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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 Future of Family Justice: International Innovations

Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON, Canada
May 29-June 1, 2019

Twenty-first century families live in a time of rapid change, economic uncertainty, unprecedented diversity in household living arrangements, and a justice system that, all too often, struggles to meet the needs of those it is designed to serve. Numerous innovative programs and processes have emerged but are often unknown to those who need them the most. This conference will convene the best of our global partners to share pioneering efforts taking place world-wide. Join AFCC in Toronto as we explore these international family justice innovations.

The Hon. Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, Retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Ryder, Senior President of Tribunals, United Kingdom,
and Lord Justice of Appeal, England and Wales

Chief Justice Diana Bryant (Ret.), Family Court of Australia

Janet Walker OBE, Emeritus Professor of Family Policy, Newcastle University, England

Justice George Czutrin, Ontario Senior Family Judge, Toronto, Ontario

Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, AFCC President, Los Angeles, CA

Justice Emile Kruzick, Toronto, Ontario

Conference presenters from Canada, Australia, England, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, and the United States

- More than **100 conference sessions**, including eight pre-conference institutes for an intensive learning experience.
- An international and interdisciplinary delegation of more than 1,100 professionals from around the world!
- Up to 20.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists, lawyers, mental health professionals, social workers, mediators, and others (see p. 27 for details).
- AFCC **E2M** (early-to-mid-career) networking opportunities.
- **Silent Auction** and **Banquet** featuring Ontario's own *The British Invasion*.

Forty conference scholarships are available! Scholarships cover the cost of pre-conference institute registration, conference registration, and a certificate of attendance. A limited number of travel stipends are awarded. Apply by March 1, 2019 for consideration at www.afccnet.org. Recipients will be notified in mid-to-late March. Scholarship recipients who have previously registered for the conference will have their conference fees refunded.

Workshop Session Designations

Some sessions designated with **E2M** are suggested for early-to-mid-career professionals, as well as those with experience. All workshops are identified as **G** (General Interest), **I** (Intermediate), or **A** (Advanced). Please note that these designations are made by the presenters. Because experience and education among conference attendees varies, the designation of a particular session may not always meet with everyone's particular expectations.

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Invitation from the President

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to invite you to join AFCC for its 56th Annual Conference, May 29-June 1, 2019 at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. The theme, *The Future of Family Justice: International Innovations* is particularly apt at this time, as family justice professionals worldwide are confronting many similar challenges: access to justice; intractable family conflict; highly politicized constituencies; best use of technology; listening to the voice of the child; and, ever-shrinking budgets to support the important work that we do.

This conference will include presenters from a dozen countries: Australia, New Zealand, Israel, England, South Africa, Spain, Scotland, Germany, Italy, Ireland, the United States, and Canada, our host. The program will include lawyers, judges, mental health professionals, mediators, researchers, and legal scholars. It will feature some of the world's leading family judicial officers, who will discuss the challenges they face and the innovations they are implementing.

Our special guest will be the Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and an international family law icon. Justice L'Heureux-Dubé will sit down in conversation with former AFCC President Emile Kruzick and share her views on the evolution of family justice over many decades. The program of more than 100 sessions includes some familiar faces and an equal number of first-time presenters, over 200 in all.

Almost as important as the educational program (almost!), the AFCC Annual Conference offers extraordinary networking opportunities. One of my favorite activities (even after more than 26 years as an AFCC member) is meeting new people by attending the Thursday evening dine arounds. If you are new to AFCC, the new member and first time attendee event has your name on it. There is an international reception for those from overseas, and for those new to the field, look for our E2M (early-to-mid-career) committee. The famous AFCC Hospitality Suite is open until midnight, and if late nights aren't your thing, meditation and yoga beginning at 6:15 every morning will get you energized for the day. All of this before you even get out of the hotel to explore downtown Toronto, which is at your doorstep. Although AFCC can't be all things to all people, we are giving it our best shot!

AFCC conferences are different things for different people. For some, they are like a family reunion. For others, they represent a chance to learn new ideas and practices to take home to share with colleagues who could not attend. Some people come to recharge their batteries. Whatever reason you attend, with 1,000-1,200 people in attendance you are bound to meet new people, have your thinking challenged, come up with a new idea or two, and have a darn good time.

I look forward to seeing you in Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianna J. Gould-Saltman".

Dianna Gould-Saltman
AFCC President

Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019		FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019	
6:00pm–8:00pm	Conference Registration	6:15am–6:30am	Meditation
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019		SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019	
7:30am–6:00pm	Conference Registration	6:30am–7:15am	Yoga
8:00am–9:00am	Coffee and Rolls for Institute Registrants	7:15am–8:15am	AFCC Committee Meetings
8:00am–5:00pm	Exhibit Forum	7:30am–5:00pm	Conference Registration
9:00am–5:00pm	Pre-Conference Institutes	7:30am–5:00pm	Exhibit Forum
10:30am–10:45am	Break	7:30am–8:30am	Coffee and Rolls
12:00pm–1:30pm	Lunch on your own	8:30am–10:00am	Workshops 37-48
2:45pm–3:00pm	Break	10:00am–10:30am	Break
5:00pm–6:00pm	New Member and First Time Attendee Orientation	10:30am–12:00pm	Plenary Session
6:00pm–7:00pm	Welcome Reception	12:00pm–1:30pm	Lunch on your own
7:00pm–8:00pm	AFCC Awards Ceremony	12:00pm–1:30pm	<i>Family Court Review</i> Editorial Board Meeting
9:00pm–12:00am	AFCC Hospitality Suite	1:30pm–3:00pm	Workshops 49-60
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019		3:00pm–3:30pm	Break
6:15am–6:30am	Meditation	3:30pm–5:00pm	Workshops 61-72
6:30am–7:15am	Yoga	5:30pm–7:00pm	Silent Auction and Reception
7:30am–8:30am	Chapter Council Meeting	7:00pm–10:00pm	AFCC Annual Banquet
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10:30am–12:00pm	Workshops 1-12	8:00am–12:30pm	Exhibit Forum
12:00pm–1:30pm	AFCC Luncheon	8:00am–9:00am	Coffee and Rolls
1:30pm–3:00pm	Workshops 13-24	8:00am–9:00am	AFCC Membership Meeting
3:00pm–3:30pm	Break	9:15am–10:45am	Workshops 73-84
3:30pm–5:00pm	Workshops 25-36	10:45am–11:00am	Break
5:00pm–6:00pm	International Attendee Reception	11:00am–12:30pm	Workshops 85-95
Evening	Taste of Toronto		
9:00pm–12:00am	AFCC Hospitality Suite		

Pre-Conference Institutes

(Separate registration fee required. Please see registration information on page 28.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 9:00AM-5:00PM

1. Evidence-Informed Interventions for Parent-Child Contact Problems: An International Perspective

There remains no consensus on effective treatment approaches for cases involving parent-child contact problems. Outcomes for these families are compounded by frequent court delays and failure to accurately identify these cases early in proceedings. This institute will present interventions from the US, Canada, and Australia that use components of evidence-informed interventions for difficulties encountered in these cases. Presenters will highlight: (1) unique contributions of the programs developed to assist families; (2) differences and similarities among treatment modalities; (3) practice implications derived from results of evaluation research; and, (4) effective legal remedies.

Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Wellesley Hills, MA

Hon. Alexandra Harland, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Shely Polak, PhD, MSW, Richmond Hill, ON

2. Mediation for Cases with High Levels of Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence-Based Practice

Can mediation be safe for cases reporting high levels of intimate partner violence? This institute will examine lessons learned from the only federally-funded, randomized controlled trial of these challenging cases. Cases were assigned to: court-based litigation, shuttle, or videoconferencing mediation. Presenters will discuss the mediation approaches used, the safety protocol, and mediators' perceptions of the two conditions, and will also present party perceptions immediately after mediation or court-based litigation, party outcomes one year later, and party outcomes from court records. Audience participation welcome.

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

Jeannie M. Adams, MA, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Amy G. Applegate, JD, Indiana Univ. Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

3. The Use of Social Science Research in Family Law: From Research to Practice

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the use of social science research in family law. AFCC has developed new *Guidelines for the Use of Social Science Research in Family Law* to provide support to researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. This interactive institute will examine the new guidelines, and presenters will demonstrate how custody evaluators, mediators, lawyers, judges, and others can use them in the adversarial, educational, and policymaking contexts.

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

Lorie Nachlis, JD, Nachlis & Fink, San Francisco, CA

Hon. William C. Fee, Angola, IN

Jeffrey P. Wittmann, PhD, The Center of Forensic Psychology, Albany, NY

4. The Voice of the Child: International Applications

The voice of the child has become a critical component of parenting time disputes worldwide. This international faculty will provide three different perspectives. The morning session introduces the Meeting with Children approach: a non-evaluative process that places structure on the adult practitioner and provides children and youth with the space to share what is important to them. In the afternoon, presenters will focus on: (1) the wishes and feelings of children and young adults in international abduction proceedings from an English perspective; and (2) an analysis of Ontario's Views of the Child Reports, examining themes that emerged and clinicians' interpretations.

Jon Graham, LLB, International Centre for Children and Family Law, Five Dock, NSW, Australia

Michelle Hayes, MSW, Successful Families, Inc., Hamilton, ON

James Netto, Solicitor Advocate, Dawson Cornwell, London, UK

Lorri Yasanik, PhD, International Centre for Children and Family Law, Calgary, AB

5. Parenting Coordination in a Global Context: Interventions, Legal Authority, and Research

This advanced institute will highlight the impact of social science research on the parenting coordination process in different jurisdictions. Building on the results of recent surveys and research on co-parenting, issues related to scope of authority, access to justice, efficacy of parenting coordination interventions, challenging practice situations, and professional risk management will be explored and discussed using case examples.

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

Barbara Fidler, PhD, CPsych, Families Moving Forward, Toronto, ON

Connie Capdevila Brophy, PhD, Barcelona, Spain

Alexander Jones, JD, Brick, Sugarman, Jones & McBrien, Newton, MA

6. Reframing Family Law: For Generations X, Y, and Z(ed) E2M

Definitions of families and how families arise, dissolve, or recombine are changing. Research on divorcing families varies in quality, reliability, and usability. How families engage with legal/social services may vary greatly and rely on technological innovations. What we provided in the past, and even currently, may not work for tomorrow's mobile families. Whether clients are seeking alternatives to court or pushing for litigation, family and community resources typically struggle to respond. The continuum of legal and community services will need to adapt to better assist generations X, Y, and Z(ed). Sponsored by the AFCC Ontario Chapter.

