Roundtable Discussion: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Family Law

Many professional organizations have struggled to become diverse and inclusive, especially in the family law arena. AFCC and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges are no exception. This roundtable discussion, facilitated by leadership from both organizations, will provide an opportunity for attendees to share observations, concerns, and ideas to address the needs of our members and the challenges we face together becoming a more inclusive and diverse field. *Sponsored by the DE&I Collaborative.*

Hon. Hiram Puig-Lugo, President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Washington, DC

Nolanda V. Kirby, MS, CCFC, Co-chair, AFCC DE&I Committee, Elkton, MD

Hon. Herman Walker, Jr., Co-chair, AFCC DE&I Committee, Anchorage, AK

15. Court-Based Programs: How to Stay Relevant and Effective During a Pandemic

How can court-based mediation programs offering on-the-spot mediation remain relevant and effective with remote court dates here to stay? How can supervised parenting time and neutral exchange services be safe for families during a pandemic? The DuPage County Family Center and the 18th Judicial Circuit in Illinois will present cooperative solutions to maintain "on-the-spot" services that serve families and the court.

Sheila Murphy-Russell, MA, DuPage County Family Center, Wheaton, IL

Hon. Joshua J. Dieden, 18th Judicial Circuit, Wheaton, IL

Victoria Kappas, JD, DuPage County Family Center, Wheaton, IL

16. Putting Your Best Foot Forward? Goals and Methods of Behavioral Observations in Custody Evaluations

Office-based behavioral observations (OBBO) of parent-child relationships are standard in most custody evaluations and can be a very powerful means of generating systemically informed hypotheses. This discussion contrasts OBBO intended to capture a "naturalistic sample" versus those intending to assess how relationships manage stress. Standardized observational coding systems and observational tasks are discussed and illustrated via video. The added value (and diminished costs) of incorporating OBBO into a larger process-oriented protocol is emphasized. Participants will be encouraged to share their practices.

Benjamin D. Garber, PhD, HealthyParent.com and Family Law Consulting, PLLC, Nashua, NH

James D. Reid, PhD, Clayton, MO

17. Using the Tools of Implementation Science to Develop a Triage Model

Informed by the field of implementation science, a new academic-legal partnership was formed, and a contextual inquiry of a county family law context was conducted to inform the development of a family law triaging model. Members of this academic-legal partnership will present the results of their work, including: (1) how high-conflict and intimate partner violence is defined and identified; (2) the legal pathways for family law cases; and (3) the perceived barriers to implementing a triage model.

Brittany N. Rudd, PhD, Univ. of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

Hon. Maria D Granger, Floyd County Superior Court, New Albany, IN

Holly M Huber, BA, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN

Catalina Ordorica, MEd, Univ. of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

18. Unmuting Lily: Virtual Meetings with Children — Lessons from 24 Months Online

Meet Lily and learn how child actors assisted in piloting the safe inclusion of meeting virtually with children eight years and older. The Meeting with Children approach is based on expressive activities for children and youth and has now been adapted for online. During the workshop participants will learn a standard way of documenting information shared by children and youth. Participants will join the conversation about assessing and managing risk and identifying appropriate families for online child inclusion. Presenters will identify ten lessons learned when meeting with children online.

Lorri A. Yassenik, PhD, International Centre for Children and Family Law, Calgary, AB, Canada

Jonathan Graham, LLB, Institute of Specialist Dispute Resolution, Five Dock, NSW, Australia



19. “How” Is as Important as “What”: Addressing Legal Cynicism in Family Courts

This session will explore sources of conflict between litigants and family court; identify factors that can cause legal cynicism and its effect in family court; and discuss how to ensure confidence, legitimacy, and client satisfaction by considering how we interface with litigants and families, in addition to what we do to serve them.

Simone A. Haberstock, JD LLM, Law Offices of Simone A Haberstock, Saint Louis, MO

Larry V. Swall, JD, Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond PA, Liberty, MO

20. Technology in Practice: Benchmarks for Family Practitioners

Like it or not, technology is an increasingly critical component of family law practitioners’ daily work. However, many practitioners aren’t tech experts, making this element of running their practices a challenge. This session will share the results of OurFamilyWizard’s 2022 Technology in Practice survey, providing attendees with key benchmarks for technology use in their practice, insights into available technology, and an understanding of the challenges and benefits their peers have seen through implementing new technologies.

Katrina Volker, MAOL, OurFamilyWizard, Minneapolis, MN

Danielle Kestnbaum, JD, MSW, OurFamilyWizard, Fort Mill, SC

Mark I. Unger, JD, The Unger Law Firm, San Antonio, TX

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 21-30

21. Ethical Obligation and Data Protection for the Dispute Resolution Practitioner (ODR Track)

There is a lot of talk about data security as stories of hackers and ransomware appear in the news. This presentation will take a practical approach to explaining the issue, and in plain language examine the sources and standards and the practitioner’s obligation to protect client data. Participants will learn basic, practical steps to take, including things that the IT department (if it exists) may or may not be handling. For example, where and how to store data? Is email secure? This program will provide practical tips to enhance data protection security using existing tools.

Gary Doernhoefer, JD, ADR Notable, Columbus, OH

Austin Overholt, ADR Notable, Columbus, OH

22. My Judge Hates Me! What Judges Want to Hear from Attorneys and Evaluators

Knowing what matters to judges in family litigation and how to present information to the court in pleadings, reports, testimony, and argument is critical to being believed in the courtroom. Attorneys and mental health professionals should understand what matters to judges and what does not. They should also understand how the research on judgment and decision-making can be used to improve their presentation in court. This session will assist attorneys and mental health professionals achieve both goals so that their information is considered valuable and trustworthy.

Sol Rappaport, PhD, ABPP, Counseling Connections, Libertyville, IL

Beth F. McCormack, JD, Beermann, LLP, Chicago, IL

Hon. Karen Bowes, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Hon. Regina A. Scannicchio, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

23. A High-Conflict Case: Trauma’s Impact on Children, Parents, and the Courts

The film *Tommy* reflects on a boy affected by his parent’s conflicted divorce. After showing the film, the presenters will explore how children commonly act in difficult situations and examine behaviors of children and parents through a traumatic lens. Finally, presenters will focus on the impact of trauma on the participants in the court system (i.e., the lawyers, the mental health professionals, and the judges) and provide short- and long-term tools for reducing its impact on all family law professionals.

