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- 12:30pm-4:30pm  AFCC Board of Directors Meeting
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- 8:00am-12:30pm  Exhibitor Forum
- 8:00am-9:00am  Coffee and Rolls
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Pre-conference Institutes

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007

9:00am-4:30pm

1. Judicial Officers Institute: Domestic Violence and Differentiation

Recent research identifies different types of domestic violence with different characteristics, risks and outcomes. There is a lack of consensus, however, on how to characterize the differences and the implications of doing so. The morning portion of this institute will describe the current research and focus on the parenting plans and specialized services that may be appropriate for a range of post-separation family situations. The afternoon will be an interactive session that examines the potential implications of differentiating among types of domestic violence perpetrators for adult domestic violence victims and their children. Presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Loretta Frederick, J.D., Battered Women’s Justice Project, Winona, MN
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA
Hon. Victor Reyes, Pueblo, CO

2. Writing Custody Evaluation Reports for Courts and Families

This institute, designed for evaluators of all skill and experience levels, will provide detailed instruction in the preparation of advisory reports. Participants will learn how to write reports that facilitate pre-trial settlement, while furnishing all the information needed by attorneys and judges in the event of a trial. Issues addressed will include the description of the evaluative methodology and sources of information; presentation of information furnished by the litigants and others; explanation of test data and integration of those data with information from other sources; specification of the evaluative criteria employed; and, articulation of the nexus between reported data and expressed opinions. Those wishing to do so may submit redacted reports for comment.

Jonathan W. Gould, Ph.D., Author, Conducting Scientifically Crafted Child Custody Evaluations, Charlotte, NC
David A. Martindale, Ph.D., Morristown, NJ

3. Dispute Resolution in Child Welfare Cases: Questions, Answers and Discussions of Lessons Learned

Mediation in child welfare cases has proven to be effective, but is sometimes controversial and challenging. This institute examines key lessons learned over the 25 year evolution of the process and reconsiders its core values and purpose. Participants and presenters will discuss critical issues including: (1) Who should the mediators be, and how should they be trained? (2) How to deal with systems resistance from mediation participants? (3) How to empower and prepare parents and families to participate effectively in an unfamiliar process? (4) How do approaches vary in different cultural contexts? (5) How do processes such as family group conferencing fit in? Whether you are thinking about starting a program or are an experienced mediator or administrator, this institute will offer invaluable opportunities for discussion and learning.

Marilou Giovannucci, M.S., Court Operations Wethersfield, CT
Karen Largent, M.S.W., Dispute Resolution Coordinator, Anchorage, AK
Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., Author, Beyond Neutrality, Kingsville, ON
Kelly Browe Olson, J.D., LL.M., University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

4. Parenting Coordination: Does One Model Fit All?

The practice of parenting coordination has grown dramatically in recent years with the emergence of a variety of statutes, court rules, training programs and the AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination. However, implementation of the process has been anything but uniform. All models do not include the same level of (if any) decision-making authority for the parenting coordinator. In some jurisdictions, parenting coordination is not confidential. This institute will examine PC models, focusing on initiatives in Florida, Texas, California and Colorado and will address the pros and cons of uniform practice.

Debra Carter, Ph.D., Carter Psychology Center, Bradenton, FL
Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Boulder, CO
Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA
Lynelle Yingling, Ph.D., Rockwall, TX

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Pamela Ortiz, Executive Director, Department of Family Administration with the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts
5. Non-Adversarial Family Law Practice: Implementing Cooperation and Collaboration
The growing interest in non-adversarial family law practice has spurred worldwide development of new processes, models and organizations to support practice networks. Numerous models of practice have emerged, ranging from multi-disciplinary collaborative practice teams to cooperative legal systems that impose specific duties of cooperation on professionals and parents. This session will provide an overview of various models of non-adversarial systems, discuss the necessary resources and steps for their implementation, and identify beneficial outcomes the various models can help promote. This institute is designed for lawyers, judges, mental health professionals and mediators looking to develop positive processes and outcomes for families.