Daniel T. Ashbourne, PhD, CPsych, London Family Court Clinic, London, ON

Brian Burke, LLB, Epstein Cole LLP, Toronto, ON

Nora Spinks, Vanier Institute of the Family, Ottawa, ON

Alfred Mamo, LLB, McKenzie Lake LLP, London, ON

Pre-Conference Institutes

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7. Judicial Officers Institute

This two-part program will begin with *Access to Justice: What's a Judge to Do?* Presenters will examine the ever-present issue of access to justice in family law. Judicial opportunities, leadership and responsibilities in the reform/improvement of judicial dispute resolution processes, rules, and case management practices will be discussed. Part two of the program, *Judges and Non-Hague Cross Border Custody Cases*, will focus on the complications that borders, both within and between countries, bring to child custody proceedings. Recognition of orders, taking of jurisdiction, judicial communication, and related issues will be discussed.

Hon. Ramona Gonzalez, La Crosse, WI

Hon. Stan Sherr, Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, ON

Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Ryder, Senior President and Lord Justice of Appeal, London, UK

Hon. R. James Williams, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS

8. Souls in Action: Using Generative Attention to Resolve Conflict

When people are locked in conflict fresh thinking is needed. But how do you help people to do fresh thinking? Our answer is low-tech, but extraordinarily effective: by giving them "generative attention." In this pre-conference institute, we will define generative attention and explain how to give it. Participants will have the opportunity to practice giving and receiving generative attention. We will then teach other components of an environment designed to support thinking, demonstrate how to use generative attention in mediation, and explain the neuropsychological reasons for its remarkable power in helping people to think clearly and creatively.

John Spiegel, JD, Rockville, MD

Judith M. Glasser, PhD, Silver Spring, MD

Are You an AFCC Member Yet?

AFCC convenes members of multiple disciplines from around the world to promote greater understanding of the many perspectives among family justice professionals. An AFCC membership is an investment in professional excellence, with immediate access to new information and ideas amongst a network of family law innovators.

When you join AFCC along with your conference registration, you save \$10 on your first year's membership and up to \$185 USD/\$245 CAD on your registration.

Select "New Membership Special" when completing the registration form.

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- **Family Court Review**, AFCC's quarterly academic and research journal in print and electronic format, with full access to the online archives back to 1963.
- **Online member directory** of over 5,100 colleagues worldwide.
- **AFCC eNEWS**, the monthly electronic newsletter, provides up-to-date practice tips, research updates and interviews with leading practitioners.
- **Parenting Coordination Network Listserv** for AFCC members who are PCs or are interested in the role to share tips, advice, referrals and network with others.
- **Complete access to new AFCC Webinar archives** where you can watch webinars on topics such as the AFCC *Guidelines on Intimate Partner Violence*, issues in relocation cases, parenting coordination, visitation resistance, and more.
- **Substantial member discounts** on registration for AFCC conferences and trainings, AFCC webinars, exhibits and advertising, and publications from AFCC and Wiley-Blackwell.
- **Professional liability insurance** through Complete Equity Markets, Inc. for arbitrators, mediators, parenting coordinators, and parenting educators.

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8:45am-10:00am Opening Session

Welcome: Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, AFCC President, Los Angeles, CA

The Honourable Heather Forster Smith, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario

A Conversation with Hon. Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, Supreme Court of Canada (Ret.)

The Honorable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, an international family law icon, became the second woman on the Supreme Court of Canada when she was appointed in 1987. She was the first woman appointed to the Quebec Superior Court and the Quebec Court of Appeal. For her contributions to law, equality, and marginalized members of society she was awarded the Orders of Canada and Quebec. As a jurist she has made an indelible mark on the Canadian legal system and international law. Justice L'Heureux-Dubé will sit down in conversation with longtime friend, and former AFCC President, Justice Emile Kruzick, to discuss her remarkable career and look ahead to what is in store for family justice systems worldwide.

Hon. Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, Retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada

Justice Emile Kruzick, Toronto, ON

"The interdisciplinary nature of an AFCC conference makes it a unique experience.

AFCC has provided me with great opportunities to learn from leading international practitioners and scholars, as well as to meet and engage with professionals in my own community and region."

Prof. Nicholas Bala, Queens Univ. Faculty of Law

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-12

1. Reforming Canada's Parenting Laws: Innovation in Integrating Policy and Research I E2M

Canada's parenting laws are in the process of change. Canadian politicians are debating proposed reforms to Canada's Divorce Act that would introduce new parenting terminology, family violence provisions, a relocation scheme, and best interests of the child criteria, all with a focus on highlighting the best interests of the child and improving access to justice. Panelists will engage with the policy issues, discuss relevant research supporting these changes, and explore the process of reforming Canadian parenting law.

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

Martha Butler, LLB, Dept. of Justice Canada, Ottawa, ON

Claire Farid, LLB, Dept. of Justice Canada, Ottawa, ON

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

2. What Works in Scotland? Sharing the Learning I

Learning from others and adapting services to fit a distinct legal and cultural context has underpinned the development of family support for divorce and separation in Scotland. The Relationships Scotland network provides integrated, community-based services including counseling, mediation, and child contact centers. This workshop will focus on a new parent education service and identify how key research and the development of a learning community informed this initiative. Participants will contribute to the expansion of this international community of best practice.

Rosanne Cubitt, MBA, MSc, Relationships Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland

Sonia Bruce, MA, PGCCE, Relationships Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland

3. Can You Hear Me? Using the Child's Voice to Settle Custody Disputes I

Today's family justice proceedings increasingly integrate the voice of the child. In one Maryland jurisdiction, children are interviewed on the record as part of settlement conference procedures. When children are interviewed, they are told that they are being recorded and that their parents can hear them. Data shows that this has been a powerful tool to settle cases. In those cases that do not settle, the child's voice allows the judge to make a decision that is truly in the child's best interests. This workshop will provide an interview model and present outcome data from the jurisdiction.

Noland Y. Kirby, MS, Cecil County Circuit Court, Elkton, MD

Gina Santoro, PhD, Santoro Psychological Services, Ellicott City, MD

Hon. Jane C. Murray, Cecil County Circuit Court, Elkton, MD

4. If We Forget We Shall Repeat: Lessons from 100 Years in Custody Evaluations G1 E2M

The presenters, who have a cumulative 100 years of experience in the field of disputed custody, will discuss their sense of what works, what doesn't, the pitfalls and the necessary competencies for practitioners. They will look towards the future of the field with ideas for new directions to resolving parental disputes over the best interests of their children.

Robert A. Simon, PhD, San Diego, CA

Philip S. Watts, PhD, South Perth, WA, Australia

Philip M. Stahl, PhD, ABPP, Queen Creek, AZ

5. Integrating Domestic Violence into Custody Evaluation Analysis and Reports A

Domestic violence is accepted as a relevant factor in custody evaluations, but it pervasively influences most if not all aspects of the family. A solid analysis of its impact and a parenting plan that properly accounts for it, tailored for the family's needs, is crucial to family wellbeing. This interactive session provides a framework for analysis of best interest factors and the impact of domestic violence on family functioning, with practical suggestions for safe and workable parenting plans.

Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD, Riegler Shienvold and Associates, Harrisburg, PA

Darren Mitchell, JD, Takoma Park, MD

Hon. Jan Rosa (Ret.), Denver, CO

6. Criminality vs. Intentionality: An Examination of the Disciplinary Practices of African American Parents G1 E2M

One of the most difficult areas for legal professionals in working with African American mothers and fathers relates to child discipline. Historical and recent studies have shown that African American parents use "whippins" (spanking with a belt or switch) as a last resort disciplinary method to address repeated child misbehavior. The purpose of this presentation is to examine the disciplinary practices of African American mothers and fathers from a dataset of 189 parents who live in the Midwest, United States. Disciplinary best practices questions will be discussed as a way for family court judges, trial lawyers, and mental health clinicians to uniformly assess when discipline crosses the line to abuse.

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

Dorphine Payne, JD, Kalamazoo, MI



7. Bests Interests in Child Abduction Cases

How does the child's needs fit into a child abduction case? This workshop, sponsored by the International Academy of Family Lawyers, will explore divergent approaches to the weight of a child's best interests in a child abduction case across multiple jurisdictions, in both Hague and non-Hague signatory countries.

Sarah Boulby, MA, LLB, Boulby Weinberg, LLP, Toronto, ON

Laura Dale, PhD, JD, Laura Dale & Associates, Houston, TX

Caroline Harnois, Lavery, Montreal, QC

Oren Weinberg, MA, LLB, Boulby Weinberg, LLP, Toronto, ON

8. Family Law Reform and Post-Separation Parenting Arrangements in New Zealand

The 2014 reforms of New Zealand's family law system have recently been evaluated through a nationwide research project involving 656 separated parents and 352 family justice professionals. Key findings from the online surveys and interviews highlight: (1) parents' use of, and satisfaction with, family justice services, and the stability of their parenting arrangements over time; and (2) professionals' experiences and views on the effectiveness of the reforms. The implications of these findings for the international family justice community will be addressed.

Nicola Taylor, LLB, PhD, Univ. of Otago, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

Megan Gollop, MEd, PhD, Univ. of Otago, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

Mark Henaghan, LLB, Univ. of Otago, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

9. High Conflict: A Red Herring for Professionals?

Family law professionals commonly describe people and cases as being "high conflict." This session will guide participants in a critical examination of the meaning of the term, the values and assumptions underlying it, and how its application harms some families. Participants will debate whether using a "high conflict" frame or terminology helps or hinders understanding of the context in which parenting occurs or problems are apparent. Has the time come to retire the term?

Gabrielle Davis, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

Loretta Frederick, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, MSW, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN

10. The Place of Social Science in Family Courts: Lessons from England and Wales

This session examines social science evidence in case level decision-making and adjudication in family law proceedings from the perspectives of judges and lawyers. Drawing on data collected by the Nuffield Foundation, presenters will provide insights on concerns expressed by legal professionals about how social science evidence is applied to their work. Although judges and lawyers readily appreciated the relevance of a broader interdisciplinary knowledge base, they articulated considerable disquiet about the direct application of extra-legal knowledge in case level decision-making, unless brought by an expert instructed by the courts. Presenters will discuss how the new Nuffield Family Justice Observatory intends to navigate this disquiet, in particular, to calls from lawyers and the judiciary for a digest of trusted research endorsed by the Observatory.

Karen Broadhurst, Lancaster Univ. and Nuffield Foundation, Lancaster, UK

Teresa Williams, MS, Cafcass, London, UK

11. Parenting Shortly after Separation and Divorce: Challenges, Conditions, and Strategies

This workshop provides a synthesis of four research studies focusing on parenting during separation and shortly following divorce. Topics overlooked in previous research related to parental adjustment are highlighted, including changes in parental roles during separation and the influence of parents' perceptions of both their own and their former partners' covert co-parenting behaviors (e.g., child triangulation). Drawing from three data sets, the synthesis of four studies will provide the basis for practical implications related to the divorce education programming.

Raymond E. Petren, PhD, Pennsylvania State Univ. Scranton, Dunmore, PA

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

Melissa A. Labuda, PhD, Pennsylvania State Univ. Scranton, Dunmore, PA

"I met so many wonderful professionals who are very dedicated to their work. I learned as much from the participants as the presenters."