Philip M. Stahl, PhD, ABPP, San Diego, CA

Rebecca M. Stahl, JD, LLM, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Hon. Bruce Cohen, Maricopa County Superior Court, Phoenix, AZ

Darren A. Mort, LLB, LLM, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

24. VoIP of the Child: Children’s Technology as Evidence in Parenting Disputes

This workshop will focus on the law of evidence as it relates to a child’s out-of-court statements and electronic evidence generally. The presenter will consider how such laws may apply to children’s electronic data as evidence in family law disputes, a child’s own right to privacy, and how courts in Canada have addressed these issues to date.

Shmuel Stern, LLB, LLM, University Heights, OH

25. Millennials, Gen Z, & Family Court: The Future is Now

Each generation brings with it new attitudes towards relationships, parenting, and separation and divorce. This presentation will provide information on the Millennial and Gen Z generations, focusing on changing trends in family structure, a new relationship to technology, and how this all plays out in court. The presenters will use local (Cook County) data and statistics and experience with Millennial and Gen Z parents to illustrate how the face of family court is changing.

Lilly D. Munro, LCSW, CADC, Circuit Court of Cook County Family Mediation Services, Chicago, IL

Daniel Hunter, JD, Circuit Court of Cook County Family Mediation Services, Chicago, IL



26. Conflict Is Viral: Eldercaring Coordination and Eldercaring Conflict Checklist

Florida's new eldercaring coordination statute provides safeguards to older adults caught in the middle of family feuds. Why is that important to you? Older family conflict permeates the well-being of even the youngest generations. The presenters will describe eldercaring coordination as a safeguard and introduce the Eldercaring Conflict Tool, which helps professionals identify a conflict typology to provide targeted interventions to families they serve.

Linda B. Fieldstone, MEd, ACR/FLAFCC Elder Justice Initiative on Eldercaring Coordination, Miami, FL

Sue Bronson, LCSW, ACR/FLAFCC Elder Justice Initiative on Eldercaring Coordination, Milwaukee, WI

27. Transforming Family Justice in Ontario: From 19th to the 21st Century in Two Years

This workshop summarizes recent research on the dramatic transformation of the Ontario family justice system from a paper-based, in-person system to a virtual environment, with commentary by an Ontario Family Court judge. While access to justice has been negatively affected by the pandemic, the virtual environment allows for more protection for victims of intimate partner violence in processes like mediation, and judges who are more supportive of a return to in-person hearings than are lawyers. The presenters will discuss proposals for systemic reforms as the family justice system moves towards a post-pandemic, hybrid model.

Claire L. Houston, JD, PhD, Western Univ., London, ON, Canada

Rachel Birnbaum, PhD, King's Univ. College at Western, London, ON, Canada

Nicholas Bala, JD, LLM, Queen's Univ., Kingston, ON, Canada

Hon. Andrea Himel, Newmarket, ON, Canada

28. Are Divorce Online Parent Education Programs Effective?

Presenters in this workshop will discuss two randomized trials of online parent education programs. The first segment reports on a trial that found that an online version of the New Beginnings Program had positive effects to reduce interparental conflict, strengthen positive parenting, and reduce child mental health problems as compared with controls. The second segment reports on a trial of two online parenting programs, Two Families Now and Children in Between. These programs produced positive findings while highlighting the need for the continued evaluation.

Irwin N. Sandler, PhD, Arizona State Univ., Phoenix, AZ

Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, PhD, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN

Claire Tomlinson, BA, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN

29. Hope — The Essence of Resolving Family Disputes

Family attorneys and mediators usually see clients who are stressed, angry, depressed, or fearful about their future. Their emotional state and the uncertainty of their condition makes it difficult for many clients to appropriately participate in settlement negotiations. This workshop will present the benefits of hope: How we can use hope to center ourselves and how to share that hope and give it to our clients so they can navigate the process with security and strength rather than fear.

Zanita Zacks-Gabriel, JD, Erie, PA

30. Judicial Officers Forum: Perspectives on New Technology in Family Court

Join four experienced jurists to discuss the impact of technology on their work. This will be a lively discussion about the pitfalls and perils, as well as the benefits, of the many ways in which technological developments are impacting their work in family court. Participants will discuss virtual hearings, social media, drug and alcohol testing, and virtual parenting time, among other topics. In addition, the judges will give tips for best practices using technology to their courtrooms. **Participation is limited to judicial officers only.**

Hon. Denise Herman McColley, Henry County Family Court, Napoleon, OH

Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Gerri L. Wong, Ontario Court of Justice, Chatham, ON, Canada

Hon. Linda Fidnick, Probate and Family Court, Northampton, MA

5:00pm-6:00pm

International Attendee Reception*

Evening

Taste of Chicago

9:00pm-12:00am

AFCC Hospitality Suite*



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7:30am-5:00pm	Conference Registration
7:30am-5:00pm	Exhibit Forum
7:30am-8:30am	Coffee and Rolls
8:30am-10:00am	Workshops 31-40

31. Online Screening and Mediation for Cases with High Levels of Domestic Violence (ODR Track)

The Covid-19 pandemic created challenges, but also opportunities, as family law practice pivoted online. This workshop will address two issues relevant to using technology for family mediation: (1) efficient online screening for intimate partner violence (IPV); and (2) conducting online mediation for cases in which parents report high levels of IPV. The workshop will present two online concurrent studies that build on prior in-person, pre-pandemic studies of screening and mediation practice for high IPV cases.

Amy G. Applegate, JD, Indiana Univ. Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN
Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, PhD, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN
Annamaria M. Walsh, JD, Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Towson, MD
Holly Huber, BA, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN

32. The Threads That Bind: An Ecosystemic Approach to Parenting Coordination

With parenting coordination practice now in its third decade, different models have emerged as social scientists examine the efficacy of this intervention and emphasize the importance of a child-informed (and often inclusive) process for ever-changing family formations. This workshop will describe an ecosystemic approach to parenting coordination, emphasizing a holistic view of families in transition. The presenter will discuss a framework including techniques and interventions to expand perspectives and depict an evolving family landscape. Rationale, theoretical underpinnings, and potential pitfalls will also be examined.

