



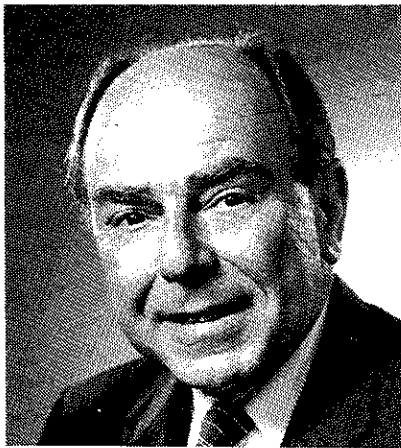
NEWSLETTER

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DONALD MOIR - PRESIDENT

Donald Moir was confirmed as AFCC's new President at the membership meeting in Boston this May. Donald is a lawyer in Vancouver, British Columbia and AFCC's first President to represent the Legal profession. Don's legal practice is almost entirely family law. He is Past-President of the Family Law Section of the British Columbia Bar and a member of the Board of Directors of Family Mediation Canada. Don has been an advocate for progressive social policy and believes AFCC can make a critical contribution in this area.

Donald was born in Golden, Saskatchewan. He attended the University of Toronto before serving for four years in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He completed a degree in Economics following his military service and upon graduation was one of five students to receive the Honor Award, an award given for outstanding scholastic and extracurricular activities. Don graduated from the University of Vancouver, British Columbia Law School in 1951 where he received the Norgan Scholarship in Law. He has been practicing law since 1952.

Don met his wife, Ann, an American, while she was attending Wellesley College. She completed a degree in chemistry and moved to Canada. Ann and Don

NEW PRESIDENT SAYS "LET'S BLOW OUR HORN"

I have often commented that AFCC doesn't know its own strength.

The institutional supports of the family as we have known it are being withdrawn. If that is not a crisis, it is, at least, bringing about most fundamental change - social, cultural and economic. Those of us in AFCC are at the cutting edge of the change. We are uniquely placed to witness it and, I suggest, to have a significant part in influencing its direction.

AFCC has done much to influence the change. A quarter of a century ago, when AFCC was founded by that remarkable human being, Meyer Elkin, it was thought to be a radical fringe group in its advocacy of a more humane divorce process - one which has as its priority the welfare of children and which sought to bring to the process all the insights that the many professional disciplines constituting its membership could offer.

Those then radical ideas have now become the accepted ideal. AFCC was

not, of course, alone in its advocacy, nor have its initial goals by any means been accomplished. But what has been accomplished is remarkable.

We can't rest on our laurels. We have the continuing job of bringing together and assessing the ever-developing knowledge in our field and of improving our professional skills in the light of that knowledge. But beyond that, I suggest, if we are to continue to influence the change, it is our job to bring the message of what we are learning not only to our fellow professionals but to the public at large.

There remain many jurisdictions which have not yet got the message. Few such jurisdictions are committing the funds and resources to meet the need. I don't think the public is apathetic; I think we have to do a better job letting the public know what we have learned: that adequate resources save costs.

"Let's blow our horn!"



have four sons, two of whom are following in their father's professional footsteps. Ann recently completed her Master's Degree in Divinity. Donald's long term interest in music, especially piano, which he considered pursuing as a profession, is evidenced in his support of the Vancouver Academy of Music. Donald was a founder of the music conservancy and serves as Vice President. Members who attended the AFCC Vancouver conference will recall the stunning piano recital during the banquet. We look forward to Don's many talents being used to further the goals of AFCC.

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR UNPAID MEMBERS

Although membership renewals are far ahead of previous years, this will be the last Newsletter sent to members who have not paid their dues by August 1, 1986. This extends the usual June cutoff date. Unpaid members will not receive the Conciliation Courts Review and will miss out on news of upcoming conferences. Please

Renew Now - we need your support.

