



## 60th Anniversary Conference CALL FOR PROPOSALS

# 60 Years of Asking the Difficult Questions

## LOS ANGELES

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The questions may have changed, but the challenges remain. For six decades, AFCC members have addressed the most difficult issues for parents and children experiencing separation and divorce. Divorce or reconciliation? Joint or sole custody? Mediate or litigate? Children's rights or parents' rights? Best interests or rebuttable presumptions? False allegations? Do children lie? Alienation, high conflict, or abuse? Lawyers or pro se? Infant overnights? Parental unsuitability – what's a court to do? Virtual or in-person? Join us for our 60th Anniversary Celebration in the birthplace of AFCC as we take on new questions and revisit those that just don't seem to go away.

All proposals are **due by midnight, October 5, 2022**. Please use the online form on the [60th Anniversary Conference page](#) on the AFCC website.

**Proposals may draw on one of the questions above, a topic below, or propose a completely different topic.**

- Access to Justice
- Cultural Issues in Family Law
- International Family Law Perspectives
- Direct and Cross-examination
- Family Court Reform
- LGBTQ+ Families
- New Ideas for Parent Education Programs
- Innovations in Family Court Services
- Parent-child Contact Problems
- Mediation: Online or Face to Face?
- Parenting Plan Evaluations
- Intimate Partner Violence
- What do Judges Need to Know?
- Parenting Coordination
- Family Law and Mental Health
- Research on Family Law
- Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse
- Family Dispute Resolution Innovations

*University faculty are encouraged to include their students as co-presenters.*

*AFCC encourages workshop proposals with co-presenters.*

# Proposal Instructions

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions. To submit a proposal you must use the online form. Please visit the [60th Anniversary Conference page](#) on the AFCC website. You must submit the following information:

1. The name and email address of the presenter who will coordinate your workshop.
2. A workshop title (*no more than 80 characters*).
3. An abstract of up to 250 words describing your proposed workshop.
4. A program-ready description of your proposed workshop (up to 90 words) for the conference brochure. *Note: AFCC reserves the right to edit description for consistency.*
5. A description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community (up to 250 words).
6. A description of the limitations of the proposed content, including contradictory perspectives and/or evidence.
7. For research proposals, please include a *brief description* of your methodology, results, conclusions, and applications for practice and policy implications, and for future research (up to 350 words).
8. A statement of how your session will incorporate issues related to diversity and/or culture (up to 250 words).
9. Three citations from professional literature within the last ten years that provide support for your program (**do not include** links to websites, newsletter articles, or statutes).
10. Two learning objectives that will be addressed by your proposed workshop.
11. Complete contact information for all proposed presenters.
12. Name and information for each presenter as it will appear in the program (name, up to two academic degrees, organization, city, state/province, country).
13. Contact information for two professional references.
14. CVs/resumes and a brief bio for all proposed presenters must be uploaded with your proposal or emailed to [psommer@afccnet.org](mailto:psommer@afccnet.org). Please save each attachment (Word document or PDF) under the name of the presenter.

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There is a maximum of four presenters per workshop (including a moderator). The deadline for proposals is **October 5, 2022**. Each presenter may be included on a maximum of two proposals. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers reduced registration rates for conference presenters, but does not reimburse for travel, lodging, and related expenses. All proposals must be submitted via the online form. Visit the [60th Anniversary Conference page](#) on the AFCC website for more information.

Please direct any questions to Patrick Sommer, AFCC Communications Coordinator, at [psommer@afccnet.org](mailto:psommer@afccnet.org) or 608-664-3750.

AFCC strives to accept proposals from as many presenters as possible and to limit the number of presentations to one per person. While this is not always possible, submission of multiple proposals with different co-presenters may result in the rejection of one of the proposals, and therefore those co-presenters. Notification regarding the status of your proposal will be sent by late November 2022.