Charles Asher, J.D., Freedom 22 Foundation, South Bend, IN
Sheldon Finman, J.D., Fort Myers, FL
Ronald D. Ousky, J.D., President-Elect, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Edina, MN
Rita Pollak, J.D., President, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Brookline, MA

6. Advanced Mediation Skills
This two-part institute will blend theory and practice in a unique skill-building opportunity for mediators. The morning session will use demonstration and discussion to explore the Milan Systemic Model of thinking and the use of questions in mediation. The afternoon will focus on gender miscommunication in negotiation and mediation. Participants will discuss humor, apologies, validation and interruption and more. This institute will provide hands-on, practical strategies for mediators and others who work with couples in conflict.

Larry S. Fong, Ph.D., Calgary, AB, Canada
Nina Meierding, M.S., J.D., Ventura, CA

9:00am-12:00pm

7. AFCC Diversity Forum
In spite of efforts by several associations, diversity appears to be lacking in family law and dispute resolution organizations, and perhaps in the field. Join members of the AFCC Diversity Workgroup for a participatory discussion on issues of diversity in the field of family law and dispute resolution. This program is being offered at no fee; however, advance registration is required.

Facilitators:
Cynthia Hawkins-Leon, J.D., Stetson University College of Law, Gulf Port, FL
Pamela Cardullo Ortiz, J.D., Executive Director, Department of Family Administration, Annapolis, MD
Hon. Hugh Starnes, AFCC Past President, Fort Myers, FL

What is AFCC?
AFCC is the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to the resolution of family conflict. Founded in 1963, AFCC and its members have influenced the practice of family law, mediation, parenting coordination, custody evaluation, parent education and other dispute resolution processes.

AFCC is unique because members do not share a common profession. Instead, AFCC members share a strong commitment to education, innovation and collaboration in order to benefit communities, empower families and promote a healthy future for children.

Mission
To improve the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict.

Vision
A justice system in which all professionals work collaboratively through education, support and access to services to achieve the best possible outcome for children and families.

Values
• Collaboration and respect among professions and disciplines.
• Learning through inquiry, discussion and debate.
• Innovation in addressing the needs of families and children in conflict.
• Empowering families to resolve conflict and make decisions about their future.

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Network with AFCC members and enjoy a performance of the Capitol Steps, political satirists extraordinaire! The reception and performance is included in conference registration. A limited number of additional tickets will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Welcome: Mary M. Ferriter, AFCC President, Boston, MA
Hon. Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge, Maryland Court of Appeals

**Ethics in Family Law**

The complex and interdisciplinary nature of family law creates a minefield of potential ethical dilemmas for judicial, legal, mental health and dispute resolution professionals. Family law is different because family members, unlike most litigants, may interact for years following legal action. Tensions between parents' rights, children's rights and best interests, dual role issues, exceptions (or not) to client confidentiality, and conflicting professional ethics codes create quandaries that baffle even the most experienced practitioners. This session, featuring the moderator from the hit public television series Ethics in America, will delve into the myriad challenges facing professionals attempting to navigate the rocky terrain of family law.

Professor Arthur R. Miller, Bruce Bromley Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., Chair, Ethics Committee, American Psychological Association, Boston, MA
Professor Steven H. Hobbs, Tom Bevill Chairholder of Law, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL
Hon. Judith Kreeger, 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL

10:00am-10:30am  Break and Exhibitor Forum

10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-9

1. **Differential Assessment and Intervention in Domestic Violence Cases**

Families who experience domestic violence are not all alike. This simple idea has profound practical, policymaking and political implications. For example, how should professionals who work with families experiencing domestic violence identify significant differences and how can differential assessment be translated into appropriate intervention? Are changes in substantive law and court process advisable? What are the views of various professional communities and how can all of the stakeholders be incorporated into the ongoing discussion? Join this lively discussion of these important issues.