LOOKING BACK ON BOSTON

AFCC's twenty-third annual conference was held May 21-24, 1986 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. With nearly 400 registrants, the conference theme "Creating New Partnerships in Serving Families" was aptly demonstrated. Dr. Dorothy Huntington and Professor Frank Sander set the stage for follow-up sessions and workshops by outlining broad public policy issues for families and courts. Workshops included strategies for establishing and funding court-connected services and balancing family and individual needs. Provocative issues such as gay parenting, grandparent visitation, confidentiality and counseling the inadequate parent were discussed. A montage, "Chaos in the Court - the Dysfunctional Family", directed by Thomas Bishop, demonstrated the plight of a multi-problem family as it proceeds through the various phases and professional contacts of the divorce process. Special thanks go to the following people for their work in making this conference AFCC's biggest and best to date: Tim Salius and the staff of the Connecticut Family Relations Division, Judge Frank Hennessy, Judge Alfred Podolski, Tom Bishop, Patrick Phear, Robert Tompkins, Gail Packer and the staff of the Massachusetts Probate and Probation Association.

Conference Statistics:

Registrants	
Court-related:	49%
Private-practice:	20%
Lawyers:	14%
Judges:	10%
Students, spouses, others	7%

Geographics	
USA	348
(33 states)	
Canada	22
England	3
New Zealand	3
Australia	1

..... AND FORWARD TO FLORIDA

Where can you find 75° weather in December, sunny skies, sport fishing, golf, Sea World, EPCOT, Mickey Mouse, and AFCC? Why in Florida, of course! Save the dates of December 4-6, 1986 and come to the beautiful Marriott Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale for three action-packed days of conference activities. Conference coordinators Dr. Craig Everett, Judge Frank Orlando, and Conciliation Court Director Ailene Hubert promise a full program focusing on issues in family dispute resolu-

tion. Topics include family assessments for shared parenting, child support mediation, and research results of adjudication and mediation processes. A live mediation demonstration will be a conference featured event. A pre-conference institute for judges and court administrators and an institute for attorneys and mediation theory and practice are scheduled for December 4th. Hotel accommodations at the Marriott are \$70/single and \$75/double.

Eastern Airlines will be handling all travel arrangements, even for registrants who do not live in a city served by Eastern. Registrants are encouraged to call toll free 800-468-7022 (in Florida 800-282-0244) to make a reservation and received 40% off normal coach fare. Actual ticket purchases may be arranged through your local travel agent. Refer to Eastern's easy access number EZ12P18.

For more information, **contact:**

Ailene Hubert, Director
Family Mediation & Conciliation
Program
507 S. E. 6 Street, 2nd Floor
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
(305) 765-4012

SEE YOU IN FT. LAUDERDALE

UK WELCOMES AFCC

Fifty-seven AFCC delegates and approximately 60 others from England, Ireland and South Africa met for three days of meetings at the London School of Economics following the Boston conference. Organized by Bob Tompkins (CT) for AFCC and Esther Fisher, Director of the National Family Conciliation Council of England, participants exchanged information on the state of family law and dispute resolution services in respective countries. A formal reception at the historic Law Society welcomed the visitors. Site visits were also arranged for those wishing to see a trial court and public and private program facilities. The theater was a popular attraction for many of the delegates in addition to Windsor Castle, Oxford and Stratford on Avon. Considerable interest exists in establishing an interdisciplinary organization in the United Kingdom. Several UK participants are hoping to join us at our Florida and Hawaii

conferences. The enthusiastic support and growing numbers of people joining our post conference exchanges support AFCC's international as well as interdisciplinary scope.

DUES INCREASE IN 1987

The Board of Directors approved a membership dues increase to take effect January 1987. Dues have not been raised since 1980. As of mid May, 108 new members have joined AFCC. These include 79 individual, 12 student, and 17 institutional members. Additional memberships were received at the Boston Conference. New dues will be: Individual - \$ 60 (formerly \$50), Student - \$ 20 (formerly \$ 15), Institution - \$120 (formerly \$100), Life - \$ 600 (formerly \$ 500).

"ALOHA SPIRIT" BECKONS AFCC

"Family Conciliation Courts - All Things to All People" will be the theme of AFCC's 24th Annual Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, May 19-22, 1987. The Honorable Betty Vitousek, Senior Judge of the Family Court, First Circuit, promises a program that is sure to appeal to many. The convenient setting of the Ala Moana American Hotel will allow participants to take advantage of the extended program schedule which will include morning and afternoon meetings and workshops and late afternoon relaxation. Further program information will be reported in the next newsletter. Members wishing to submit proposals for presentations should contact Darlene Yamauchi, Court Research Analyst, Family Court of First Circuit, P. O. Box 3498, Honolulu, Hawaii 96811, (808) 548-7661.