Debra K. Carter, PhD, National Cooperative Parenting Center, Bradenton, FL

33. Training Child Custody Evaluators: A Dying Breed!

It's time for experienced child custody evaluators to take responsibility for training the next generation of high quality, ethical evaluators. If evaluators are not willing to train others, then the aging population of evaluators could negatively impact the field of family law in the years to come. This workshop will provide seasoned child custody evaluators a solid framework for training other professionals consistent with accepted methodology and the peer reviewed research that guides our field.

Tammi Axelson, MSW, Lufkin, TX
Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC, Coppell, TX
Aaron D. Robb, PhD, Forensic Counseling Services, Frisco, TX

34. Virtual Exposure in Resist-Refuse Cases: Theories and Court-Ordered Interventions

This workshop will address resist-refuse cases and how virtual treatment can assist clinicians and judges in achieving their ultimate goal of successful reunification. The presenters will tackle alienation myths, clinical application of techniques, practice recommendations, diversity considerations, ethical considerations, and court intervention. Participants will receive information on current best practice techniques from practicing psychologists, as well as invaluable input from Family Division judges based upon their experience and research.

Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA
Hon. Kim D. Eaton, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA
Shannon M. Edwards, PsyD, Edwards & Associates, Pittsburgh, PA
Deborah K. Gilman, PhD, Fox Chapel Premier Psychological Services, Pittsburgh, PA

35. Promoting Well-Being in Domestic Relations Court

Addressing the intersection between domestic relations, domestic violence, and behavioral health, the Cady Initiative for Family Justice Reform and the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness established a multidisciplinary committee to consider how judicial processes exacerbate or contribute to mental health issues and practices to mitigate that unintended outcome. Having met virtually over the course of almost a year, leaders of this committee will discuss the charge of the group, the challenges identified, and will present their opinions on what courts need to do next.

Hon. Bruce Cohen, Maricopa County Superior Court, Phoenix, AZ
Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, AFCC President, Minneapolis, MN
Alicia K. Davis, JD, National Center for State Courts, Denver, CO

36. Getting from Either/Or to Both/And in High-Conflict Cases

High-conflict cases tend to be presented in an "either/or" manner, in which proposed outcomes favor one side and disfavor the other. Alternatively, a "both/and" approach can help cut through entrenched conflict and even help reduce the level of conflict in higher conflict families. This workshop will explore and provide examples of taking a broader "both/and" approach to our cases.

Robert A. Simon, PhD, Forensic Psychology Consulting, San Diego, CA
Hon. Jane Pearl, New York County Family Court, New York, NY

37. Substance use and Family Court Litigation

Substance use is a common issue in family court litigation. Drawing on the latest research, this workshop will provide attorneys, judges, and mental health professionals with the information necessary to thoughtfully approach litigation involving substance-use dynamics. Topics covered include an overview of addiction, step-up parenting plans, drug and alcohol monitoring, constructive advocacy, and the various roles practitioners can play in these challenging cases.

Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, JD, Newton, MA
Jeffrey Soilson, JD, Fitch Law Partners LLP, Boston, MA



38. Apps, Nests, and Tiles: Exploring the Internet of Things and Emerging Technology

This session will dive into the complexities of newer technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and next-generation tracking devices and how they are misused by abusers to track and surveil survivors. Considerations for reviewing and admitting digital evidence will also be discussed. At the end of this session, professionals will have a better understanding of the newest technologies being misused and the types and forms of evidence they can anticipate seeing in cases involving intimate partner violence.

Elaina Roberts, JD, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC

Stephine Bowman, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

39. Meeting the Challenges of Child and Parent Neurodiversity in Family Court

Understanding neurodiversity helps reduce bias in family court. Recognition that there is a broad range of brain functioning enables the court, attorneys, evaluators, and mediators to take a strengths-based approach, rather than a pathology orientation. Unique parenting plan factors must be considered for neurodiverse children in separating families. For neurodiverse parents, overt or implicit bias may impact judicial decision-making when a divorcing parent has a significant psychiatric disorder or neurocognitive disability. Presenters will address specific issues that arise for family law professionals when working with neurodiverse children and parents, in an effort to reduce implicit and explicit bias and automatic negative presumptions about parental competency.

Daniel B. Pickar, PhD, ABPP, Santa Rosa, CA

Hon. Michelle Short, Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando, CA

40. Rhetoric Meets Reality: Updating Mandatory Mediation in the Family Law Paradigm

This workshop provides background on the current family law paradigm in which mediation is a court alternative, then presents recent study results from the US and Australia that show how mediation has become embedded within family law. An updated paradigm is proposed that distinguishes private from legally mandated mediation services, and highlights the active use of mediation by the state in a subset of cases to manage co-parenting relationships. Workshop participants will critically evaluate the current and proposed paradigm.

Alexandra L. Crampton, MSW, PhD, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee, WI

Lexi M. Harwick, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee, WI

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session

Welcome: *Hon. Linda Fidnick, AFCC President Elect*

Mind the Gap: Technology, Access, Connection, Equity, and Justice

Since the explosion of online mediation, remote hearings, evaluations, and telehealth, due to Covid-19 risk, questions about the impact of technology on the family justice system are on the rise. Is technology the great equalizer or does it widen the gap between the haves and have-nots? Do gains in efficiency result in a more effective family justice system, or are there tradeoffs of which we should be wary? How does technology impact factors such as rapport and trust, especially when children are involved? This panel will discuss how technology impacts users and practitioners as we strive to evolve toward a more accessible, effective, and humane family justice system.