Hon. Susan B. Carbon, President Elect, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Plymouth, NH
Billie Lee Dunford-Jackson, J.D., Co-Director, Domestic Violence Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV
Hon. William G. Jones (ret.), Charlotte, NC
Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN
2. Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System

This workshop will consider how courts distinguish cases of alienation, due to the (mis)conduct of the aligned parent, from cases of estrangement due to the (mis)conduct of the alienated parent and the range of legal responses to alienation. Presenters will discuss how mental health professionals involved in assessment or treatment intervention can better relate to judges and lawyers in these cases. Participants will consider cases in which the interests of the child may require that the legal system attempt or not attempt to force the child to have a relationship with the aligned parent.

Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., Toronto, ON, Canada
Nicholas Bala, LL.M., Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada
Dan L. Goldberg, LL.B., B.C.L., Senior Counsel, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada

3. Interventions for Separating and Divorcing Families: New Research Findings

Interventions for separating and divorcing families can mean the difference between the healthy upbringing of children and a lifetime of conflict. This session examines research findings on two interventions. Data will be presented showing how the Collaborative Divorce Project intervention worked, i.e., which domains of family life affected outcomes, including overnight data. Preliminary data from a randomized control trial of the Triple P program will also be presented.

Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., Smith College, Northampton, MA
Helen Stallman, Ph.D., University of Queensland, Australia

4. Recognizing Power Imbalance and Need for Empowerment in Mediation

Power imbalances create significant challenges. They are difficult to detect and more difficult to address. This workshop will look at defining and recognizing power imbalance and lack of power; screening for non-domestic violence power imbalances; problems power imbalances cause; handling power imbalances and lack of power in mediation; the role of attorneys where there are power imbalances and use of collaborative professionals where there are power imbalances.

Sue Bronson, M.S., New Prospects, Milwaukee, WI
Zena Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training & Consultation Institute, Ann Arbor, MI

5. My Client Did What?! Representing the Impossible Client

Lawyers representing clients in divorce and custody matters must possess a firm grasp of the law and legal processes. Often, however, they need the skills of a therapist, mediator, parent, teacher and coach in order to effectively represent and manage the most challenging clients. What is the best response to clients who want to spend thousands of dollars of billable time fighting over a potted plant, television set or kitchen utensils? How can lawyers determine a client’s motivations when there are allegations of substance abuse or neglect? This workshop will provide an opportunity for the presenters and participants to share their more memorable moments and identify key strategies for successfully navigating this challenging terrain.

Mary M. Ferriter, J.D., M.P.A., AFCC President, Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile, Boston, MA
William J. Howe, III, J.D., Gevirtz, M enashe, Larson & Howe, PC, Portland, OR
Alexander Jones, J.D., M.S.W., Boston, MA
Lesley Hunter, M.A., Florence, KY

6. Never-Married Parents: The AFCC Massachusetts Chapter Initiative

The number of non-traditional families entering the court system increases every year. AFCC’s Massachusetts Chapter is seeking to further understand the needs of never-married parents and their children in the context of family litigation. The initiative has examined the needs of never-married parents and their children with respect to parent education, dispute resolution, status in the court system, social science research and legal issues. Presenters will discuss the evolution of the initiative and its findings to date.

Beth Crawford, J.D., Hampshire County Probate and Family Court, Northampton, MA
Linda Fidnick, J.D., Burres, Fidnick, and Booth, LLP, Amherst, MA
Hon. David G. Sacks, Hampden Probate & Family Court, Springfield, MA
Kathleen A. Townsend, J.D., Mediator, Springfield, MA


Psychological testing in custody evaluations raises questions related to practice as well as access to justice issues. This workshop will examine the relevance of testing and then discuss the social, legal and moral implications of access to such services. Presenters will review the advantages and limitations of psychological testing and consider key issues regarding the equity, inequity and real life consequences of current social policy regarding the distribution of mental health services in the courts.

Hon. William Fee, AFCC President Elect, Angola, IN
David Medoff, Ph.D., Suffolk University, Boston, MA
Jana Singer, J.D., University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD
Robert Zibbell, Ph.D., Framingham, MA

“I was amazed by the warmth and generosity of the American people. I have recommended AFCC to colleagues over here and hopefully there will be an even stronger Australian contingent attending in the future.”