JOURNEY TO CHINA

AFCC, through the Goodwill People to People Travel Program, will journey to China for an 18 day post conference trip following the May 1987 meeting in Honolulu. The itinerary includes stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Xian, Guilin, Guangzhou and Hottot. Hottot is a special addition not on most itineraries. This stop will allow the AFCC delegation to learn about the Mongolian family and customs. Other professional activities include meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Beijing University and others involved in family law, mediation, and mental health. Estimated costs for the 18 day trip including roundtrip airfare from Honolulu, first class hotels, all meals in China, guide and translator services, tipping and portage are \$3,497. People to People International is an organization created by President Eisenhower in 1956 to further world understanding. For further information contact:

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Chicago, IL 60602
Home (312) 256-1323 p.m. 's & weekends

COURT NEWS

Dane County (Madison, WI) - Revised court rules regarding mediation and custody visitation evaluations were approved by the Circuit Court Judges in March 1986. In all actions where custody or visitation of minor children is formally contested, the judge of family court commissioner shall direct the Dane County Family Court Counseling Service (FCCS) to mediate the dispute, and failing that, to conduct an evaluation. The FCCS will mediate these disputes if parents, their attorneys, the guardian ad litem (if previously appointed), and the family court counselor sign a mediation agreement. The mediation agreement provides that all meetings between parties and counselor are confidential and that the counselor will not be called to testify in Court regarding custody under any circumstances. Should the mediation process break down, the mediation file shall be sealed and a new counselor will conduct a custody evaluation.

Hennepin county (Minneapolis) - Katherine Van de Steeg became Director of Domestic Relations Court Services two years ago. Formerly Director of the Municipal Probation Division for seven years, she is able to transfer her interest in resolv-

ing child abuse and domestic violence to the family court area. Several amendments to Section 518.17 of the Minnesota Statutes may have far-reaching effects on services. As of August 1, 1986, joint legal custody must be ordered by the judge at the request of either parent with the burden of denying said request resting with the objecting party. Mediation of custody and visitation disputes is strongly encouraged rather than mandated. Mediation may be provided by anyone who has completed a 40 hour certified mediation training program (although there are no standards for certification nor procedures for such). A guardian ad litem must be appointed to represent the minor children whenever there is reason to suspect abuse or neglect. Sanctions against the interruption or interference of visitation by a custodial parent include provisions for making up lost visits within a one year period of time and make up visits can be scheduled at the discretion of the aggrieved parent.

Staff are developing an orientation program which will be required of all individuals using the Court Services. The orientation program will replace the former Divorce Experience. It is expected that the orientation program will be offered several times a week.

Marion County (Indianapolis) - Ellen Scott, Director of the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau of Marion County, successfully lobbied the passage of SB-43 which makes available an additional \$8-9,000/year for the Bureau. As of June 1, petitioners will be charged an additional fee of \$15 for all divorce modification actions. The Bureau has been offering mediation services for custody and visitation disputes since January 1, 1986. Disputants are referred to the Bureau for an initial assessment and orientation. Bureau staff and all nine of the domestic relations judges cooperated to produce a 20 minute video tape for divorcing family members which is shown at the orientation session. The video encourages the use of mediation services and demonstrates the evaluation and mediation processes. Patrick Phear, Director of AFCC's Technical Assistance and Tim Salius, Director of Connecticut Court Services, recently presented a three day mediation training program for court staff.

The Michigan Association of Court Mediators recently held a day long conference for forty-five mediators and court employees. Participants focused on various techniques used to resolve

child custody and visitation disputes. The conference and the effects of mediation on easing children's adjustment to divorce were the subject of a feature article in the Morning Sun newspaper. Friend of the Court officers in Michigan have been required to offer voluntary mediation services to settle custody and visitation disputes since July 1983. More than 200 staff members, statewide, have been added to the Friends of the Court offices. Further information about the organization may be obtained by contacting Sharon Tilman, President, Bay County Friend of the Court, P. O. Box 831, Bay City, MI 48707 (517) 893-5574.