Chioma Ajoku, JD, PhD, ABPP, Brooklyn, NY

Hon. William S. Boyd, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Stacey E. Platt, JD, Loyola Law School Civitas ChildLaw Clinic, Chicago, IL

Susan M. Yates, Resolution Systems Institute, Chicago, IL

Moderator: *Colin Rule, MPP, Mediate.com, San Jose, CA*

12:00pm-1:30pm

Lunch on your own

12:00pm-1:30pm

Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting

1:30pm-3:00pm

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41. Parenting Agreement Generator: Language and Technology Considerations (ODR Track)

Presenters will share the journey of how the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts created a statewide parenting agreement generator. The project included choosing the best, most effective language and then transitioned into the development of a platform that would be easy for mediators to navigate while creating a comprehensive parenting agreement. The generator consists of an interactive HTML page converting to a Word Press plug-in. Presenters will demonstrate use of the generator in crafting a parenting agreement during the session.

Kari Marvin, MEd, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh, NC

Bert Barber, North Carolina Administrative Offices of the Court, Raleigh, NC

42. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The Direct and Cross of a Custody Evaluator

This workshop will be a mock trial, in which two attorneys will provide tips and techniques in crafting well-written direct and cross examination questions of a child custody evaluator. The child custody evaluator will provide the do's and don'ts of expert testimony.

Sandra L. Mayberry, JD, Parks & Solar, LLP, San Diego, CA

Robert McAngus, JD, Verner Brumley Mueller Parker, PC, Dallas, TX

Tammi Axelson, MSW, Lufkin, TX



43. The Digital Moat: How Technology Helps and Hinders Incarcerated Litigants

Lack of technology has long kept people who are incarcerated locked into prisons and locked out of family law cases. This can have a profound impact on the litigants and their children. This workshop will examine the ways that technology harms incarcerated litigants and their families, current ways that technology is being used to facilitate access to justice, and proposed solutions for the future.

Alexis Mansfield, JD, Women's Justice Institute and Ascend Justice, Chicago, IL

Hon. Grace G. Dickler, Presiding Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division, Chicago, IL

Darryl Apperton, JD, Cabrini Green Legal Aid, Chicago, IL

44. Developing Theories of the Case to Meet Best Interests Objectives

Presenters in this workshop will articulate an operational model for best interests of the child tasks and objectives, then describe the scientific process of analyzing data about people, contexts, and possible contexts. The focus will be on how to organize and analyze the data to construct the "theories of the case" about the child, the parents, and the possible parenting plans. Criteria for developing these theories, as well as how to assess their reliability, will be outlined.

Milfred D. Dale, PhD, JD, Topeka, KS

Jeffrey C. Siegel, PhD, ABPP, Dallas, TX

Jonathan Gould, PhD, ABPP, Charlotte, NC

45. Healing Fragmented Families: A Virtual Approach

This workshop will emphasize strategies for hosting family reunification therapies in a virtual format, and specific ways to engage fragmented families in online therapy activities. The presenters will share various online tools that can be utilized to improve family communication, build parenting skills, and address parent-child contact problems.

April Harris-Britt, PhD, AHB Center for Behavioral Health, Durham, NC

Cynthia M. Sortisio, PhD, Counseling Services, Inc., Durham, NC

46. Utilizing 2022 Technology for a Paperless Practice

In this workshop participants will learn how to develop a paperless online business model utilizing cloud storage, Google, iOS, Android, and Apple devices. Participants will develop more confidence and competence in using technology to ensure families that they benefit from the very latest in business administration, and to offer support to separating and separated parents and guardians to execute the business of separated coparenting in the most efficient and humane way possible.

Timothy McMichael, Tāmaki Makaurau, Aotearoa, New Zealand

47. Negotiation Theory in Mediation Practice

The presenter will explain the most popular ideas about strategic choice in negotiation and how they apply to mediation. Participants will compare strategic choices in family mediation, for example, in a divorce with no children versus a divorce with children, between haggling over property verses negotiating a parenting plan. The debate will demonstrate why these different types of negotiations call for consideration of different strategies.

Víctor Martínez Reyes, PhD, Florida 10th Judicial Circuit, Bartow, FL

48. Legal Divorce, Emotional Divorce: Why We Must Attend to Both

Much of the high conflict in our work is a direct result of the failure of the parties to obtain an emotional divorce. High conflict divorcing and former spouses remain stuck in the dysfunctional marital dynamic, unable to extricate themselves. This workshop will describe what a healthy emotional divorce looks like, explore the psychological and emotional obstacles that commonly get in the way, and offer practical advice to help clients obtain the emotional closure that is the ultimate goal of a healthy emotional and legal divorce.

Stephen H. Sulmeyer, JD, PhD, JAMS, San Francisco, CA

49. Electronic Resources, Possibilities, and Mischief in High-Conflict Cases

Technological tools are a ubiquitous part of children's lives, and can be used to enrich children's relationships or misused to undermine them. Families need structure and protocols for virtual contact, children's contact with each parent during the other's parenting time, access to social media, promoting children's development, and minimizing high-conflict mischief. Behavior patterns may emerge that require intervention. The presenters will discuss assessment, clinical, case management, parenting coordination, and judicial options and challenges for dealing with these issues.

Lyn R. Greenberg, PhD, ABPP, Los Angeles, CA

Kathleen McNamara, PhD, Fort Collins, CO

Hon. Tom Altobelli, Family Court of Australia, Sydney, NSW, Australia

50. Kansas Protection Order Portal: Balancing Security and Accessibility

Covid-19 and the subsequent measures to limit its spread have had a disruptive effect on all aspects of our lives, including access to legal services and court operations. In Kansas, this meant that overnight, victims of abuse and sexual crimes lost access to self-help centers, victims' advocates, and whatever little assistance they had before. This workshop will address the benefits and limitations of using technology to help self-represented litigants. The presenters will share the lessons learned from building an automated system to allow litigants to file for a protection order online without visiting a courtroom.

Barbara Glesner Fines, JD, LLM, Univ. of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO

Staci Pratt, JD, MLS, Univ. of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO

Ayyoub Ajmi, MLS, Univ. of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO



3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm- 5:00pm Workshops 51-60

51. The Use and Abuse of ICT by Separating Parents in Australia (ODR Track)

This session describes an Australian research project about how separated Australian parents use information and communication technologies to co-parent their children. Through a detailed literature survey, a quantitative survey, and selected follow-up interviews, the presenter will share research on how parents communicate with each other post-separation and the benefits and disadvantages of various forms of communication.