Gina Rennie, Victoria, Australia
8. Public Policy and Parenting Coordination
The role of the parenting coordinator (PC) is rapidly expanding; however, judicial, legislative and public support vary widely across jurisdictions. PCs shoulder tremendous responsibility and need protection in order to perform effectively; however, very few jurisdictions have a statute setting forth the rights and responsibilities of PCs and parties, or the necessary protections. This workshop will help participants learn about legislative advocacy, enlisting support of judges, the family bar and the public to establish greater public support and legislative protection of the critical role of PC.

Siri Gottlieb, M.S.W., J.D., The Cooperative Parenting Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Jennifer Kresge, M.A., St. Helena, CA

Hon. Hugh Starnes, AFCC Past President, Fort Myers, FL

9. Family Court Diversion
This workshop will demonstrate how Community Mediation Services in Jamaica, NY developed a series of Family Court diversion programs with a vision of integrating services for clients. Mediation serves as an integrating component within child welfare, youth development, truancy prevention, parenting education and other Family Court diversion strategies to stabilize youth and families in conflict and design services using community resources. Key program models will be presented: Intensive mentoring for PINS and delinquents, short and long term preventive services models, youth violence intervention and prevention model and a comprehensive diversion model for parenting disputes.

Mark Kleiman, J.D., Community Mediation Services, Inc., Brooklyn, NY

Michelle Leonard, J.D., Community Mediation Services, Inc., Brooklyn, NY

10. Balancing Client Self-Determination and Efficient Resolution of Family Cases
Shifting politics, scarcity of resources, changes in the client base and pressures of mass processing appear to be spurring a movement in some states from family mediation anchored in principles of self-determination to mediation (and other processes) that are more directive and potentially even coercive. This workshop will focus on states with leading court-connected mediation programs. Presenters will discuss the challenges that these programs face at this stage in the institutionalization of family mediation, as well as the innovations that have been introduced to support the quality of the overall programs and individual mediators’ services, clients’ self-determination and effective assistance to the courts in resolving cases.

Hon. Leonard Edwards (ret.), Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA

Geetha Ravindra, J.D., Supreme Court of Virginia Division of Dispute Resolution Services, Richmond, VA

Nancy A. Welsh, J.D., Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA

Rachel Wohl, J.D., Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, Annapolis, MD

11. Family Courts and Domestic Violence
This workshop will promote the safety of parties participating in family court-based separation/divorce and custody proceedings through examination of the detection, dynamics, assessment and management of domestic violence. Presenters will discuss the impact of wider societal influences on adjudication and mediation in the presence of domestic violence.

Jacquelyn Campbell, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD

Desmond Ellis, Ph.D., York University, North York, ON, Canada

Rosalind B. Penfold, author, Dragonslippers, Toronto, ON, Canada

12. Cross-Examination and Expert Testimony
This workshop is for lawyers and custody evaluators who are interested in improving their skills at cross-examination and expert testimony. This interdisciplinary panel will explore the fundamentals of the processes and provide practical and useful strategies for practitioners. Emphasis will be placed on developing a theory for the case, structuring brief questions, differentiating between direct and cross and answering questions in a manner that is easily understood and helpful to the judge.

Hon. Arline Rotman (ret.), Norwich, VT

Andrew Schepard, J.D., Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY

Robert A. Simon, Ph.D., San Diego, CA

Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D., West Palm Beach, FL

13. Divorce from the Eyes of a Child
Much of the research of the past two decades has focused on the impact of divorce on children, with somewhat differing conclusions about the extent of long term problems. Recent research has helped to clarify the risks that divorce poses for children and factors that mediate those outcomes. Missing in much of the research, however, are the inner experiences of children: their wishes, hopes, dreams, fears and frustrations. This presentation will compile research spanning two decades that brings children’s voices to the data. Quantitative and qualitative data will be presented that provide insight into the inner experience of those who often have no voice as constituents in the politically-charged process of divorce—the children. Research on anxiety, depression, misconceptions, stresses and strategies for coping and resilience will be presented, with illustrative excerpts from children.