New Hampshire - Diane Gill, Coordinator of the Exeter Mediation Program, predicts that by 1990 each district court will provide parent-child mediation services. Part of the reason for this optimistic prediction is the passage of SB1. This bill provides state funds to supplement start-up costs for new mediation and divestiture programs or to supplement existing programs. Family mediation provides a forum for family members to reach solutions to parent-child disputes before approaching the juvenile court for out-of-home placement.

Pinal County (Florence, AZ) - Clarence Cramer, Director of the Pinal County Conciliation Court and President-elect of the Arizona chapter of AFCC, states that the Local Rules of Practice have been modified by Judge Robert R. Bean to provide for a mandatory custody and visitation mediation program. The Rules attempt to standardize procedures for judicial referral to the program and provide for the distribution of information packets to the parties and their attorneys. The Conciliation Court has been providing voluntary mediation services since 1981. Mediation matters are confidential and disputants are encouraged to make use of the service on a voluntary basis. A separate custody-visitiation evaluator is assigned, unless waived by the parties and legal counsel, if mediation is unsuccessful. The mediation program is being widely publicized to the local bar and community residents.

Job Opening Pinal County Conciliation Court, (Florence, AZ). Counselor position, minimum Master's Degree in behavioral sciences, salary begins \$20,199. Contact Clarence Cramer, Director, Old Courthouse, Second Floor, P. O. Box 1009, Florence, AZ 85232 (602) 868-5801 ext. 469.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Tim Salius welcomed forty-six of the Board of Directors attending the annual meeting and conference in Boston. As always, the meeting was filled to the brim with the business of running the Association. Reports were received from Florida, Honolulu, Las Vegas and Los Angeles conference chairpersons and are described more fully elsewhere in this newsletter. The Board asked the Conference Committee to develop a policy on sharing of conference revenue with local host organization. The Conference Committee recommended that revenue sharing be determined on a case by case basis and that any profits be used for chapter development purposes. Ruth Pearson-Urban

(Las Vegas) compiled a list of conference presenters and topics from 1972 to the present to assist future conference planners. Conference invitations are being sought for 1988 and beyond.

Murray Bloom, Chairperson of the Chapter and Regionalization Committee, indicated that Kansas, Florida and Virginia have expressed interest in chapter development. The existing chapter of California and Arizona continue to expand in membership and activities.

Fundraising efforts will be directed by Tom Bishop, newly appointed chairperson of the Development Committee. The Board approved a dues increase, the first since 1980, effective January 1, 1987. The Board discussed ways of seeking new members and encouraging the active participation of current members. Suggestions included a new member reception at

conferences, a members' forum, surveying members' committee interests and increasing the liaison with other organizations. Michael Albano, former President of the Family Law Section of the ABA, was a guest at the Board meetings and encouraged the AFCC and ABA to work together on common public policy issues.

Donald Moir, newly elected President, presided at the second Board meeting. He expressed his support of the activities begun by former President Salius and extended the Board's thanks to Tim and his staff for hosting the Boston conference.

President Moir indicated he will be seeking to broaden AFCC's horizons and in that fashion the Board approved a request by delegates from New Zealand to institute an international affiliation for groups outside the North American continent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic - Elizabeth Koopman reports that the committee hopes to begin to document and describe current court services, clientele, the nature of the mediation process and resulting agreements, user satisfaction and children's adjustment post-mediation as a part of the University - Court Cooperative Research Project. Participants in the projects and additional committee members are being eagerly sought. The committee will continue its educational survey. Trainers and educators in the field are encouraged to contact the committee.

Custody Evaluation - Karen Raiford and her committee have completed the publication "Guidelines for Court-Connected Evaluators." The publication is available from AFCC for \$3/copy. The committee reports the ongoing need to feature custody evaluation presentations at AFCC conferences and to develop a resource list of speakers and workshop leaders on evaluation topics.

Supplements to the "Guidelines" are planned on such topics as the home call, interviewing the child, mediation after evaluation and visitation guidelines.