Michelle Jones, LCSW

12. Lights, Camera, Action: Traditional Litigation vs. the Family Resolution Specialty Court

This presentation will consist of real-time demonstrations of a contested child custody case in court, first as an adversarial hearing and then as a Family Resolution Specialty Court conference. Thereafter, open discussion will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of each process, how the participants felt about their roles, how effectively the needs of the child were addressed in each model, and how each method interfaced with the ethical codes of the various professional disciplines.

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

Leslie M. Brown, JD, Northampton, MA

*Deborah Roth-Howe, LICSW, Probate and Family Court,
Northampton, MA*

*Ronald J. Waskiewicz, MPA, Probate and Family Court,
Northampton, MA*

12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Luncheon

*Presiding: Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, AFCC President,
Los Angeles, CA*

1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 13-24

13. The Terrible Twenties? Millennials and Family Law

Millennials, born between the 1980's and 2000's, will be the next generation whose interests, values, and behavior have a large impact on the practice of family law. This presentation will take a first look at coming trends as millennials marry (or don't), have children (or don't), and bring their mindset and relationship dynamics to the issues of raising children, co-parenting, separation, and divorce.

*Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, Upton Mental Health Center,
Edina, MN*

*Kevin McGrath, JD, McGrath Dispute Resolution,
Minneapolis, MN*

*Susan M. Lach, JD, Tuft, Lach, Jerabek and O'Connell,
Maplewood, MN*

14. Sociopaths: The Con Artists of Family Law

Sociopaths are extremely deceptive and sometimes dangerous, and they create some of the most difficult challenges for family law professionals. They may be child abusers or partner abusers, yet they are skilled at misleading professionals. This session will present the fundamental characteristics of sociopaths, using the DSM-5 criteria for antisocial personality disorder. Common dynamics of cases in family counseling, family mediation, and family courts will be discussed. The presenter will provide examples and tips on early identification and case management.

*William A. Eddy, MSW, JD, High Conflict Institute,
San Diego, CA*

15. Overcoming Malignant Parent-Child Resist/Refuse Dynamics

Resolving malignant family conflict requires a change in mindset. It is necessary to understand that it is a different kind of conflict, and that there are multiple family system factors that provoke family members to collapse into the negativity of polarized stereotypes, paralyzing resentment, negative confirmation bias, unforgiving mindsets, and hopelessness. This session directly focuses on family conflict de-escalation as an overlooked approach to resolving parent-child resist/refuse dynamics.

John A. Moran, PhD, Phoenix, AZ

Shawn McCall, PsyD, San Francisco, CA

16. Community Driven Innovation:

Creating a Responsive Family Court

Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District participated in the Family Court Enhancement Project dedicated to improving child custody decision-making in domestic violence cases. This workshop will examine how the District solicited and implemented community feedback in court reform processes, including how the court worked with Native American advocacy, guardian ad litem, legal services, custody evaluators, and dispute resolution communities to implement effective strategies. Through a facilitated conversation, the presenters will share successes and challenges and explore strategies for applying community and culturally specific informed approaches throughout the family court system.

*Associate Justice Anne K. McKeig, Minnesota Supreme Court,
St. Paul, MN*

*Referee Mary Madden, Fourth Judicial District Court,
Minneapolis, MN*

*Adam Miller, JD, Fourth Judicial District Court,
Minneapolis, MN*

17. Cultural Difference, Encapsulation, and their Potential Impact on Relocation Rulings

The session begins with a critical analysis of a relocation judgement made in a South African Court. A "hermeneutic of suspicion" is employed to scrutinize the judgement for ethnocentric bias and to draw attention to the possibility of cultural encapsulation affecting both judges and psychologists. It is argued that it is necessary to puncture the "social ignorance contract" that engenders silence on socio-cultural variables that may influence relocation cases.

*Martin Strous, MED, PhD, Educational Psychology Assoc. of
South Africa, Gallo Manor, South Africa*

18. Missed Opportunities in the Family Law System in High Conflict Cases

This workshop will focus on high conflict cases that require extreme intervention including the involvement of the court. The session will provide the insights and solutions recommended by a lawyer and a mental health professional, who will present case scenarios in which the family law system has been unable to remedy the dispute, thus contributing to increased parental conflict and perpetuating emotional harm for the children.

Howard Hurwitz, MSW, Toronto, ON

Ray Goddard, LLB, Walker Head, Pickering, ON

Laura Goldfarb LLB, Halton Children's Aid Society, Burlington, ON

Justice Marvin Kurz, Milton, ON



19. How to Support Refugee Minors Arriving in the US and Europe

Huge numbers of refugees have arrived in Europe and the US in recent years, a large proportion of them minors, some travelling without their families. This interdisciplinary workshop looks at the challenges that children's services have overcome in the receiving countries; lessons learned; and what legal support exists for migrant and refugee minors. The focus is particularly on the issues as experienced in the US, Italy, and Germany.

Francesco Belletti, International Centre for Family Studies, Milan, Italy

Sven Iversen, Association of German Family Organizations, Berlin, Germany

Anne Berger, JD, Berger & Small, Woburn, MA

20. Cookie-Cutters Don't Cut it: Tailoring Services for Self-Represented Parties

The legal needs of parties in family law disputes vary depending on the contentiousness of their dispute, their ability to access legal assistance, their education, skills, self-confidence, and the resources available to them. Models of legal assistance that are not responsive to the needs of individuals will provide limited benefit. This session will examine several approaches to providing tailored legal services to people without counsel through the use of technology, guided pathways, and unbundled legal services.

Susanna A.L. Hughes, LLB, Legal Services Society, Vancouver, BC
Sherry A. MacLennan, LLB, Legal Services Society, Vancouver, BC,

John-Paul E. Boyd, LLB, MA, John-Paul Boyd Arbitration Chambers, Calgary, AB

21. Mediation with Transgender Clients: An Ethnographic Approach

Workshops on LGBT clients often focus on lesbian and gay clients, treating transgender clients as if their strengths and concerns are no different than those of LGB clients. This session will focus on transgender clients, including their unique strengths, experiences, and concerns. The presenter will demonstrate an ethnographic approach to working with transgender clients, inviting transgender individuals to discuss their hopes, fears, and suggestions about separation, divorce, and the roles of helping professionals.

Allan E. Barsky, JD, PhD, Florida Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton, FL

22. The Hague Child Abduction Convention: Problems, Challenges, and Developments

The 1980 Hague Convention is the most important instrument regulating cross-border parental child abduction, with the number of member states continuing to grow. This workshop reviews some of the problems and challenges which arise in applying this Convention in the light of recent developments including case law from leading jurisdictions such as Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. Particular emphasis will be placed on the concepts of habitual residence, voice of the child, and grave risk of harm.

Rhona Schuz, LLM, PhD, Shaarei Mishpat Law School, Hod Hasharon, Israel

23. Evidence-Based Guidance for Child Protection Mediation Programs

Court-connected child protection mediation can provide an opportunity for parents, lawyers, and social workers to chart a path forward for children and address issues that impede progress, but it is a complicated process that must meet the sometimes contradictory needs of the different parties. This session presents the results of comprehensive evaluations of very different programs in Chicago and Washington, DC, offering evidence-based program design guidance to those considering programs and those currently operating one.

Jennifer Shack, MA, Resolution Systems Institute, Chicago, IL

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

24. Family Mediation in Ontario: Win-Win is an Attitude, Not an Outcome

Increasing the use of family mediation remains an ongoing challenge. Since 2011, Ontario has provided publicly funded mediation services in every family court along with an array of information and advice services. This session will explore the benefits and challenges associated with the uptake and provision of mediation by focusing on a research project funded by the AFCC-Ontario Chapter. The research included an online survey and key informant interviews with mediators, referrers to mediation, and judges.

Denise Whitehead, PhD, JD, St. Jerome's Univ., Waterloo, ON

Rachel Birnbaum, PhD, LLM, Kings Univ. College at Western Univ., London, ON

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 25-36

25. Rethinking Reunification A

This session will challenge everyone engaged in this important work. It will require practitioners to broaden their thinking on reunification and to critically examine the service models guiding clinical work. Presenters will incorporate systemic perspectives and the principles that underlie the New Ways for Families initiative to detail how critical family therapy practices also guide their work on reunification. This alternative to the immersion model can help families that have difficulty adhering to court-mandated approaches.

*Kimberly Harris, PhD, London Family Court Clinic, London, ON
 Tracey Lipp, MSW, Parent Partner Services, London, ON
 Louise Vandenbosch, MSW, Wesbrook Mediation Services, London, ON
 Hon. Gerri Wong, Ontario Court of Justice, Chatham, ON*

26. Parenting with a Psychiatric Disability: Rights, Barriers, Strategies, and Solutions G1

Parents with mental health challenges or psychiatric disabilities are at high risk of losing custody of, or contact with, their children as a result of child welfare and court intervention. Stigma, fear, and discrimination are obstacles that must be confronted with facts, advocacy, and support. This session will share relevant history, examine the legal barriers these parents face, and review the combination of legal services and parenting supports that can provide strategies and solutions to advocates and attorneys representing parents.

*Kate Nemens, JD, Clubhouse Family Legal Support Project, Boston, MA
 David Medoff, PhD, Newtonville, MA*

27. Assessing PUI (Parenting Under the Influence of Alcohol) in Child Custody Cases I

Family courts must frequently adjudicate allegations of parental alcohol misuse. Assessments by court appointed neutrals or retained experts must be carefully structured so that they produce data and analysis that help the decision makers understand whether parental alcohol misuse is adversely impacting parenting. Learn from a family lawyer, psychiatrist, and forensic toxicologist about how to structure assessment of allegations that parental functioning is being compromised by alcohol misuse.

*Leslie E. Shear, JD, Encino, CA
 Jaye-Jo Portanova, MD, Torrance, CA
 Okorie Okorocha, JD, Soberlink, Pasadena, CA*

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28. Domestic Violence in the Irish Family Courts G1

Research in Ireland has found that domestic violence represents an enormous part of the family law caseload in the District Court. Domestic violence presented in almost 25% of all cases observed since March 2017. The presenters will provide analysis of empirical data from hundreds of court hearings including statistics regarding litigants, the nature of orders being sought, the cited grounds for application and typical outcomes. The presentation will also discuss the impact of the new Domestic Violence Act 2018.

Roisin O'Shea, PhD, Arc Mediation, Waterford, Ireland

Shane Dempsey, MSc, Arc Mediation, Waterford, Ireland

29. Speaking Louder Doesn't Help! The Future of Multilingualism in Family Court G1 E2M

Communication in times of conflict is difficult, and it becomes more complicated as the number of languages and participants increases. Bilingual mediators need sophisticated communication skills to understand verbal and non-verbal cues and the culture of the parties involved, and to manage the process. In this session, bilingual mediation communications will be analyzed from the following perspectives: communication theory, psycholinguistics, and mediator's ethics. Relevant regulations in Canada, the United States, and the European Union will be examined.

