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## President's Message

*Hon. Dianna Gould Saltman*

Well, even though my term as AFCC President did not begin until July 1, it got off to a great start beginning last month in Washington, DC. For those who were unable to attend, the whole conference had a wonderful “vibe.” The newcomers were welcomed. We hosted a special reception for our international attendees. The E2M (early-to-mid-career) members had a dinner and other networking opportunities, and there is now an E2M



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*Guidelines and Standards and  
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November 8-10, 2018

committee so yet one more way to get involved and increase the dimensions of your professional network.

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## ***Ask the Experts*** **Chronic Stress and Trauma: How They Are Different**

*Rebecca Bailey PhD*  
*Elizabeth Bailey RN, AMFT*

The interchangeable use of the terms trauma and stress may adversely impact the meaning of both (Allen, 2001). Though the two are closely related, varying interpretations will affect subsequent treatment. Understandably, “experts” in the field have utilized both related terms, separately and together (e.g. “complex traumatic stress”, “Post-traumatic stress). Unintentionally, generic use has created “blurring” of meaning, and the terms have become increasingly inter-changeable when, in fact, they have specific intent.

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## **13th Symposium on Child Custody**

*Guidelines and Standards and Rules, Oh My!*  
November 8-10, 2018  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Hotel  
Denver, Colorado

### **Registration Now Open**

The symposium [program brochure is available online](#) and registration is open. Join AFCC in the vibrant city of Denver as we explore critical issues for family court professionals. With over 40 sessions to from which to choose, psychologists, mental health professionals, lawyers, mediators, counselors, social workers, and any professional who works with separating and divorcing families will have the opportunity to hear from leaders on topics of parent-child contact problems, restorative justice, model standards of practice, and more!

[Register today!](#)

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Denver, Colorado

## **AFCC Chapter Conferences**

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[Minnesota Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
July 19, 2018  
University of Minnesota:  
Continuing Education and  
Conference Center  
St. Paul, Minnesota

[Australia Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
August 16-18, 2018  
The Hilton Victoria Square  
Adelaide, SA, Australia

[Washington Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
September 22, 2018  
Washington Athletic Club  
Seattle, Washington

[Florida Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
September 26-28, 2018  
The Florida Hotel and  
Conference Center  
Orlando, Florida

[Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
September 28, 2018  
Crowne Plaza  
Madison, Wisconsin

[Indiana Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
September 28, 2018  
The IndyBar Venue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

[Illinois Chapter Annual Conference](#)  
October 19, 2018  
Chicago, Illinois

### Book Your Hotel Room

The Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Hotel is offering a special rate to AFCC attendees of \$179/night for single or double occupancy. On October 17, 2018, 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, so we encourage you to make your reservation early! Make your reservation by calling 1-800-445-8667 and request the AFCC special rate or [reserve online](#).

### [Ontario Chapter Annual Conference](#)

October 19, 2018  
The Toronto Reference Library  
toronto, Ontario

### [New York Chapter Annual Conference](#)

November 18, 2018  
University at Buffalo School of Law  
Buffalo, New York

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### Apply for a Symposium Scholarship by September 7

Scholarships assist recipients with the cost of symposium attendance. Scholarships include pre-symposium institute registration, symposium registration, welcome reception, Friday's luncheon, access to the hospitality suite, and a certificate of attendance. The deadline to apply is **September 7, 2018**. A limited number of scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please contact [Corinne Bennett](#).

Apply today!

## A Call for Comments on the Model Standards on Child Custody Evaluation

AFCC is conducting a review of its [2006 Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation](#) and is inviting comment from all AFCC members. If you would like to contribute, please complete this [online survey](#) and submit all comments by **September 15, 2018**. Thank you for your assistance.

## In Memorium

The Honourable Madam Justice Robyn Moglove Diamond passed on May 29, 2018 following a courageous battle with cancer. A graduate of the University of Manitoba's school of law, Robyn was passionate about family law and child protection. In the early part of her career, she served as family law counsel with the Manitoba Department of Justice, and later the first Director of the Department's Family Law Branch. During that time Robyn participated in the development of many legislative and program initiatives, including marital property legislation and Canada's first automated maintenance enforcement program. In 1989, at the age of 37, Robyn was appointed a Justice of the Family Division of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba, where she served until her retirement last September. For well over a decade Robyn was one of Canada's two representatives on the International Hague Network of Judges dealing with issues relating to Hague Abduction Convention cases, and chaired the Canadian Network of Contact Judges. She played a leadership role in the development guidelines for, and the

promotion of, direct judicial communication in Canada and internationally. She will be missed by those she touched personally and professionally.

## Stone Soup Dispute Resolution Knowledge Project

The University of Missouri Law School started the **Stone Soup Dispute Resolution Knowledge Project** in 2017 to promote collaboration by faculty, students, scholars, practitioners, educational institutions, and professional associations to produce, disseminate, and use valuable qualitative data about actual dispute resolution practice.

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### AFCC Webinar Corner

#### International Child Abduction Mediation

Melissa Kucinski, MA, JD

August 22, 2018, 1:00-2:00pm Eastern time  
USA

[Registration opens](#) on July 25

If you missed this month's webinar, Working with Clients with Personality Disorders, **AFCC members may access the recording for free, along with all other previous webinars** through the [Member Center](#) of the AFCC website. Not a member? Click here to [join today!](#)

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## Submit a Proposal to Present at the AFCC 56th Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada

*The Future of Family Justice: International Innovations*

May 29-June 1, 2019

Westin Harbour Castle

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshops through October 4, 2018. Numerous innovative processes have emerged to meet the needs of rapidly changing

families and diversity in household arrangements. This conference will convene the best of our global partners to share pioneering efforts taking place world-wide. To view the call for proposals, [click here](#).

[Submit a proposal](#)

## Member News

AFCC member **Daniel J. Hynan, PhD, ABAP**, has written **Parenting Plans: Meeting the Challenges with Facts and Analysis**, published by the American Bar Association. It is primarily written for legal professionals, though it is also very informative for evaluators, mediators, parenting coordinators, and mental health professionals. It provides balanced coverage of scientific evidence and professional knowledge about controversial areas, including parental alienation, high conflict families, mental health problems, and child maltreatment.

**Linda Fieldstone, MEd, Judge Michelle Morley, Sue Bronson, LCSW** recently presented on eldercaring coordination at the United Nations in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. [Click here](#) to read a summary of their presentation.

Former Arizona AFCC President, **Michael Aaron**, was just elected as the President of the Pima County Bar Association. Congratulations Michael!

**Andrea Clark**, a family court mediator for almost 37 years with the St. Louis County Government, is retiring! Andrea was a founding member of the Missouri Chapter of AFCC in 2000, and President of the Missouri Chapter in 2005. She served as Chapter Council Liaison in 2007, and was a Missouri Chapter Board member from 2009-2015. Andrea received the Ellen Cowell Leadership Award in 2015 from the Missouri Chapter. She plans to continue performing on the flute and piccolo with several local musical ensembles. Congratulations Andrea!

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### AFCC eNEWS

The AFCC eNEWS is the monthly e-newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. The eNEWS provides up-to-date information for professionals including practice tips, case law and research updates, international news and the latest initiatives in family law and conflict resolution. The AFCC eNEWS is free and you do not need to be a member of AFCC to subscribe. [Subscribe here](#). AFCC members are free to share eNEWS content.

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