Mediation - Ann Milne reports that the Mediation Committee's activities have focused recently on the areas of training and education. In an effort to conduct a needs assessment of the issues in these areas, the committee sponsored an open forum or "town hall meeting" during AFCC's December 1985 meeting and at

the National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution in Denver, June 1986. A third forum will be held during the annual conference of the Academy of Family Mediators in St. Paul, July, 1986. Information and concerns emanating from these meetings will assist the committee in evaluating how best to address the needs and interests of practitioners in the field of training and education.

Publications - Chairperson Phil Bushard met with REVIEW Editor, Meyer Elkin and the Executive Director, Stan Cohen, regarding Mike's retirement and the search for a new Editor. All issues of the REVIEW have now been indexed using 190 key words. A Directory of Court Services for the U.S. and Canada is under development and several additional pamphlets are planned including "What is AFCC", "Twenty Questions About Child Support", and "Grandparent Visitation Rights". It is the committee's recommendation that AFCC separate, establish and budget for positions of REVIEW Editor and Director of Publications. This was referred to the Editor Search Committee for further study.

Public Policy - Chair Judge June Rose Galvin reports that committee responsibilities include (1) reviewing public policy issues and making recommendations to the Board as they relate to family courts and families; (2) developing model legislation in recommending adoption of legislation upon approval of the Board; and (3) monitoring legislative developments

and establishing a legislative clearinghouse. The committee notes the primacy of child support issues and related questions of custody and visitation. Judge Galvin recommends that (1) AFCC direct a review of all state child support commission reports in order to facilitate making a recommendation for legislative action; (2) AFCC establish guidelines for visitation; (3) AFCC take a position on the statutory remedy of joint custody; and (4) AFCC establish model legislation on custody.

DIVORCE 'PIANO ACCESS' PLEA

A heart specialist in a divorce case has asked for visiting rights to his two baby grand pianos. Dr. Newton Friedman wants to play his Steinway and Bosendorfer for four hours twice a week at the home of his estranged wife Carol.

Dr. Friedman said he had been living in hotels since he and his wife separated three months ago after a 12 year childless marriage.

"The pianos have not expressed any interest in being visited by the doctor," Mrs. Friedman's lawyer said. "Although they are baby grands, we feel they are old enough to speak for themselves." - Reuter.

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FILMS/VIDEO TAPES

Custody Resolution Counseling: Designed for training counselors in mediation techniques for family disputes concerning custody and visitation. Color, 45 minutes. Rental-\$40/5 days; Purchase-\$130.

A Family Affair: Designed to inform judges and other professionals of the legal remedies and implications regarding child abuse. This film is a gold medal winner. New York International Film and Television Festival (1982), First Prize winner, American Film Festival (1982) in its category. Gold Medal, National Council Family Relations (1983). Available in 16 mm or video cassette through VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1255 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063. Rental-\$60/3 days; Purchase-\$450.

You're Still Mom and Dad: A sensitive portrayal of the issues of Joint Custody. Designed for parents, professionals, and others who wish to understand and implement this post-divorce parenting plan. Color, 38 minutes. Video Cassette: Rental-\$40/5 days; Purchase-\$100.

PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations; A procedural guide for custody evaluators. Developed by AFCC Committee on Custody Evaluation, this booklet provides a much needed practical format that can be used easily by evaluators charged with the responsibility of preparing custody evaluation reports for use by domestic relations courts. (\$3.00).

Joint Custody and Shared Parenting: Edited by Jay Folberg, Past President AFCC and Professor of Law at Lewis and Clark College, this book provides the reader with a compilation of writings that cut across the disciplines of law, social work, family therapy, and psychology. It presents a balanced debate on a sometimes volatile and difficult issue. The book's interdisciplinary approach enables judges, social workers and family therapists to benefit from its material. Royalty proceeds have been donated to AFCC by Jay Folberg. This book ordinarily is \$27.50. AFCC has a limited number available for purchase @ a 10% discount (\$24.75).

Guidelines for Establishing a Court Connected Counseling Service: A manual written for courts and individuals with helpful information regarding how to establish a court connected counseling service. \$2.00.