Victor Martinez Reyes, PhD, MSc, 10th Judicial Circuit, Bartow, FL

30. The Crossroads of Collaborative Practice and Mediation: Competing or Converging Models? I

Mediation and collaborative practice are sometimes seen as competitors, yet they share many similarities. In a highly interactive, engaged conversation, presenters will compare collaborative practice and mediation, explore ways in which principles and techniques of each model can be applied to the other, and delve into the convergence of these two models as collaborative mediation. The workshop will also examine how mediators and collaborative professionals are natural referral bases to one another.

Brian Galbraith, LLB, LLM, Galbraith Family Law Professional Corp., Barrie, ON

Adam Cordover, JD, MA, Family Diplomacy, Tampa, FL

Kevin Scudder, JD, Law Office of Kevin R. Scudder, Seattle, WA

31. Co-Parenting, Online Tech, and the Best Interests of the Child G1 E2M

This workshop will discuss current research, funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario, that examines the uses of apps and online technologies by co-parents in family law matters. Presenters will actively involve workshop participants in a discussion of their experiences of, and opinions about, assessing efficacy and appropriateness of app technologies for facilitating co-parent communication.

Rebecca Bromwich, PhD, LLM, LLB, Carleton Univ., Ottawa, ON

Jennifer Reynolds, LLB, Fresh Legal, Ottawa, ON

32. International Jurisdictional Disputes: The Challenges of International Relocation and the Risk of Abduction

This workshop will present an interdisciplinary perspective on the complex issue of international relocations by taking an in-depth look at the mechanisms used to resolve these disputes (Hague Convention); the loopholes used to surmount them (e.g., concepts such as "age and degree of maturity of the subject child"), the particular risks of these cases (abductions); the factors that impact on international relocations (e.g., cultural and geographical factors); and the various parties' biases in approaching these evaluations.

Alberto A. Yohananoff, PhD, New York, NY

Martin Friedlander, JD, New York, NY

Hon. Douglas Hoffman, New York Supreme Court, New York, NY

Valentina Shaknes, JD, McLaughlin & Stern, LLP, New York, NY

33. Establishing and Protecting Parentage for LGBTQ and Non-Traditional Families

Protecting the parent-child relationship is critical for healthy families. This workshop will provide the necessary tools for practitioners to assess and pursue legal parentage and custody for LGBTQ families, non-traditional families, and families using Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Joyce Kauffman, MED, JD, Kauffman Law and Mediation, Roslindale, MA

Deborah Wald, JD, The Wald Group PC, San Francisco, CA

Kelly D. Jordan, Kelly Jordan Family Law, Toronto, ON

Christine Kim, MSW, Christine Kim Mediation, Toronto, ON

34. "You're So Far Away"—Parenting Time and Travel Expenses in a Mobile Society

Forty-seven years after Carole King released her famous song about the pain of being physically and emotionally separated from a partner, many parents feel the same sentiments as their children live far enough away that parenting time is affected, and emotional bonds may be impacted. Long-distance parenting also impacts a family's finances and child support, and travel-related expenses can be significant. Social science research and Ontario case law will be reviewed.

Andrea Himel, LLB, MSW, Himel Mediation and Family Law Services, Toronto, ON

Hon. Alex Finlayson, Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, Ontario, ON

35. Using the Web to Expand Access to an Effective Parenting-After-Divorce Program

 E2M

This workshop focuses on adapting the New Beginnings Program, an in-person parenting-after-divorce program that has demonstrated effects on offspring outcomes 15 years after participation, into a web-based program (eNBP). Advantages of web-based programs and research on the effects of the NBP will be presented. The adaptation process and randomized controlled trial will be described. Segments of two eNBP modules will be shown and focus group perspectives, consumer satisfaction, and program use data will be discussed.

Sharlene A. Wolchik, PhD, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ

Irwin Sandler, PhD, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ

36. Judicial Officers Forum:

The Intersection of High-Tech Stalking and Domestic Violence Cyberstalking 101

Judicial officers understand that offenders use whatever means available to abuse, harass, stalk, and monitor victims. Today, technology has provided offenders with tools to accomplish these tasks without even leaving the comfort of their homes. In this interactive session, judicial officers will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location, apps, and social networking sites. **Participation is limited to Judicial Officers only.**

Justice Kendra Coats, Superior Court of Ontario, Milton, ON

Steven Bradley, OurFamilyWizard.com, Minneapolis, MN

5:00pm-6:00pm International Attendee Reception

Evening Taste of Toronto

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

"I was struck by the sense of community that I felt at this conference, despite its large size. Everyone I met was approachable, friendly, and open to sharing their experiences in the field. I actually left this conference saddened that I would have to wait some time to see everyone again. This is an incredible community of people."

Tanya Hutchinson, Calgary, CA

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

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 37-48

37. Conundrums When Involving Children and Youth in Dispute Resolution Processes**GI E2M**

Family law professionals encounter legal, ethical, and practice dilemmas when considering children's involvement in court and other dispute resolution processes. What are the methods, and pros and cons of obtaining the voice of the child? When is it best to obtain the child's voice? How can children's rights be preserved while affording the child with the necessary protections? Presenters will discuss issues surrounding consent to counseling, privacy and confidentiality, and disclosure of children's information.

Barbara Fidler, PhD, CPsych, Families Moving Forward, Toronto, ON

Hon. Julie Audet, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Ottawa, ON
Chantel Cavallo, LLB, Sicotte Guilbault, Embrun, ON

38. The Opioid Epidemic and Family Courts**GI E2M**

The challenge of how to manage opioid addiction, relapse, and noncompliance with court orders has been the subject of wide debate in family courts. This presentation will explore the magnitude of the opioid crisis, how to identify an opioid use disorder, the effects of opioid use disorder on parenting, evidence-based treatments including medication assisted treatments, and innovative family court responses. Drawing on the latest addiction research, this presentation will provide judges, attorneys, and mental health professionals with the information they need to thoughtfully approach cases involving opioid-addiction dynamics, bolster care-giver compliance, and mitigate harm to children.

Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, JD, Boston, MA

39. The Adult Interview System **A**

The Adult Interview System (AIS) was developed to assist the psychologist, social worker, or therapist/counselor in their interview process with adults. The AIS consists of twelve techniques that focus on adults, their virtual world, time management, adult relationships, conflict styles and management, and parent-child relationships. It is a diverse and practical tool that can be utilized in mediation, therapy, forensic assessments and marital therapy, as well as family therapy.

Petronella Maria Duchen, DLitt et Phil, Johannesburg, South Africa

40. Family Justice System and the Unique Vulnerabilities of Immigrant Mothers **I**

This workshop will use a feminist intersectionality framework of race/ethnicity, gender, class, language ability, and immigration status that includes family law and social science research, which is extremely important for a multidisciplinary and collaborative family law platform. This workshop will examine various aspects of the problem and encourage attendees to think about innovative intervention strategies while dealing with immigrant parenting issues.

Archana Medhekar, LLB, AccFM, Medhekar Law Office, Toronto, ON

Ferzana Chaze, PhD, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON

Dianne Fierheller, MSW, RSW, KidFit Health and Wellness Clinic, Mississauga, ON

41. When "Sorry" Isn't Enough: Effective Apologies for Strained Parent-Child Relationships **A**

Ontario, like many commonwealth jurisdictions, passed the Apology Act in 2009, stipulating that an apology "means an expression of sympathy or regret" and not "an admission of fault or liability." A sincere and timely apology can be a powerful tool, but sorry may not always be enough. Based on a review of empirical evidence, presenters will highlight approaches for integrating apologies for resist/refusal dynamics and provide practical strategies to help families deliver meaningful apologies to help repair relationships.

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

Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA

42. Caring for Families in Court: An Essential Approach to Family Justice **GI E2M**

This workshop will introduce participants to an innovative approach to justice for families. The presenters will provide an overview of a conceptual paradigm that combines theoretical principles of unified family courts, the ecology of human development, therapeutic jurisprudence, the ethic of care, and narrative. An interactive component will allow participants to engage in an exercise illustrating several of the theoretical principles discussed.

Barbara A. Babb, JD, MS, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Judith D. Moran, JD, MS, New York, NY

43. Anatomy of a Child's Views and Preferences

This workshop will critically examine the various considerations in adopting a position (for lawyers) or recommendations (for evaluators). The presenters will discuss how to consider a child's stated wishes as well as other circumstances which contextualize those wishes. Professional and ethical issues will be addressed both on how to formulate a position or recommendations, and the various methods of introducing supporting evidence. A mock demonstration of a direct examination of a witness will highlight key points in effectively carrying out professional obligations when advocating on behalf of a child.

Dan Goldberg, LLB, BCI, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON

Andrea Jones, BSW, MSW, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON

44. The Hague Abduction Case Has Been Decided: Now What?

There are many decisions to be made after a Hague abduction case has been decided, regardless of the outcome. This program will focus on the aftermath of a Hague abduction decision in the context of trauma, family dynamics, financial uncertainty, and other considerations. Presenters will guide participants through the next steps, examine decisions practitioners should make, discuss the professional team, timeline considerations, and provide additional practice tips.

Nancy Zalusky Berg, JD, Nancy Zalusky Berg, LLC, Minneapolis, MN

Ruta Johnsen, JD, Nancy Zalusky Berg, LLC, Minneapolis, MN

45. An Overview of Non-Biological, Same-Sex Parentage: What We Know Today and Where We Are Going Tomorrow

The Obergefell decision legalized same-sex marriage in the US, but it did not resolve critical questions concerning the legal status of non-biological parents, including those who have utilized assisted reproductive technology. Many jurisdictions have adopted various approaches through legislative action and judicial decisions. Participants will explore the status of the law in the US and Canada as it pertains to non-biological parentage, evaluate arguments raised in the cases, and debate how the resulting legal dilemmas should be resolved.

Jack DeWalt, JD, DeWalt, Chawla and Saksena, Minneapolis, MN

Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, MSW, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN

Martha McCarthy, LLB, LSM, Martha McCarthy & Company, Toronto, ON

46. The Impact of Abuse and Alienation Claims on Custody Decisions

A National Institute of Justice-funded study analyzed over 4,000 published opinions in custody disputes in which a parent reported partner or child abuse, and/or one of the parents alleged parental alienation. Results reveal the impact on custody decisions of credited and un-credited claims of abuse and alienation, the interaction between cross-claims of abuse and alienation, factors increasing mothers' losses of custody, and the effect of court-appointed evaluators and *guardians ad litem* on outcomes.

Joan S. Meier, JD, George Washington Univ. Law School, Washington, DC

Gabrielle Davis, JD, Battered Woman's Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN

47. Equal Parenting International Innovations: Evaluating Myths and Stereotypes E2M

Equal shared parenting (ESP) initiatives are gaining traction around the world in the face of significant opposition from lawyers and other family law professionals. The presenters in this session will critically examine commonly held myths and stereotypes employed against ESP. What is the experience thus far in jurisdictions that have embraced ESP? Should there be a rebuttable presumption of ESP? Is it simply a fathers' rights issue or should the model merit consideration along broader social and legislative parameters?