John Zeleznikow, PhD, LaTrobe Univ., South Caulfield, VIC, Australia

52. Deconstructing a Child Custody Evaluation for the Court

The parties have requested, or the court has ordered *sui sponte*, a child custody evaluation. Once it is received and reviewed by all responsible parties, and possibly by the court, decisions need to be made regarding next steps. Do the parties settle, or do they proceed to trial? Does the attorney need a consultant to assist in some way, or do they go it alone? This presentation will explore how to read and evaluate a child custody evaluation, how best to gain an understanding of the strengths and/or weaknesses of the report, and how best to present those to the clients and/or the court.

Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD, Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs., White Plains, NY

Arnold T. Shienbold, PhD, Riegler, Shienbold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA

53. A Heavy Burden: Understanding Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue, and Burnout

Intimate partner violence, physical/sexual abuse, and high-conflict divorce often create trauma for children and families. These cases pose a high risk for liability, which can lead to emotional and physical fatigue among court professionals. This is particularly true when virtual services are being provided, as there are fewer opportunities for collaboration and support that leads to feelings of disconnection and isolation. This session will explore factors leading to vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and burnout. Emphasis will be given to self-care.

Ruth O. Moore, MEd, PhD, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Savannah, GA

Susan Foster, PhD, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Hammond, LA

54. Coaching with the New Ways for Families Online Co-Parenting Class

The presenters will explain the New Ways for Families online co-parenting class and a structured method for live coaching with this class, which can be done by trained counselors, lawyers, mediators, and parent educators. The self-directed online class is usually court-ordered for both parents and includes 12 units of approximately one hour each. Three or more live coaching sessions are designed to discuss and practice the skills the parents are learning. This is a low-cost yet effective method for parents.

Bill Eddy, MSW, JD, High Conflict Institute, San Diego, CA

Susie Rayner, High Conflict Institute, Mentone, VIC, Australia

55. How the Sausage Is Made: Behind the Scenes of a RRD Team

A cohesive team of mental health professionals, lawyers, and a judge is essential for handling refuse-resist dynamic cases. This workshop will demonstrate the benefits of the team approach in cooperatively working towards solutions for the family. Additionally, it will address how professionals can work together in arriving at solutions while still representing their clients' interest and providing the appropriate family system treatment.

Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Seattle, WA

Hon. Marjorie Slabach (Ret.), Fremont, CA

Louise T. Truax, JD, Reich & Truax, PLLC, Southport, CT

56. The Implementation and Impact of Virtual Supervised Visitation

When quarantine halted in-person visitation, providers pivoted to a virtual modality. In this workshop the presenters will explore the shift to virtual visits; the framework of safe, trauma-informed, child-focused virtual visitation; and the long-term impact this shift has had on the field of supervised visitation.

Joseph J. Nullet, BA, Supervised Visitation Network, Jacksonville, FL

Jennifer Garst, MSW, Supervised Visitation Network, Jacksonville, FL

57. Rethinking Safety and Privacy: Remote Hearings and Intimate Partner Violence

Love them or hate them, requests for remote hearings and court ordered services aren't going away anytime soon. Presenters will weigh the pros and cons of conducting remote proceedings in intimate partner violence cases, provide considerations for litigant safety and privacy, and look at the inclusion of survivors and other marginalized voices when developing, implementing, and evaluating remote proceedings.

Stephine Bowman, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

Elaina Roberts, JD, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC



58. Child Interviews with Parent Present: Protecting Children in the PC Process

The Child Interview with Parent Present model focuses on giving children information about the parenting coordination process as well as information about children's rights according to the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. Giving children information, with each parent present at different occasions, aims to protect the child from being interrogated after the interview while simultaneously providing the parent and the child with the same information at the same time. This workshop will address how to organize the interview.

Annika Aspén Franzén, BSW, Family Therapy Center, Ingarö, Stockholm, Sweden

59. Are Algorithmically Generated Parenting Plans in Our Future?

If an unrequested block has ever been placed on your credit card, or if you have used a computer-based test interpretation, or if you have ever used Google, you have experienced algorithmically generated predictions. Presenters, both of whom regularly review the work of evaluators, and, in doing so, consider the ways in which evaluators have developed parenting plans recommended by them, will discuss the implications of algorithmically generated parenting plans.

Jeffrey P. Wittmann, PhD, Child Custody Forensics, Albany, NY

David A. Martindale, PhD, ABPP, St. Petersburg, FL

60. I Love Him/I Hate Him: Ambivalence in Marital Partings and High-Conflict Divorce

Research suggests that between one-third and one-half of all people in the process of divorce, and after, experience ambivalence regarding the decision to divorce, which is at the root of much of the obstructive, angry, and non-compliant behavior of high-conflict divorce cases. Children of such parental dynamics are at particularly high risk for being caught in the middle of these internal and interpersonal dynamics. This workshop will explore these dynamics and offer divorce professionals practical strategies for case management and court procedures to reduce the conflict in these cases.

Donald T. Saposnek, PhD, Family Mediation Services, Aptos, CA

5:30pm-7:00pm **Silent Auction and Reception***

7:00pm-10:00pm **AFCC Annual Banquet**

9:00pm-12:00am **AFCC Hospitality Suite***

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

6:15am-6:30am **Meditation**

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8:00am-12:30pm **Exhibit Forum**

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8:00am-9:00am **AFCC Membership Meeting**

9:15am-10:45am **Workshops 61-67**

61. Improving the Responses of Lawyers and Judges to High-Conflict Cases

This workshop is based on insights gained from recent research in Ontario and Quebec on the experiences of litigants and legal professionals with high-conflict cases. Interviews with over 175 parents and 350 professionals provide valuable information about how lawyers and judges can improve their professional effectiveness, as well as important advice about approaches that are counterproductive. This presentation will offer practical guidance for lawyers and judges on how to improve their handling of high-conflict cases.