My Mom and Dad Are Getting a Divorce: Written by Florence Bienenfeld, an AFCC member and conciliation court counselor in Los Angeles, this colorfully illustrated book appeals to children whose parents are going through divorce and assists parents in understanding their children's feelings. Available for \$3.95 plus \$1.25 postage and handling from Changing Times Education Service, Division of EMC Publishing, 300 York Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55101, (800)328-1452.

Divorce and Family Mediation: History, Review, Future Considerations: A monograph, published in the December, 1982 issue *Conciliation Courts Review*. This 45 page article presents a well researched history of the development of mediation in the field of divorce. \$2.00 each. Orders of ten or more, \$1.50 each.

Divorce Mediation Final Report: The findings of this AFCC sponsored project is now available in a bound volume. The project was under the direction of Dr. Jessica Pearson. The findings are presented in eleven extensive reports and is an important contribution to the field. Copies are available for \$25.00 by contacting Dr. Jessica Pearson, 1720 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218; (303) 837-1555.

PAMPHLETS

Parents Are Forever: Internationally acclaimed pamphlet used by Conciliation Court staff, family courts, lawyers, counselors and mediators to assist families in the divorce process. Pamphlet addresses custody and visitation issues and assists parents in using the divorce experience as an opportunity for growth.

An Important Message to Step Parents: This pamphlet provides guidelines that will assist the blended family in working together.

Joint Custody: A New Way of Being Related: This brochure provides guidelines for parents considering joint custody of their children and suggestions for what to include in a joint custody agreement.

Twenty Questions Divorcing Parents Ask About Their Children: This brochure answers 20 of the most commonly asked questions about how to help children adjust to divorce, such as "How can parents prepare children for divorce?" and "What kinds of things are especially damaging to children?"

Is Mediation for Us: This brochure has been developed to provide basic information about the use of mediation in resolving family conflict. Presented in a clear and concise manner, this pamphlet describes the mediation process to the potential consumer.

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	<u>Cost @</u>	<u>Total Number</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>VIDEO TAPES</u>			
Custody Resolution Counseling: Rental-\$40/5 days Purchase-\$130		_____	_____
You're Still Mom and Dad: Rental-\$40/5 days Purchase-\$100		_____	_____
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Guidelines for Court-Connected Child Custody Evaluations	\$ 3.00	_____	_____
Joint Custody and Shared Parenting/Folberg	24.75	_____	_____
Guidelines for Establishing Court-Connected Conciliation and Mediation Services	2.00	_____	_____
Divorce and Family Mediation: History, Review and Future/Brown	2.00	_____	_____
1984 AFCC Annual Conference Syllabus (Denver)	8.00	_____	_____
1984 AFCC Mid-winter Conference Syllabus (Scottsdale)	8.00	_____	_____
<u>PAMPHLETS</u>			
"Parents are Forever"	\$.20	_____	_____
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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 16-19, 1986

Divorce Mediation Institute Training Workshop with Carl Schneider, Ph.D., & Zena Zumeta, J. D.
Luthern General Medical Center
Park Ridge, IL
Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Chapin
111. School of Professional Psychology
220 S. State Street
One Quincy Court, Suite 509
Chicago, IL 60604

September 4-7, 1986

"National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health & Human Services Organizations" (COSSMO)
New York, N.Y.
Contact: COSSMO
1030 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20018
(202) 371-2100

September 11-14, 1986

"Scope, Skills & Specification: Challenges for Clinical Social Work" 1986 NASW National Clinical Social Work Conference
San Francisco, CA
Contact: NASW Conference Office
7981 Eastern AV
Silver Springs, MD 20910
(301) 565-0333

September 12-14, 1986

"Family Resource Coalition"
Chicago Palmer House
Contact: Joane Silvern, FRC
230 North Michigan AV, ST 1625
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 726-4750

September 24-28, 1986

Divorce Mediation Basic Training (40hrs) with Florence Kaslow, Ph.D. & Joseph Steinberg, J.D.
Orlando Park Suites Hotel
Contact: Florence Kaslow, Ph.D.
2617 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 204
West Palm Beach, FL 33404
(305) 832-7805