Gene C. Colman, LLB, Gene C. Colman Family Law Centre, Toronto, ON

George W. Piskor, LLM, Canadian Equal Parenting Council, Niagara Falls, ON

Annette T. Burns, JD, Phoenix, AZ

48. Assessing Intimate Partner Violence and Victim Trauma in Custody

When evaluating intimate partner violence (IPV), evaluators often fail to assess or contextualize the symptoms and effects of trauma reactions on the victim, and the impact on children. Victims are often re-traumatized during stressful court proceedings or when conflict arises during custody disputes, which can be easily misunderstood in legal proceedings. This session focuses on in-depth assessment of IPV and integrating behavioral signs of trauma victims on a continuum to more accurately help the court make decisions in children's best interests.

David Mann, PhD, Mission Viejo, CA

Kristina Roberts, PhD, Mission Viejo, CA

10:00am-10:30am Break



10:30am-12:00pm Plenary Session

Welcome: Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD, AFCC President Elect, Palo Alto, CA

Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve, Ontario Court of Justice

Family Justice Innovations: Collaboration and Consultation in St. George's House, Windsor Castle

Janet Walker OBE, Emeritus Professor of Family Policy, Newcastle University, England

The Future of Family Justice: An International Perspective

Since the 1970s, family justice systems and services worldwide have run the gamut from free mediation and custody evaluations to sobering concerns regarding access to justice for lower and middle-income families. Today, as budgets are slashed, issues such as intimate partner violence, parent-child contact problems, and substance abuse require more, not fewer, resources. The family court community has also become more interdisciplinary and electronic in nature, which creates its own challenges. This session presents an interactive discussion between some of the world's leading family court jurists, as they examine past efforts and explore future directions for family justice systems.

Chief Justice Diana Bryant (Ret.), Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Justice George Czutrin, Ontario Senior Family Judge, Toronto, ON

Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Ryder, Senior President of Tribunals United Kingdom, and Lord Justice of Appeal, England and Wales, London, UK

Moderator: Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, AFCC President, Los Angeles, CA

1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 49-60

49. Ethically Coaching Parents in Custody Conflicted Families

Should mental health professionals take a coaching role with litigating parents? It is important to understand the definition of the role, the limitations on confidentiality, the legal and ethical pitfalls, and ways to manage the frustrations and satisfactions of working with people who need help but may not want input about their parenting. This workshop will help mental health professionals think through the complex issues involved in taking on the job of working with one parent in a conflicted family.

Nancy Williams Olesen, PhD, San Rafael, CA

Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Newport Beach, CA

50. Arbitration in Family Matters: Private Ordering, Client Choice

Arbitration allows for greater party choice and control in and over the dispute resolution process. This session will focus on: (1) party choice; (2) jurisdiction in Canada and the US; (3) developing context, structure, implementation, procedure, and rules; (4) pros, cons, and pitfalls; (5) the role and responsibility of the arbitrator in relation to the arbitrator's ordinary practice; (6) the role of lawyers and experts; (7) the role of the court; (8) the role of children; and, (8) who should arbitrate in content-specific disputes.

Hon. Nancy A. Flatters (Ret.), Calgary, AB

Larry Fong, PhD, Larry Fong and Associates, Calgary, AB

51. What We Thought We Knew: New Domestic Violence Research Contradicts Assumptions

Many family law professionals and victim advocates have expressed concerns that the presence of violence and threats between parties would lead to coerced agreements in mediation. This workshop presents findings from a study of Georgia mediators that contradicts this long-held assumption and identifies those factors that actually reduce settlement, satisfaction, and perceptions of safety for parties in family mediation where domestic violence has occurred. New screening tools and process suggestions based on these research findings will be shared.

Susan S. Raines, PhD, Kennesaw State Univ., Kennesaw, GA

Tracy B. Johnson, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, Atlanta, GA

Raye Rawls, JD, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on your own

12:00pm-1:30pm Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting

52. Unbundled in Action: Ontario's Innovative Approach to Limited Scope Retainers

I E2M

Many self-represented family litigants cannot afford to hire lawyers on a full retainer basis, creating a significant gap in representation, with ramifications for individual families and the justice system as a whole. Ontario's innovative project to develop training, protocols and precedents for the provision of limited legal services by lawyers on a timely and affordable basis will be explored, including project goals, process to launch, evaluation, and early lessons learned.

Tami Moscoe, LLB, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, ON

Janet Whitehead, LLB, AccFM, Sarnialaw-Mediation, Sarnia, ON

Rachel Birnbaum, PhD, LLM, Kings Univ. College at Western Univ., London, ON

Helena Birt, LLB, Ontario's Limited Scope Retainer Project, Hamilton, ON

53. "Reportable" Therapy in Australia: Adaptation of Child-Centered Conjoint Therapy

I

Complex parenting disputes often present similar issues and challenges across jurisdictions, including the impact of conflict and delay on children's health and emotional development. The panel will discuss Western Australia's innovative attempts at early systemic intervention, including combinations of family dispute resolution; court ordered, structured, therapeutic interventions; online parenting tools; and case management including judicial support. Provisions for accountability, mechanisms for adaptation in other jurisdictions, and tools for therapists, lawyers, and judges will be discussed.

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

Acting Magistrate Robin Cohen, Legal Aid of Western Australia, Perth, WA, Australia

54. An Evidence-Informed Approach to Supervised Visitation and Exchange

G1 E2M

Ever wonder what evidence informs supervised visitation and exchange practice, if any? Research in this field is expanding and there are new studies emerging that can help guide practice in innovative ways. Learn how to make supervised visitation and exchange services more evidence-informed by hearing how current research findings can be linked to everyday practice to improve services for children and families, with examples from the Supervised Access Program in Ontario.

Maribeth A. Christensen, MA, MSW, Supervised Access Program, Ministry of the Attorney General, Toronto, ON

Stephanie Stavro-Pearce, MSW, Etobicoke Children's Centre, Toronto, ON

Ariel Weber, BA, Supervised Access Program, Ministry of the Attorney General, Toronto, ON

55. The Voice of the Alienated Child

I

This interactive workshop will focus on high conflict cases where children resist parental contact. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child supports children's right to a voice in legal processes that directly affect them, but it can be challenging to separate the voice of the children from the voice of the parents when the children are caught in the agenda of one parent against the other. Protocols to safeguard these children while still hearing them will be explored.

Alyson G. Jones, MA, RCC, Alyson Jones and Associates, West Vancouver, BC

Jorge Gonzalez, MA, RCC, Alyson Jones and Associates, West Vancouver, BC

Robert Croezen, MSW, RSW, Alyson Jones and Associates, West Vancouver, BC

56. Representing Children in Child Protection Cases: Ethical and Practical Dilemmas

I

The Ontario Office of the Children's Lawyer (OCL) has been providing court-ordered legal representation to children in child protection cases for almost 40 years. Over that time, there have been many changes. The OCL now sees its most important role as advocating for children by providing them with a voice in the decisions that are being made about them and advocating for outcomes that are consistent with their views. However, this role results in frequent ethical, professional and personal challenges in the discharge of responsibilities. This workshop examines models of child representation and delves into the challenges and tensions that arise in this work.

Beth McCarty, LLB, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON

Carolyn Leach, LLB, LLM, Ministry of Children, Toronto, ON

57. More Data, Less Woozle: Defending Individualized Best Interests in the Shared Parenting Debate

A

This session outlines how the empirical data comparing child adjustment in joint physical custody versus primary physical custody supports the modern, individualized best interests of the child approach rather than shared parenting presumptions. Results of a comprehensive meta-analysis comparing effect sizes, confidence intervals, and statistical significance and moderator analyses will be presented.

Milfred Dale, PhD, JD, Topeka, KS

Austen McGuire, MA, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, KS



58. Children at Risk from Domestic Homicide: Implications for Parenting Assessments and Planning

International domestic homicide reviews indicate that children may be victims and witnesses to these homicides. These homicides often appear to be predictable and preventable. Emerging literature in the field points to multiple risk factors that are associated with these tragedies. These risk factors are often known in advance to friends, family, or professionals in the community. This session will assist mental health and legal professionals, including judges, to enhance their risk assessments for children in the context of domestic violence and promote safety planning and risk management in parenting plans.

*Loretta Frederick, JD, Battered Women's Justice Project,
Minneapolis, MN*

Peter Jaffe, PhD, Western Univ., London, ON

Hon. Jan Rosa, (Ret.), Denver, CO

59. Online International Innovation and Collaboration in New Zealand and British Columbia

New Zealand and British Columbia share an online platform for family dispute resolution built by Tyler Technologies. As both organizations pioneer this service and grapple with the challenges, an opportunity arises to learn together. Hear how cooperation across jurisdictions enhances quality, capability, and learning, and provides actionable insights into the voices of children, family violence screening, and cultural sensitivity.

Keri Morris, FairWay Resolution Ltd, Wellington, New Zealand

Candice Lee, Legal Services Society, Vancouver, BC

Shelina Neallani, West Vancouver, BC

60. The Importance of Pro Bono Representation in Family Court: A Model That Works

In 2008, the District of Columbia Volunteer Lawyers Project (DCVLP) was formed to recruit, train, and support volunteer lawyers to provide pro bono services to domestic violence victims and at-risk children in the District of Columbia. Today, DCVLP has over 2,000 registered volunteer attorneys, over 250 of whom actively represent clients each year and handle over 500 cases pro bono on behalf of low-income clients. The DCVLP goes beyond serving as a referral service; it provides volunteers with everything they need to competently and confidently provide high-quality legal services.

*Sara Tennen, JD, MSW, DC Volunteer Lawyer's Project,
Washington, DC*

*Hon. Lynn Leibovitz, Superior Court of the District of Columbia,
Washington, DC*

3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 61-72

61. Taking the War Out of Our Words: Cutting Edge Skills for Quickly Defusing Defensiveness

This workshop will identify four assumptions that cause family law professionals to inadvertently prompt defensiveness in litigation and dispute resolution practice. Using the Powerful Non-Defensive Communication process, the presenters will demonstrate making simple changes in voice tone, body language, phrasing, and intention. They will present skill-sets for using core communication skills—questions, statements, and predictions—to effectively defuse defensiveness and get quickly to the heart of crucial issues.

*Carolyn W. Kaas, JD, Quinnipiac Univ. School of Law,
Hamden, CT*

*Sharon Strand Ellison, MA, Institute of Powerful Non-Defensive
Communication, Sunriver, OR*

62. Mediation Confidentiality Confusion: What Professionals Really Need to Know

While mediators typically inform parties that the mediation process is confidential, few mediators appreciate the depth and complexity of confidentiality and privilege protections that may apply to mediation communications. This interactive workshop will invite participants to explore the various types and sources of privacy protections, scope of privacy protections, who's bound and who controls privacy protections, when privacy protections begin and end, exceptions to privacy, and enforceability of privacy provisions violations.