Karine Poitras, PhD, Univ. du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières, QC, Canada

Rachel Birnbaum, PhD, Western Univ., London, ON, Canada

Amylie Paquin-Boudreau, PhD, Univ. du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières, QC, Canada

Nicholas Bala, JD, LLM, Queen's Univ., Kingston, ON, Canada

62. Interviewing Children: Understanding Their Experience of Parenting

Garnering reliable information from children and adolescents in the context of custody evaluations is crucial to thoroughly understand parenting strengths and weaknesses and how they interface with the child's unique needs. Illuminating children's experience can reveal more than mechanics of parenting and provides insight into their needs and parents' personality and parenting style, and at times even pathology. Carefully fashioned questions target inquiries into central parental tasks. Collaboration, utilizing workshop participants' input, will be utilized in honing useful interview approaches and questions.

Benjamin J Albritton, PsyD, ABPP, Southwest Clinical + Forensics, Dallas, TX

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63. Shifting Your Mindset and PC Practice Toward Technology

Parenting coordination services are in high demand across the country due to the pandemic. But how do parenting coordinators (PCs) provide services online without sacrificing quality and without being super tech-savvy? In this workshop, PCs will learn how to shift both their mindset and practice to build a successful online/hybrid practice. Self-limiting beliefs will be identified and replaced with positive mindset skills. Online processes, systems, and safeguards, which PCs can implement immediately in their practices, will be shared.

Shana Duehring, JD, *Our Family Parenting Coordinator, St. Petersburg, FL*
Melody Johnson, *Skillz Worldwide, St. Petersburg, FL*

64. Evaluating Online Classes with CARE for Parents Experiencing Break-Ups

This workshop's presenters will describe the pros and cons of online educational programming, especially for parents mandated to participate. It also will describe the approaches used to distribute and deliver one program nationally using three different versions and six different lengths and will present the results of a process and outcome evaluation of that program by over 27,000 participants. Participants will have opportunities to explore their experiences and make suggestions for applying the results of the evaluation and other research findings.

Judith A. Myers-Walls, PhD, CFLE, *OnlineParentingPrograms.com, North Manchester, IN*

65. Substance Use Monitoring in Family Law: Best Practices and Common Pitfalls

Advances in technology have given family law stakeholders more options and instruments to implement substance use monitoring (SUM). The presenters will review the purposes of SUM in the family law context, and will describe the essential elements of a SUM program. A discussion of clinical and practical considerations regarding SUM will follow, including consideration of common workarounds used by clients, and how professionals may best implement SUM in a way that protects the child and supports the adult's recovery.

Terence Singh, PhD, *Lionheart Psychology, Calgary, AB, Canada*
Janine Copeland, MEd, *Lionheart Psychology, Calgary, AB, Canada*
Joel Mader, MEd, *Lionheart Psychology, Calgary, AB, Canada*

66. Leveraging Technology to Create Financially and Geographically Accessible Resources

Geographic location and economic means have long influenced which litigants can access services with qualified professionals. However, online education platforms popularized during the pandemic allow professionals to reach marginalized populations through more geographically and financially accessible options. The presenter will briefly cover the process of setting up online education courses and detail the courses she has available that may benefit a variety of court-involved clients.

Deborah C. Link, MA, LMFT, *Ascend Family Institute, Bloomington, MN*

67. Passing the Torch: Cultivating New Professionals in Family Court Roles

Established court-involved professionals, across disciplines, express concern about aging out without a clear path for passing the proverbial torch. It isn't clear how to identify beginning professionals who would both be interested in these careers and likely be good at them. This workshop, offered by an experienced career counselor, will include the exploration of career theory, traits that align to increase the likelihood of career retention and satisfaction, strategies for attracting new professionals who could be called to this work, and a plan to not scare them off with horror stories!

Melissa Wheeler, PhD, NCC, *Univ. of Phoenix, Aldie, VA*

10:45am-11:00am Break

11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 68-74

68. Ready or Not? The Child and Youth Readiness Tool for Including the Child

Professionals may think they are ready to meet with children. Parents and third parties may be ready to hear from children, but are children ready to be involved, and if so, how? What factors should be considered when addressing this question? This workshop introduces a nine-item, five-point tool intended to help identify a child's potential readiness to provide direct or indirect input, and addresses the matter from a social science perspective. Participants will examine several case examples in order to apply the tool factors.

Lorri A. Yasenik, PhD, *International Centre for Children and Family Law, Calgary, AB, Canada*

Jonathan Graham, LLB, *Institute of Specialist Dispute Resolution, Five Dock, NSW, Australia*

69. How to Use Tech to Ditch Overwhelm and Work from a Place of Rest, Not Hustle

Running a settlement-focused family practice is equally challenging and fulfilling. Without the right systems, you're headed for burnout. Taught by two (married) young lawyers who run their law firm with only tech and a golden retriever puppy, this program will provide an action plan to streamline day-to-day operations using tech, achieve your goals, and better serve clients. If you're ready to learn how to implement organization and tech that you'll actually use, and you don't want to keep putting it off — we're ready for you!

Katie Ling, JD, *LG Law Group, Kitchener, ON, Canada*

Jesse Garcia, JD, *LG Law Group, Kitchener, ON, Canada*



70. Make the Most of Virtual Visitation

Learn how and why to incorporate virtual visitation into your parenting plans with practical tips and strategies that can apply to nearly all levels of child development, parental distance, and supervision. Participants will see how online gaming, movie night, and homework can be incorporated into a visitation plan that allows for inexpensive, safe, and engaging interactions between children and their visiting parents.

Ron M. Gore, JD, Lewis & Gore, PLLC, Tulsa, OK

Linda VanValkenburg, MS, Conciliation Counseling Center, Tulsa, OK

71. Reviewing Child Custody Reports: Ethical Examination, Consultation and Testimony

This workshop will help evaluators conduct ethical reviews of child custody reports. Presenters will help to provide the knowledge and understanding to perform an objective review of work product as well as awareness of applicable legal and ethical standards, critical procedural directions to ensure the reviewer is objective and accurate in providing an analysis, and how to assist the attorney prior to going to court and in court, if necessary. The difference between consulting expert and testifying expert will be discussed.