September 26-27, 1986

"Enhancing Mediation Skills - In-depth Workshops for Practitioners"
Riverside Convention Center
Rochester, NY
Contact: Janet Lauzon
Center for Dispute Resolution, Inc.
67 Chestnut ST, Suite 510
Rochester, NY 14604
(716) 546-5110

October 15-18, 1986

Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution Annual Conference
Chicago Downtown Hyatt
Contact: SPIDR
1730 Rhode Island AV, NW
Washington, DC 20036

October 23-26, 1986

"The Adventures of Family Therapy"
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy 44th Annual Conference
Marriott World Center Hotel
Contact: AAMFT Program Committee
1717 K Street, N.W., Suite 407

Washington, DC 20006
(202) 429-1825

November 3-7, 1986

"Family Politics"
National Council on Family Relations
Annual Conference
Hyatt-Regency Dearborn, Michigan
Contact: Conference Coordinator,
NCFR
1910 West County Road B, Suite 147
St. Paul, MN 55113
(612) 633-6933

December 3-6, 1986

AFCC Midwinter Meeting
Marriott Hotel
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Contact: Ailene Hubert
Family Mediation & Conciliation Program
507 SE 6th ST, 2nd Floor
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
(305) 765-4012

May 19-22, 1987

AFCC Annual Conference
Ala Moana American Hotel
Honolulu, Hawaii 96830
(808) 922-0844

December 3-5, 1987

AFCC Midwinter Meeting
Desert Inn Hotel & Country Club
Las Vegas, NV
Contact: Ruth Pearson-Urban
Child Custody Division
8TH Judicial District Court
225 E. Bridger, Suite 1000
Las Vegas, NV 89155
(702) 386-4185

May 26-28, 1988

AFCC's 25th Anniversary Conference
"The Best of AFCC"
Long Beach Hyatt Regency
Contact: Hugh McIsaac
Conciliation Court, Room 241
111 N. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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REVIEW EDITOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Meyer "Mike" Elkin, Founding Editor of the Conciliation Courts Review since its inception in 1963, has announced his resignation as Editor effective December 31, 1986. Mike will edit the December Review, and work with the new Editor on the June 1987 issue.

The Board of Directors has appointed a search committee composed of Jay Folberg (Chair), Betty Barteau, Elizabeth Koopman and Phil Bushard. Mike Elkin also will serve on the committee in an ex officio capacity.

The search committee seeks applications or nominations for the editorship. Preference will be given to AFCC members. Criteria for selection includes demonstrated writing and editing skills, court-connected counseling and mediation or comparable experience, an interdisciplinary perspective and a post-graduate degree in the Behavioral Sciences or the Law. Current compensation for the Editor is \$200.00 per month.

Applicants should submit their resume which includes all publications and two samples of published writings. All materials must be received by October 1, 1986. It is anticipated that the selection of the Editor will be completed at the December 1986 Board of Directors' meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. Applicants and nominations should be sent to Jay Folberg, 10015 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, OR 97219.



DOROTHY QUINN AFCC SECRETARY

Not many AFCC members have had the opportunity to personally meet Dorothy Quinn, but all have benefited from her involvement in our organization. Dorothy is the Administrative Secretary to Stanley Cohen, AFCC's Executive Director. Dorothy likens her responsibilities to that of running a small business. She handles all correspondence, fills requests for membership information and publications, keeps the books, updates membership lists, and attempts to meet members' special requests for information, training and networking. Dorothy has been working for AFCC since May 1985, and hopes to some day be able to put names together with faces for our AFCC members. Dorothy is the grandmother of eight and recently returned to college to complete her degree. She graduated with a 3.6 GPA in history. Before taking her present position at the University, Dorothy was employed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). She quickly moved from a clerical assistant to a job development specialist, impressing her employer with her communication and outreach skills. Dorothy indicated, though, that she wasn't very assertive when she first began working for Dr. Cohen but has become more so in order to keep up with him. She says that Dr. Cohen is so busy that his desk often looks like a fallout of ashes from Mr. St. Helens! Just between us, it sounds like Dorothy Quinn is an able match for Stan and a great asset for AFCC.

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