Gregory Firestone, PhD, My Florida Mediator, Tampa, FL

63. Understanding Infant Mental Health within the Judicial System

Infant Mental Health Promotion has created a video series that explores concepts related to early mental health within the context of the family court system. This workshop will use a combination of dramatized scenarios and panel discussion to explore considerations for judicial practice that can support the well-being of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

*Brenda Packard, BSW, Children's Aid Society of Toronto,
Toronto, ON*

*Chaya Kulkarni, EdD, MED, Infant Mental Health Promotion,
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON*

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

64. Innovations in Access to Justice GI E2M

This workshop features two programs that are creating greater access to legal services. First, presenters will describe a private law practice in Iowa that provides exclusively unbundled legal services to bring services to the 75% of litigants who are unrepresented. The second program focuses on Queens Family Law Clinic, where limited scope retainers are used to maximize the number of clients served while giving students dynamic learning opportunities.

Andrea B. McGinn, JD, The Law Shop by Skogerson McGinn, LLC, Van Meter, IA

Amy J. Skogerson, JD, The Law Shop by Skogerson McGinn, LLC, Van Meter, IA

Karla McGrath, JD, LLM, Queen's Law Clinics, Kingston, ON

Rachel Law, JD, Queen's Law Clinics, Kingston, ON

65. Using a Waiting Room to Educate Clients: Video Preparation for Mediation GI

This workshop presents a study in which parents waiting for mediation appointments watched video of family conflict, demonstrating a right and wrong way to resolve disagreements. Mediators then assessed the impact of the videos on the parents' cooperation, emotional control, and focus on their children's needs during the mediation sessions. Parents also completed similar assessments. In addition, the court's use of a high conflict online program on litigants will be assessed. Impacts on co-parental cooperation and subsequent court filings will be presented.

Donald A. Gordon, PhD, Center for Divorce Education, Ashland, OR

Priscilla A. Wells, LMSW, LMFT, 3rd District Court, Detroit, MI

66. Understanding and Responding to High Conflict Families in Quebec: Intensive Psychosocial Case Management I

This workshop presents Quebec-based research to help understand high conflict families and support innovative psychosocial court-based interventions. The court file study identified factors associated with high conflict families. A second study examined judicial practices in high conflict situations, including analysis of orders regarding parenting arrangements, as appropriately drafted court orders are an important form of intervention. A study of an innovative case management protocol designed for high conflict families in Québec City revealed that child participation in the reestablishment of a weakened or broken parent-child relationship is a key feature to successfully addressing these cases.

Karine Poitras, PhD, Univ. of Quebec at Trois-Rivieres, Trois-Rivieres, QC

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

Francine Cyr, PhD, Univ. of Montreal, Montreal, QC

Amylie Paquin-Boudreau, BA, Univ. of Quebec at Trois-Rivieres, Trois-Rivieres, QC

67. The Polyvagal Theory's Application to High Conflict Families and Court Practitioners I

Stephen Porges's Polyvagal Theory explains the link between the autonomic nervous system and human behavior. His theory has been applied to a wide variety of populations and has assisted practitioners in understanding the impact of biological processing in managing stress and trauma. The application of the polyvagal theory to court-involved populations can help litigants and practitioners understand their autonomic responses which in turn can aid self-understanding and self-regulation.

Rebecca Bailey, PhD, Transitioning Families, Glen Ellen, CA

Frank Davis, PhD, Berkeley, CA

68. Modern Families, Ancient Wisdom: Establishing Peacemaking in State Courts

GI E2M

Can peacemaking be used in a state court system? Learn from a Michigan judge, a tribal court judge, and an attorney and peacemaker about one court's experience in introducing and promoting the concept of peacemaking as a way of resolving difficult family court cases. Moderated by a lawyer with the Native American Rights Fund's Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative, panelists will describe the journey from initial training of peacemakers through implementation.

Brett Lee Shelton, JD, Native American Rights Fund, Denver, CO

Susan Butterwick, JD, Ann Arbor, MI

Hon. Timothy Connors, Washtenaw Circuit Court, Ann Arbor, MI

Hon. Michael Petoskey, Dowagiac, MI

69. Sometimes, One Size Does Not Fit All: Interventions for Divorced Families with a Special Needs Child GI

Assisting separated or divorced families with a special needs child poses unique challenges to parents and professionals alike. Approaches often successful with families with neurotypical children fail to address the complexities of these families. This workshop explores ways to apply the risk model developed by the presenters to situations encountered by all family law professionals and other service providers. Issues will include: parenting plan considerations; what to do about siblings; addressing unique gatekeeping and co-parenting dynamics; approaches to timely and effective decision-making; keeping both parents involved; and, a collaborative approach to case management.

Robert Kaufman, PhD, ABPP, San Rafael, CA

Daniel Pickar, PhD, ABPP, Santa Rosa, CA

70. Compassion and Memories: Exploring the Neurobiology of the Potential of Possibilities I

Cultivating fairness, compassion, and empathy are essential to appropriate parenting, the development of relationships, and the engagement of productive difficult conversations. This workshop will explore the most recent developments in the neuroscience of memory, compassion, and fear as we use artful inquiry and research-based knowledge to create a strategy for brain sensitive sustainable resolution.

Jennifer D. Kresge, MA, St. Helena, CA

71. Supporting Co-parenting in Military and Veteran Families G

This workshop will provide the opportunity for participants to consider the complexities of co-parenting in context of the unique set of stressors that military-connected families face, which are not experienced by their civilian counterparts. Drawing on an international review of research evidence concerning the effectiveness of various parenting support and intervention programs for military and veteran families, it will explore the challenges of parenting in military families, including those related to military trauma and parental mental illness and their impact on parent-child relationships and co-parenting.

Gabriela Misca, PhD, Univ. of Worcester, Birmingham, UK

72. Dispute Resolution and Family Violence: Lessons Learned, Strategies, and Best Practice G

This workshop will provide both new and seasoned practitioners with strategies for dispute resolution on cases involving domestic violence following proper screening. Faculty will share lessons learned based on their varying perspectives as attorney, mediator and judicial officer, and will explore best practices for mediating child protection, custody, and protection order cases. The workshop will also introduce participants to innovative tools and resources that account for safety and ensure meaningful participation when resolving disputes on cases involving family violence.

Melissa H. Mangiaracina, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

Stephanie Senuta, MS, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

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

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

10:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

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6:15am-6:30am	Meditation
6:30am-7:15am	Yoga
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8:00am-12:30pm	Exhibit Forum
8:00am-9:00am	Coffee and Rolls
8:00am-9:00am	AFCC Membership Meeting

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73. The Hague Child Support Convention and Implementation in the US A

In 2017 The Hague Child Support Convention came into force in the US, immediately establishing support reciprocity with 35 countries. The Convention, implemented in the US through UIFSA 2008, establishes uniform expedited processes for the recognition and enforcement of orders. It requires cost-free services for creditors, time frames, and administrative cooperation. Country profiles and standardized forms are available. This session explores the Convention, its implementation in the US, and resources available to courts everywhere to better understand and implement the treaty.

Robert E. Keith, Associate General Counsel, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

Anne Miller, Office of Child Support Enforcement, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

74. Effects of Substance Abuse on Parenting and Conducting Evaluations I E2M

Allegations of substance abuse are common with parents involved in child custody disputes. This session will examine the effects of substance abuse on parenting and explore how to conduct an evaluation of parents alleged to have a problem with substance abuse.

Harry J. Somers, EdD, Somers Psychological Associates, North Andover, MA

75. The Future of Divorce Mediation G

How can divorce mediation best survive and thrive moving forward? What lessons are offered by the past? What are current trends? How can technology be best integrated to provide mediation assistance? What about the application of artificial intelligence to divorce mediation? What should mediators and mediation programs be doing now to prepare? This session will explore these and other questions about the future of divorce mediation.

James Melamed, JD, Mediate.com, Eugene, OR



76. How Professionals Can Collaborate When They Disagree: Using Differing Viewpoints to Help Families and Children

Our culture has become so polarized that disagreements cannot be discussed, and people tend to converse only with those with whom they agree. When professionals working with families cannot discuss hard issues, inferior decisions and settlements may result. The presenters, who disagree about almost everything, have collaborated in resolving complex family law matters. They will provide tools to help professionals talk about difficult topics and use these skills to enhance outcomes for children and families.

David Shebby, JD, Shebby Barnett LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Heidi Tuffias, JD, MA, Law and Mediation Offices of Heidi Tuffias, Los Angeles, CA

77. Children's Lawyers and Family Consultants in Rural and Remote Settings

Working with high conflict and separated families in remote settings can present challenges. The close relationship of family consultants and children's lawyers in rural and remote areas may benefit families. The children's lawyer's role has become increasingly vital to the court as this role is the only impartial gatherer of evidence available. Additionally, the day-to-day management of the families and their issues often do not come before the court in a timely manner and the children's lawyer role at times becomes a *de facto* parent manager and problem solver. This session will address the challenges faced by families and professionals in rural settings.

Patricia Woodcock, MED, Northern Life Psychology Services, Mareeba, Queensland, Australia

Rebekah Bassano, LLB, MLaw, Bassano Law, Cairns, Queensland, Australia

78. Child Abuse and Family Violence in Custody Cases: Avoiding System Failure

This presentation will discuss the current problems facing professionals in the courts who are involved in resolving interpersonal violence and child abuse allegations in cases where custody and access are an issue. The presenter will discuss the critical analysis points to consider concerning reporting, investigating, evaluating, and the court process to expose the areas where the most common problems of contention and, resultant, failures arise. Examples from cases throughout the United States and Canada will be discussed.

Seth Goldstein, JD, Law Offices of Seth Goldstein, Monterey, CA

79. Legal Advocacy in Custody Disputes: The Case for Trauma-Informed Forensic Evaluations

This workshop will examine the importance of trauma in the forensic/custody evaluation process and in the courtroom. Participants will explore how trauma symptomatology is identified through review of records, clinical interview, and psychometrics; and how attorneys can strengthen or discredit the testimony of an expert by use of the Rules of Evidence and sound trial practice techniques. Any professional who authors reports or represents families in custody litigation will benefit from this program.

Allison C. Williams, JD, MS, Williams Law Group, LLC, Short Hills, NJ

Carla J. Cooke, EdD, Sanctuary of Hope and Healing, LLC, Scotch Plains, NJ

80. Get out of the Office: The Benefit of Naturalistic Activities

Using a case study, this workshop will illustrate how taking the therapeutic process beyond the confines of the office can help families re-establish the interpersonal security and natural connection necessary for successful reunification after trauma. The presenter will share how therapeutic supervision within the family's own community was leveraged to create a multi-faceted reunification intervention. The underlying developmental, neurobiological, and psychological processes in this reunification intervention model will be explored through the lens of attachment, trauma, and social engagement theory.