David J. Mann, PhD, Real Custody Solutions, Mission Viejo, CA

Kristina L. Roberts, PhD, Real Custody Solutions, Mission Viejo, CA

72. Redefining, Rethinking, Reflecting: Developing an Intentional Community for Youth

This workshop is focused on the importance of intentional relationships for youth who are experiencing or have experienced trauma. The presenters will offer strategies and techniques which were developed through a combination of information learned from healthy foster parents, counselors, advocates, and ultimately personal lived experience. The presenters will focus on the roles of a foster parents and advocates, with other necessary resources, that become part of an intentional community and have a positive impact on youth

Justin Black, BA, Redefining Normal, Kalamazoo, MI

Alexis Black, BBA, Redefining Normal, Kalamazoo, MI

73. Collaborative and Team Mediation: Flexibility in Modes, Meetings, and Technology

This workshop explores the interconnected evolution of collaborative law, mediation, and collaborative-mediation hybrids accelerated by Covid-inspired technological innovations. The trend in these divorce approaches is toward flexible use of specialists to increase efficiency, tailor service, and lower cost. Now virtual media allows for nimble, strategic scheduling of mix-and-match meetings with various specialists and in-person and remote participants. The pros and cons of technology regarding mental health, rapport-building, discernment of nuanced gestures, and facilitation of conflict will also be considered.

John Sobraske, MA, LMFT, Rochester, NY

74. Parental Boundary Ambiguity and Its Impact on Children's Adjustment to Divorce

Boundary ambiguity between coparents has been identified in research as having a negative impact on child prosocial skills, externalizing behaviors, and internalizing behaviors. This workshop will discuss recent findings about coparents' boundary ambiguity and its negative impact on children's well-being. The presenter will go in-depth to discuss how professionals can talk with parents about establishing healthy, child-focused boundaries in their coparenting relationship and communication strategies.

Erin Guyette, MS, Univ. of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN

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AFCC 60th Annual Conference

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites

May 31-June 3, 2023

Important Conference Information

AFCC Silent Auction

The AFCC Silent Auction* will take place Friday, May 13, 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, prior to the Annual Banquet. Auction proceeds help to fund AFCC special projects and initiatives. Contributions will be recognized in the silent auction catalog, at the auction, and in the *AFCC eNEWS*. If you would like to donate an item, please contact AFCC Communications Coordinator, Gina Wentling, at gwentling@afccnet.org or 608-664-3750.

Continuing Education Credits

AFCC will provide a certificate of attendance for a processing fee of \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Attendees may access their certificate of attendance at www.afccnet.org after the conference concludes. *The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant's accrediting institution.* Attendees who purchase a certificate of attendance will receive an email after the conference with instructions to download it. A list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credits can be found on the conference portal and will be updated regularly.

Psychologists: AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for this program and its content. The program is eligible for up to 20.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists. A list of sessions approved for continuing education for psychologists will be available on the conference portal beginning February 15, 2022, and at the conference.

Mental Health Professionals: An application for continuing education approval from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will be submitted for up to 20.5 CE credits; however, individuals will need to verify approval with their credentialing or licensing boards.

An application for continuing education approval for Parenting Coordinators in Massachusetts will also be submitted.

If you are a LMFT, LPC, or other mental health professional, you may use the AFCC Certificate of Attendance to verify attendance at conference sessions and apply for continuing education credits with your accrediting institution.

California Custody Evaluators and Mediators: Applications will be submitted to the Judicial Council of California. The views expressed in the program are those of the faculty and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of California.

US Lawyers: Applications for accreditation of continuing legal education activity will be submitted for continuing legal education in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin. Attorneys from other states may use the AFCC Certificate of Attendance to verify attendance and apply for credit in their state.

Ontario Lawyers: An application will be submitted to the Law Society of Ontario to accredit the educational program content for Continuing Professional Development, or CPD, for lawyers.

Conference Scholarships

AFCC will offer scholarships for the conference. Scholarships include pre-conference institute registration, conference registration, meal functions (welcome reception, luncheon, and annual banquet tickets), access to the AFCC hospitality suite,* and a certificate of attendance. A limited number of scholarships may include stipends to help offset the cost of travel and accommodations for recipients. Preference for scholarships with stipends is given to applicants with higher travel costs, international applicants, and those who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship application is available on the AFCC website, www.afccnet.org. **The scholarship application deadline is February 22, 2022.** Recipients will be notified in mid-March.

Exhibit Forum

The Exhibit Forum will be open during conference hours and provide an opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives to discuss your needs and the products and services they offer. If you are interested in an exhibit table or other advertising opportunities, please contact AFCC Communications Coordinator, Gina Wentling, at gwentling@afccnet.org or 608-664-3750.

AFCC Hospitality Suite

AFCC will determine whether the AFCC hospitality suite will be open closer to the conference dates. If so, it will be open for informal networking and refreshment on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00pm-12:00am and on Friday after the banquet until midnight. Please wear your name badge. The hospitality suite location will be included in attendee emails and on the conference portal.

Taste of Chicago

Thursday evening is your opportunity to enjoy the area with friends and colleagues. Sign up before 1:00pm on Thursday to join a group of 8-12 for dinner at a local restaurant. Restaurant menus and sign-up sheets will be available onsite Thursday morning. Participants are responsible for food, beverage, and transportation costs.

Meditation and Yoga

Start your day in the right frame of mind for concentration and learning! Join AFCC colleagues for morning meditation and yoga, led by AFCC members and certified yoga instructors Sherry Cassidy and Rebecca Stahl. Meditation is from 6:15am-6:30am followed by yoga from 6:30am-7:15am, Thursday-Saturday mornings. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Health and Safety Protocols

AFCC reserves the right to implement health and safety protocols. This may include requiring wearing masks except when eating and drinking, along with proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within 72 hours for all conference participants. Social gatherings planned for smaller spaces (e.g., hospitality suite and receptions for new members, first-time attendees, and international attendees) will be assessed for risk and a final decision will be made closer to the conference dates.

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Registration Information

Please read before completing your conference registration form!

AFCC Members Save up to \$160 on Registration Rates: Register and pay by March 2, 2022, to receive the lowest rates for the conference! Early bird special rates are available only to AFCC members. Not a member yet? Join today and take advantage of the New Membership Special.