JoAnne Pedro-Carroll, Ph.D., University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

14. Marriage Skills Education and the Courts
Saving marriages was once a goal of family courts, but was deemphasized amid all the other problems courts address. Recent developments in relationship skills education offer new hope for improving marriages. Meanwhile, there is increasing demands to do something to reduce the damage to parents and children in family separation. Can courts not just mitigate the effects of family breakdown, but also help reduce it? First, they must study what works, and carefully adapt programs to the people they serve and to other real-world constraints.


John Crouch, J.D., Arlington, VA

Fred J. DeJong, Ph.D., Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
15. Voices from Taiwan: Adapting Mediation Services into a Different Legal and Cultural Context
Taiwan’s divorce rate has doubled in the past decade, and family courts are crowded with high conflict divorcing couples. In response, a new service piloted in some family courts provides free mediation services. This workshop will share the experiences and challenges of developing mediation services in a social context where different disciplines hold various definitions of mediation and have limited resources.
Chin-Chun Sue, Department of Social Work, Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan
Jing-Huei Shie, Taiwan Shihlin District Court, Taiwan
Wei-Shiuan Jeng, Department of Social Work, Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan

16. When Worlds Collide: Mental Health vs. Legal Ethics
Child custody cases present complex legal, ethical, professional and systemic demands. The judicial system, mental health, legal and interdisciplinary organizations may present different ethical standards/recommendations, leading to tension and controversy among the various professionals’ obligations and concerns. This interactive workshop will address approaches to effective ethical decision-making, challenging real-world vignettes, common decision-making errors and approaches to resolving competing/conflicting ethical demands.
Michael C. Gottlieb, Ph.D., Dallas, TX
Dianna Gould-Saltman, J.D., Gould-Saltman Law Offices, Los Angeles, CA
Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., Los Angeles, CA

17. Same-Sex Parenting in a Changing Culture
Publicity surrounding civil unions and same-sex marriage statutes has led many people to view these relationships as currently well-supported. Nevertheless, these families face challenges not encountered by families headed by heterosexual couples. This workshop will examine the history of same-sex parenting in the U.S., review the research and look at the special psychological and legal issues that these families face. Participants will have the opportunity to raise case dilemmas for discussion.
Joyce Kauffman, J.D., Law Office of Joyce Kauffman, Cambridge, MA
Joanna Bunker Rohrbaugh, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA

18. Moving Through Impasse
Everyone has experienced impasse on some level, either professionally or personally or both. The purpose of this workshop is to normalize and navigate impasse. This workshop for mediators, lawyers, coaches, financial specialists, therapists and court personnel will provide the skills to identify and address the psychological components present during impasse. Participants will explore how the court system and dispute resolution models, as well as the clients themselves, can contribute to impasse. Concrete interventions will be provided to assist the parties in moving forward.
Cathy Heenan, Ed.D., Belmont, MA
Rita Pollak, J.D., President, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Brookline, MA

This workshop will present Brief Parenting Facilitation, a pilot program and low cost model provided free to address short term needs of never-married parents transitioning to compliance with court orders regarding access and parental decision making. The program provides short term consultation about the needs of the children and mediation of the parents’ differences. The presentation will include results of data collection on all the families seen in the pilot project, including demographics, presenting issues and an assessment of the outcome of the parenting facilitation.
Linda Cavallaro, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA
Geri Fuhrmann, Psy.D., University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA

20. Negotiation Skills for Lawyers
More than 90% of cases settle prior to trial, but insufficient time is spent by lawyers honing their negotiation skills. Participants in this workshop will learn how to effectively use negotiation skills to meet the needs of their clients. Presenters will identify different types of negotiators, help participants understand their own personal negotiation style and learn effective modification in order to obtain better results. Participants will also learn how to use mediation skills in unassisted negotiations.
Magistrate Richard Altman, Napoleon, OH
Hon. Denise Herman McColely, Napoleon, OH
Tammy Renollet, J.D., Defiance, OH