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

81. What Best Interest Attorneys Need for Representing Children Under Age Five

Most trainings for Best Interest Attorneys (BIAs) focus on laws related to representing children and how to interview children effectively. What about children who are too young to speak, or are too young to provide meaningful answers to interview questions? Meaningful information from clients under age five can be gathered by simply observing their behaviors and their interactions with caregivers. BIAs can ask questions of caregivers and collaterals to ascertain the child's developmental needs. Video clips will be used to illustrate some of these techniques.

Gina Santoro, PhD, Santoro Psychological Services, Ellicott City, MD

Laura E. Burrows, Esq., Law Office of Laura E. Burrows, LLC, Baltimore, MD

Magistrate Joannmarie Raymond, Circuit Court for Frederick County, Frederick, MD

82. Using Child Custody Evaluations for Settlement Purposes: Positive Uses or Prospective Pitfalls?

Child custody evaluations provide litigants and attorneys with insight into the parties' strengths and weaknesses and their capacity to meet the children's needs. These insights present opportunities to settle the dispute without the need for a hearing. However, such a process also presents possible ethical issues for the forensic child custody evaluator related to dual roles and boundary issues in general. This session will explore the use of child custody evaluations for settlement purposes when the evaluator is part of the process. Presenters will review possible structures for this hybrid process and will address possible ethical traps and dangers for forensic child custody evaluators who want to engage with clients and attorneys in this way.

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

Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD, Riegler Shienvold and Associates, Harrisburg, PA

83. Eldercaring Coordination: Family Conflict Has No Borders

Eldercaring coordination was highlighted by the United Nations as a remedy to protect ageing persons who are caught in the crossfire of family conflict. Experience how even the youngest generations benefit when their grandparents are treated with dignity. Hear the experiences of two pilot sites for eldercaring coordination with this easy to replicate process, and their challenges in both urban and rural areas, and learn how to bring eldercaring coordination to your community.

Linda Fieldstone, MED, Elder Justice Initiative on Eldercaring Coordination, Miami, FL

Sue Bronson, MS, LCSW, Elder Justice Initiative on Eldercaring Coordination, Milwaukee, WI

Catherine C. Geyer, JD, Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, OH

Jane E. Martin, LLB, Dickson Appell, Toronto, ON

84. Understanding How Cultures Interact Inside and Outside of the Family Courtroom

This session presents a practice-focused discussion of current models of cross-cultural interaction, and how lawyers and psychologists may utilize these to inform their practice. Presenters will examine the results of a recent literature review describing trends in recent published courtroom decisions in which aspects of culture were considered.

Terry S. Singh, PhD, Taylor Clark Psychological Services, Calgary, AB

Traci L. Bannister, BJuris, LLB, Judy Boyes and Associates, Calgary, AB

11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 85-95

85. Best Practices in Cross-Border Custody Planning: Promoting the Best Interests of the Child

This session will address complex custody arrangements when one parent wishes to move to another country with the child after a separation or divorce. The workshop will present best practices in custody planning across international borders to promote the best interests of the child. This will include international case examples highlighting: (1) best practices; (2) understanding each actor's role in the process; and (3) strategies for ensuring legal protections for parents and children.

Felicity Northcott, MA, PhD, International Social Service –USA, Baltimore, MD

Elaine R. Weisman, MSW, MPH, International Social Service – USA, Baltimore, MD

Sylvie J. Lapointe, MSW, RSW, International Social Services, Ottawa, ON

86. Parenting Courts: An Alternative to Incarceration for Child Support Enforcement

In the US, there is a movement toward collaboration and problem-solving within the judicial system, calling upon community resources to help solve underlying causes of non-payment of child support. This program will discuss the components of a problem-solving child support enforcement court, and outline the structure, systems, partners, and personnel necessary for successful outcomes. The presenters, will use, as an example, the innovative Parenting Court implemented in Clay County, Missouri, in 2017, discussing its successes and challenges, and what can be learned from its experience.

Commissioner Sherrill P. Roberts, Clay County Circuit Court, Liberty, MO

Alisha O'Hara, JD, Clay County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Liberty, MO

87. Selling Peacemaking

Peacemakers (mediators, collaborative practitioners, counselors) seek to help make durable, acceptable agreements that have the capacity to heal wounds and facilitate ongoing relationships. The challenge is to help prospective clients appreciate this. This workshop will provide strategies to facilitate the promotion of peacemaking approaches on a direct person-to-person basis and through the Internet by connecting through social media. The objective is to increase the peacemaking practitioner's success at having clients engage in their service.

Gary Direnfeld, MSW, RSW, Georgina, ON

10:45am-11:00am Break

**88. Breaking the Cycle of Addiction:
Collaborating to Help Mothers and
Children Recover Together** 

In 2013 when Kingston General Hospital began keeping opioid-dependent babies together with their mothers, it saw an immediate decrease in the severity of neonatal withdrawal symptoms, and shorter hospital stays. This prompted collaboration between health care workers and child protection services to build a mother and child program in Ontario, similar to Portage Mere Enfant in Montréal, where mothers attend with their children, and which achieves higher rates of sustained recovery and intact parental custody than traditional residential programs.

Adam I. Newman, MD, CCFP, Queen's Univ., Dept. Of Family Medicine, Kingston, ON

Hon. Judith C. Beaman (Ret.), Gananoque, ON

Tina Tom, LLB, Family and Child Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Kingston, ON

Lousanne Rode, MSW, Family and Child Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Kingston, ON

**89. A Mile in Her Digital Footprint:
An Interactive Journey about the Impact
of Technology Abuse**  

Laptops. Tablets. Smartphones. Smart watches. With the help of technology, families are constantly in contact. This highly interactive workshop will introduce participants to the many ways that technology is misused in domestic violence cases. Participants will examine the challenging decisions and experiences with which many victims of technology abuse must contend when trying to keep themselves and their children safe.

Hon. Marshall Murray, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Milwaukee, WI

Ian Harris, JD, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC

**90. Innovations and Limitations of Mixed
Gender Groups for Domestic Violence
Cases** 

This workshop will present an innovative methodology developed in the legal setting of Brazil to assess and intervene in situations involving domestic violence within the context of mixed gender groups. This controversial methodology encounters disagreement in the field of domestic violence studies, but few studies have tested the effectiveness of this unique intervention in the legal context. Data from a follow up survey will be presented to support the application of this methodology and to provide information for future research.

Mariana Juras, MS, PhD, Eastern Illinois Univ., Charleston, IL

**91. Before the Crisis: Recognizing Early Signs
of Parent-Child Contact Issues and What
to Do Next**  

Judges, attorneys, mediators, co-parent counselors, and other mental health professionals often meet with parents well before a child's preference for one parent develops into the crisis of child alienation. This workshop will teach all professionals involved with the family to recognize the behavioral predictors and red flag parent statements indicative of these early stages and to understand the elements of effective prevention. Presenters will discuss the necessary elements in Mindful Co-Parenting and Playful Therapy models.

Nancy W. Read, PhD, Palo Alto, CA

Andrea Gardinier, MA, MFT, Bay Area Family and Parent Counseling, Inc., Palo Alto, CA

Mindy Dirks, PhD, Silicon Valley Family Therapy, Palo Alto, CA

**92. Who Are LGBTQ Canadians and What
Do We Know About Their Families and
Parenting?** 

For family law professionals interacting with LGBTQ persons and families, current, accurate research is crucial to making informed decisions about the people and cases before them. This is especially true for LGBTQ Canadians, since much research focuses on the United States. This interactive session will enhance participants' understanding of LGBTQ Canadians and their families by examining current demographics, family and parenting dynamics, child outcomes, and the impact of legal and community support on LGBTQ parents and their children.

Todd Brower, JD, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

**93. What's a GAL to Do? The Role of the
GAL with Unhealthy Child Alignment
in the Family** 

Guardians ad litem are often in the middle of difficult high conflict families where there is evidence of child resistance to a parent, alienating behaviors by a parent, or a child who is completely alienated from a parent-child relationship. This program will help guardians ad litem identify issues associated with this dynamic, define a "treatment" methodology, identify appropriate professionals to provide services, and to protect the ultimate best interests of children and their relationships with parents.

Larry V. Swall, JD, Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond, PA, Overland Park, KS

Rebecca Stahl, JD, Children's Law Center, Monterey Park, CA

Christina Moran, PsyD, San Diego, CA



94. The Intersection of Family Violence and Mediation: Implications for Evidence Gathering and Mediation Confidentiality

In parenting cases involving allegations of family violence, it is especially important that courts have all available evidence available to “get to the truth” and ensure the safety of children and their caregivers. These protective obligations have increasingly led to calls to remove or limit confidentiality in many relationships including the confidentiality that applies in mediation. This session presents findings from the presenter’s research on mediation in parenting cases involving family violence. By exploring the other services that parties experiencing family violence and their children engage with (such as police, child welfare agencies, doctors, counselors, and therapists), a clear picture can be painted of the sources from which evidence can be gathered.

**Hon. Joe Harman, Federal Circuit Court of Australia,
Parramatta, NSW, Australia**

95. 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 family justice professionals can use hope to center themselves and how to share that hope with clients to help them navigate the process with security and strength rather than fear.

Zanita A. Zacks-Gabriel, JD, Law Offices of Zanita A. Zacks-Gabriel, Erie, PA

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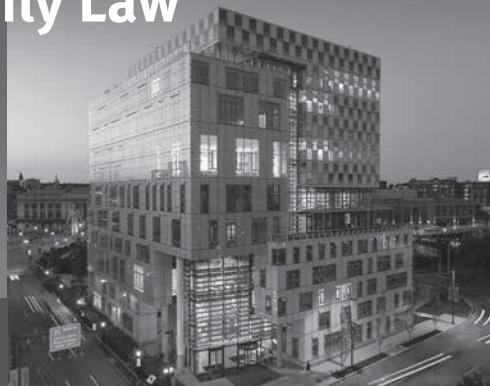
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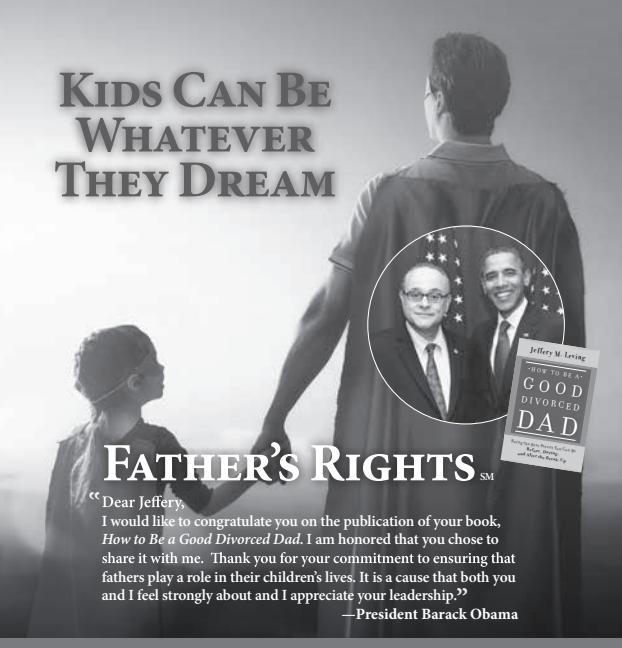
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AFCC Silent Auction

The 21st Annual AFCC Silent Auction will take place Friday, May 31 at 5:30pm, immediately before the Annual Banquet. Auction proceeds help support AFCC projects and initiatives. Contributions will be recognized in the silent auction catalog and in the *AFCC eNEWS*. If you would like to donate an item, please contact AFCC Program Coordinator, Corinne Bennett, at 608-664-3750 or cbennett@afccnet.org.