New Membership Special: Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for \$150 — a \$10 discount — and save up to \$160 by registering at the AFCC member rate! To join, simply select the new membership special on the registration form. *The new membership special rate is only available to first-time AFCC members.*

Pre-Conference Institute Registration: Includes attendance at one pre-conference institute, refreshment breaks, and printed institute materials. *Institute registration is a separate fee from registration for the full conference.*

Conference Registration: Includes all conference sessions, electronic access to conference materials, refreshment breaks, opening reception, luncheon, annual banquet, and access to the AFCC hospitality suite.* *Pre-conference institutes require a separate registration fee.*

Spouse/Guest Registration: Available only to a spouse or significant other accompanying a full-conference registrant, *not* a business associate or staff colleague. Includes plenary sessions, opening reception, luncheon, annual banquet, and access to the AFCC hospitality suite.*

Conference Presenter Registration: Available only to conference presenters. Includes all conference sessions, electronic access to conference materials, refreshment breaks, opening reception, luncheon, annual

banquet, and access to the AFCC hospitality suite.* *A separate registration fee is required for presenters who wish to attend pre-conference institutes.*

Full-Time Student Registration: Includes all conference sessions, electronic access to conference materials, and access to the hospitality suite.* Meal functions are not included; however, meal tickets may be purchased separately. Registration must include proof of full-time student status. *A separate registration fee is required for pre-conference institutes.*

Certificate of Attendance: AFCC will provide a certificate of attendance for a processing fee of \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Additional Luncheon Ticket

The luncheon is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for \$72. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.

Additional Annual Banquet Ticket

The annual banquet is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for \$115. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.

Session or Presenter Changes

AFCC reserves the right to change the conference program, including (but not limited to) changes to the content and speakers in the published event schedule, or canceling sessions, should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Audio/Video Recording

No personal audio or video recording or photographing of sessions is permitted.

Travel and Lodging Information

Hotel Information

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Phone: 312-836-0100

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Make your reservations today! The Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile is offering a special rate to AFCC attendees of \$229 per night for single/double occupancy. On April 18, 2022, any unreserved rooms in the AFCC block will be released and the special rate will no longer be guaranteed. **Rooms frequently sell out before the room block is released. We**

encourage you to make your reservation early! Make your reservation by calling 1-877-303-0104 and request the AFCC special rate or reserve online <https://book.passkey.com/event/50257176/owner/1361/home>. All conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

Ground Transportation

Taxi fare is approximately \$45 one-way from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) to the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile and takes about 40 minutes, depending on traffic. From the Chicago Midway International Airport, taxi fare is approximately \$40 and takes about 30 minutes. Uber and Lyft also offer transportation from the airport. Follow the signs at either airport to locate the appropriate ground transportation.

Parking

Valet Parking rates at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile are currently \$71 plus tax per day. Off-site parking is also available for \$51 plus tax per day.

Climate

Temperatures in Chicago during mid-May range from the mid-60s to the mid-70s. Meeting rooms and hotel facilities can be cool, so bring a light jacket or sweater.

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Conference Registration Form

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1 Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

First Name (Dr./Mr./Ms./Judge) _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Degree _____

First Name or Nickname (as you would like it to appear on your name badge) _____

Title/Profession _____ Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

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Do you have dietary restrictions or other special needs? ☐ Meals ☐ Access ☐ Other Please provide details: _____

2 Registration Rates

Please check the appropriate amount(s) when making your selections and enter your total at the bottom

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Full Day Institute Registration – AFCC Member

Full Day Institute Registration – Non-member

Conference Registration Rates

Conference Registration – AFCC Member

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Conference Presenter Rate – AFCC Member

Conference Presenter Rate – Non-member

Full-time Student Rate – AFCC Member

(Student ID required. No meals included.)

Full-time Student Rate – Non-member

Includes a one-year AFCC student membership!

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Other Registration Rates

Certificate of Attendance – AFCC Member

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Additional Luncheon Ticket

Additional Banquet Ticket

Spouse/Guest Registration Rate

(Meals and plenary sessions only.)

Scholarship Fund Donation

TOTAL

Paid by
March 2

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April 29

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April 29

☐ \$150

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5 Method of Payment

Registration must be paid in full prior to attendance.

☐ Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed (US currency only please.)

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Madison, WI 53719

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Institute Selections – Wednesday, May 11, 2022

If you have registered for an institute, please **check only one** of the following boxes:

Pre-Conference Institutes 9:00am-5:00pm

- ☐ 1. The Intersection of Family Law and Online Dispute Resolution
- ☐ 2. Advanced Training in Child Custody Evaluation
- ☐ 3. Judicial Officers Institute: Values, Beliefs, Cultural Norms, and Parenting Time
- ☐ 4. Children's Mental Health, Educational, and Social/Emotional Development
- ☐ 5. Intimate Partner Violence: Screening, Process Choice, and Effective Parenting Plans
- ☐ 6. Pivoting Parenting Coordination to the Virtual World

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Conference Workshop Selections

Seating is not guaranteed and will be first-come, first-served. Your selections will ensure that sessions with more attendees are scheduled in larger meeting rooms.

(Please write in one workshop number per time slot)

Thursday, May 12	8:45am-10:00am	Opening	☐ Yes ☐ No
Thursday, May 12	10:30am-12:00pm	1-10	_____
Thursday, May 12	1:30pm-3:00pm	11-20	_____
Thursday, May 12	3:30pm-5:00pm	21-30	_____
Friday, May 13	8:30am-10:00am	31-40	_____
Friday, May 13	10:30am-12:00pm	Plenary	☐ Yes ☐ No
Friday, May 13	1:30pm-3:00pm	41-50	_____
Friday, May 13	3:30pm-5:00pm	51-60	_____
Saturday, May 14	9:15am-10:45am	61-67	_____
Saturday, May 14	11:00am-12:30pm	68-73	_____

Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be done once, at any time, without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax, sent and confirmed by email, or postmarked by April 13, 2022, will be issued a full refund minus a \$75 service fee. Written notice received by fax, sent and confirmed by email, or postmarked by April 27, 2022, will have the \$75 service fee deducted and the balance issued as a credit for future AFCC conferences, publications, or membership dues. No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellations received after April 27, 2022.