21. Unifying Family and Juvenile Courts in California: A Review of the “Mentor” Court Program
The Unified Courts for Families Program represents an interdisciplinary collaboration of the California Center for Families, Children and the Courts. The Center’s legal and research staff implemented and evaluated approaches to unifying family and juvenile courts in California. A total of seven courts were granted funds to implement unification models in 2003 for three years. Each court designed its own program dedicated to coordinating or unifying their family and juvenile court proceedings. This workshop will describe each county’s initiative, challenges and impacts on the court and families accessing court services.
Amy Nuñez, Supervising Research Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
Julia Weber, J.D., Supervising Research Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
22. Legal Dilemmas and Policy Imperatives: Influencing Programs to Support Separating and Divorcing Families

This workshop examines the historical, cultural, social, economic and legal influences on the development of policies, practices and programs designed to support parents and children when families break up. The presenters will draw on their recent research to compare approaches in England and North Carolina, highlighting the changing roles of lawyers over the last twenty years. Participants will be invited to reflect on the extent to which legal interests and policy imperatives shape current programs, and whether they necessarily reflect the evidence about the help and support families need.

Sherrill W. Hayes, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Brown Summit, NC
Janet Walker, Ph.D., Newcastle upon Tyne, England

23. Mediating Family Disputes in Criminal Small Claims and Community-Based Mediation Programs

Many families who have used the family court system for divorce and parenting disputes do not return to the family court for resolution of new disputes. In addition, many family disputes come to pre-filing and post-filing criminal mediation programs, small claims court and community-based mediation programs instead of family court. This workshop will examine these programs, the policies and procedures that guide them and the benefits and risks for families mediating outside the family court system.

Mark Collins, M.S., Assistant Coordinator, New York State Unified Court System’s Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement, New York, NY
Cathleen E. Kuhl, Hamilton County Municipal Court Private Complaint Mediation Service, Cincinnati, OH
Eileen Pruet, J.D., Manager, Small Claims and Dispute Department, Franklin Co. Municipal Court, Columbus, OH

24. Ethical Practice for Parenting Coordinators

AFCC’s Florida Chapter has been working on Ethical Guidelines for Parenting Coordinators in Florida. This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to inform the process and discuss ethical challenges that confront them in their parenting coordination practice. Come prepared with your greatest war stories from the battlefield with these high conflict cases! Leave this interactive workshop with options and answers that will help you avoid confrontations, difficulties and professional exposure in the future.

Hon. Alice Blackwell-White, Orlando, FL
Debra Carter, Ph.D., Carter Psychology Center, Bradenton, FL
Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Supervisor, Family Court Services, Miami, FL

25. Abuse, Family Violence and Memory in Child Custody Cases

This workshop will address the arguments on how the trauma of sexual abuse, domestic violence or repeated questioning about false traumatic events can impact the accuracy of children’s memory. The research and professional debates on repressed memory, forgotten memory, storage of memory and false memory will be identified and discussed. Questions that will be addressed include: do children “repress,” “forget,” and/or “inaccurately encode” memories for traumatizing events? Does the false belief of experiencing sexual abuse cause psychological trauma?

Leslie Drozd, Ph.D., Newport Beach, CA
Monica Epstein, Ph.D., Tampa, FL
Kathryn Kuehnle, Ph.D., Indian Shores, FL


The same-sex marriage debate has highlighted and clarified the question of what our public policy is with respect to marriage. In the face of demands for inclusion in marriage by same-sex partners, courts and legislatures have been forced to articulate the purpose and definition of marriage in our society. This workshop will examine the state’s interest in promoting and preserving the institution of marriage, the stated objectives of marriage policy and the consequences that flow from various marriage policies, toward the end of clarifying a sensible marriage policy that supports families in their efforts to function and raise children.