Continuing Education Credits

AFCC will provide a certificate of attendance for a processing fee of \$15 USD/\$20 CAD for members and \$20 USD/\$25 CAD 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.* Instructions for obtaining your certificate will be available at the AFCC registration desk, along with a list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credit.

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 psychologist will be available on the AFCC website by February 1, 2019 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.

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.

Mediators: All conference sessions are eligible for continuing education units through the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR).

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.

Ontario Lawyers: An application will be submitted to the Law Society of Ontario to accredit the educational program content for Continuing Professional Development (CPD), including CPD hours in Professionalism and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

US Lawyers: An application for accreditation of continuing legal education activity will be submitted to the Commission on CLE of the Supreme Court of Delaware, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania CLE Board, and the Vermont Supreme Court. Michigan does not have an MCLE requirement at this time. New York attorneys may count towards their NY CLE requirement credit earned through participation in out-of-state programs accredited by a NY Approved Jurisdiction (Delaware and Pennsylvania). New Jersey

attorneys who take courses approved in another state will receive credit for courses approved in that jurisdiction through reciprocity; however, attorneys must ensure that they are also meeting the requirements of New Jersey's program, i.e. NJ requires that four credits be taken annually in courses related to ethics and/or professionalism. Attorneys from other states may use the AFCC Certificate of Attendance to verify attendance and apply for credit in their state.

Conference Scholarships

AFCC will offer 40 scholarships for the conference. Scholarships include pre-conference institute registration, conference registration, welcome reception, luncheon, and annual banquet tickets, access to the AFCC hospitality suite, and a certificate of attendance. A limited number of scholarships 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 March 1, 2019.** Recipients will be notified in late March.

Exhibit Forum

The Exhibit Forum will be open during conference hours and provides 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 distributing materials to conference attendees, please contact AFCC Program Coordinator, Corinne Bennett, at 608-664-3750 or cbennett@afccnet.org.

Conference Bookstore

Caversham Booksellers will sell books in the Exhibit Forum during the conference. If you would like to have a book displayed, please contact joe@cavershambooksellers.com no later than March 31, 2019, with "AFCC Bookstore" in the subject line.

AFCC Hospitality Suite

The AFCC hospitality suite 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 mobile app.

Taste of Toronto

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 Cassedy 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.

Registration Information

Please read before completing your conference registration!

AFCC Members Save up to \$185 USD/\$245 CAD on Registration Rates: Register and pay by March 4, 2019, to receive the lowest rates for the conference! The lowest early bird special rates are available only to AFCC members. Not a member? Read the New Membership Special information below and join today.

New Membership Special: Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for \$150 USD/\$200 CAD—a \$10 discount—and save up to \$185 USD/\$245 CAD 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 a pre-conference institute, refreshment breaks, printed and electronic institute materials. *Institute registration is a separate fee from registration for the full conference.*

Conference Registration: Includes all conference sessions, electronic 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, *not* a business associate or staff colleague, accompanying a full-conference registrant. 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 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 and electronic conference materials. 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 USD/\$20 CAD for members and \$20 USD/\$25 CAD for non-members.

Additional Luncheon Ticket

The luncheon is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for \$52 USD/\$70 CAD. 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 \$72 USD/\$95 CAD. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.

Session or Presenter Changes

AFCC reserves the right to cancel or substitute any presenter or session should circumstances arise beyond our control.

Audio/Video Recording

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

Attendee List

By registering for the conference, your name, city, state, and phone number will be included in the attendee list, located on the mobile app. If you wish to opt out, please email afcc@afccnet.org.

Payment information for Canadian residents: Banking protocols limit AFCC to accepting credit card payments in US dollars only. All online conference registrations must be processed by credit card in US dollars. Canadian residents may also register by mail and include payment in Canadian dollars by check or money order. Fees listed in Canadian dollars are based on the exchange rate on the date of publication and have been rounded to the nearest \$5 increment. All credit card payments from outside the United States will be processed at the exchange rate on the date of the transaction.

Travel and Lodging Information

Hotel Information

Westin Harbour Castle
1 Harbour Square
Toronto, ON, M5J 1A6, Canada
Phone: 416-869-1600

Exciting, vibrant, and cosmopolitan, Toronto is Canada's largest and most diverse city—and is the most multicultural city in the world. The Westin Harbour Castle is located on the waterfront of Lake Ontario. Westin is known for its heavenly beds and this hotel features a 24-hour fully-equipped fitness center, indoor heated pool, and a European Day Spa.

Make your reservations today! The Westin Harbour Castle Hotel is offering a special rate to AFCC attendees of \$239 CAD per night for single occupancy, \$259 CAD per night for double occupancy. All hotel charges will be processed in Canadian dollars. On May 3, 2019, 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 1-888-627-8559 and request the AFCC special rate or reserve online by visiting www.afccnet.org and clicking the reservations link. All conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

Proof of Citizenship

If you are traveling from outside of Canada, make sure you carry proper identification with you. Canada Border Services Agency's website, www.cbsa.gc.ca provides complete information on what is necessary to enter

Canada. Most visitors are required to present proof of citizenship when entering and leaving Canada. US citizens are required to have a valid passport or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security for reentry into the United States. Routine passport applications are being processed in approximately 4-6 weeks and US residents may visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.

Ground Transportation

Taxi/Uber fare is currently \$55 CAD one-way from the Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) to the Westin Harbour Castle and takes about 40-minutes, depending on traffic. The Union Pearson (UP) Express Train offers service to and from downtown Toronto with trains leaving every 15-minutes and it's just a 25-minute ride. Tickets are \$24.70 CAD round trip. Use promo code AFCC2019 when booking your train ticket at www.UPExpress.com before May 29, 2019 and get a 25% discount on adult return tickets (round-trip) from Pearson Station to Union Station. Union Station is located 0.6 miles from the Hotel (10-minute walk).

Parking

Valet Parking rates at the Westin Harbour Castle are currently \$50 CAD per day, or \$15 CAD per hour. There are five self-parking options within walking distance to the hotel.

Climate

Temperatures in late May range from a high of 30°C to a low of 18°C (86°/65°F). Meeting rooms and hotel facilities can be cool, so bring a light jacket or sweater.

Conference Registration Form

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Please register by May 2, 2019, to ensure that your name appears on the list of conference attendees included in the electronic conference materials.

Register online at www.afccnet.org

1 Please 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 _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you have dietary restrictions or other special needs? Please provide details: _____

2 Registration Rates

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

New Membership Special

Join AFCC for 12 months and register at AFCC member rates! For first time members only.

Pre-conference Institute Registration Rates

Full Day Institute Registration – AFCC Member
Full Day Institute Registration – Non-member

Conference Registration Rates

Conference Registration – AFCC Member

Conference Registration – Non-member

Conference Presenter Rate – AFCC Member

Conference Presenter Rate – Non-member

Full-time Student Rate – AFCC Member
(ID required. No meals included.)

Full-time Student Rate – Non-member
(ID required. No meals included.)

Other Registration Rates

Certificate of Attendance – AFCC Member

Certificate of Attendance – Non-member

Additional Luncheon Ticket

Additional Banquet Ticket

Spouse/Guest Registration Rate
(Meals and plenary sessions only.)

Scholarship Fund Donation

TOTAL

	Paid by March 4 \$USD / \$CAD	Paid by May 2 \$USD / \$CAD	Paid after May 2 \$USD / \$CAD
New Membership Special	\$150 / \$200	\$150 / \$200	\$150 / \$200
Pre-conference Institute Registration Rates	\$150 / \$195 \$215 / \$280	\$170 / \$220 \$220 / \$290	\$180 / \$235 \$230 / \$300
Conference Registration Rates	\$475 / \$625 \$590 / \$775 \$285 / \$375 \$325 / \$425 \$150 / \$195 \$175 / \$230	\$505 / \$665 \$610 / \$805 \$295 / \$390 \$335 / \$440 \$175 / \$230 \$200 / \$260	\$560 / \$735 \$660 / \$870 \$305 / \$400 \$340 / \$445 \$200 / \$260 \$225 / \$295
Other Registration Rates	\$15 / \$20 \$20 / \$25 \$52 / \$70 \$72 / \$95 \$265 / \$265 \$_____	\$15 / \$20 \$20 / \$25 \$52 / \$70 \$72 / \$95 \$275 / \$275 \$_____	\$15 / \$20 \$20 / \$25 \$52 / \$70 \$72 / \$95 \$285 / \$285 \$_____
TOTAL	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____

Credit card transaction will be processed in US dollars; exchange rate on day of transaction will apply. International credit card fees may apply, please check with your credit card company. See page 28 for payment information in Canadian currency for Canadian residents.

6 Method of Payment

Registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed (US or Canadian currency check only)

Please charge \$ _____ to my Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ / _____ Security Code _____ Postal Code _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

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 or postmarked by May 2, 2019, will be issued a full refund minus a \$75 USD service fee. Written notice received by fax or postmarked by May 16, 2019, will have the \$75 USD 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 May 16, 2019.

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Institute Selections—Wednesday, May 29, 2019

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

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

- 1. Evidence-Informed Interventions for Parent-Child Contact Problems: An International Perspective
- 2. Mediation for Cases with High Levels of Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence-Based Practice
- 3. The Use of Social Science Research in Family Law: From Research to Practice
- 4. The Voice of the Child: International Applications
- 5. Parenting Coordination in a Global Context: Interventions, Legal Authority, and Research
- 6. Reframing Family Law: For Generations X, Y, and Z(ed) E2M
- 7. Judicial Officers Institute
- 8. Souls in Action: Using Generative Attention to Resolve Conflict

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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 30 10:30am–12:00pm 1–12 _____

Thursday, May 30 1:30pm–3:00pm 13–24 _____

Thursday, May 30 3:30pm–5:00pm 25–36 _____

Friday, May 31 8:30am–10:00am 37–48 _____

Friday, May 31 1:30pm–3:00pm 49–60 _____

Friday, May 31 3:30pm–5:00pm 61–72 _____

Saturday, June 1 9:15am–10:45am 73–84 _____

Saturday, June 1 11:00am–12:30pm 85–95 _____

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Conference Registrant Meals

To ensure sufficient space and quantities, while reducing waste, please indicate which meals you plan to attend:

Wednesday Opening Reception YES NO

Thursday Luncheon YES NO

Friday Annual Banquet YES NO

You may register online at www.afccnet.org or return the completed form and payment to:

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The Importance of Pro Bono Representation

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