Sherry Cassedy, J.D., M.A., Palo Alto, CA
Hon. Patricia Lucas, Santa Clara County Superior Court, San Jose, CA

3:30pm-6:00pm Workshop 27


The Judicial Officers Forum provides an opportunity for discussion of topics relevant to judicial officers followed by informal networking with colleagues. Join judicial colleagues from all over the world to discuss the issue of international child abduction.

Hon. Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Wellington, New Zealand
Hon. Robyn Diamond, Court of Queen’s Bench of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
Hon. Eberhardt Carl, Court of Appeal, Frankfurt, Germany
Hon. Anita Josey-Herring, Presiding Family Court Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.
Hon. Judith Kreeger, 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL

“After attending my first conference, I promised myself to never miss one”

Hon. Raymond McNeal (ret.), Ocala, FL
28. Research on High Conflict Separation and Divorce

High conflict families create some of the greatest challenges for practitioners. This workshop will examine research relating to high conflict families. A report on a qualitative study on children between nine and twelve will identify resilient attributes of these children. Reports on two quantitative studies will examine resilience as well as factors that contribute to continuing high conflict.

Sanford Braver, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Marlene Pomrenke, Ph.D., Winnipeg, MB, Canada
Irwin Sandler, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

29. Promoting Mediator Quality: Maryland’s Statewide System of Excellence

Maryland’s Mediator Excellence Program is a collaboratively developed program that includes components such as mentoring, co-mediating, case discussion, peer evaluation, videotaped role-plays, structures for self-reflection, ethics, a grievance system and a voluntary performance-based certification program. This interactive session focuses on lessons learned in creating and implementing what many hope will become a national mediator quality assistance model.

Louise Phipps Senft, Founder, Baltimore Mediation Center, Baltimore, MD
Cheryl L. Jamison, J.D., Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, Annapolis, MD
Martin A. Kranitz, Mediation Services of Annapolis, Annapolis, MD
Pamela Cardullo Ortiz, J.D., Executive Director, Department of Family Administration, Annapolis, MD

30. Judges Roundtable: A View from the Bench

This workshop brings together judges with various levels of experience discussing changes in the profession over time. Topics for discussion include the evolution of the judge’s role in the legal community and the broader community of professionals, the role of children in the courtroom, the use of expert witnesses and lawyer style and advocacy. The panel, including a newly appointed judge and a retired judge, will discuss how their personal perspectives have evolved as their roles in the system have changed.

Hon. George Czutrin, Toronto, ON, Canada
Hon. R. John Harper, London, ON, Canada
Hon. Arline Rotman (ret.), Norwich, VT
Hon. R. James Williams, Halifax, NS, Canada
31. Modeling Agreement: An Innovative Approach to Custody Disputes

This workshop will present a limited, clearly defined model for the resolution of custody disputes in high conflict families. Using two psychologists, this evaluation process provides an opportunity for parties to become an integral part of the assessment process and a part of developing a parenting plan. Parents are encouraged to observe interactions between the psychologists, who model their behaviors accordingly.

Mary Donahue, Ph.D., Rockville, MD
Gail K. Thornburgh, Ph.D., Bethesda, MD

32. Extended Dispute Resolution in Britain’s Family Court

This workshop will examine a program developed to provide a more child inclusive process in family court proceedings where separating parents are in dispute regarding their children. The rationale underpinning the program is that the process should be child centred, making due allowance for age and level of understanding. Children are invited to participate in at least one of the four meetings between the practitioners and the parents. The children’s voice is an equal part of the wider dialogue and provides a vital perspective, which can both enhance and consolidate mediated solutions.

Yvonne Rae, Family Court Advisor, Norfolk, England
Ronald Wright, Family Court Advisor, Norfolk, England

33. Defining Parenting Coordination to Meet Local Needs and National Uniformity

Parenting coordination is evolving internationally to achieve a common goal of helping conflicted parents learn to parent effectively. Communication, facilitation skills, co-parenting education and decision-making form the core intervention principles. Variations in governing state statutes illustrate how this ADR process is shaped by local needs and political interests. This workshop will identify the common elements of the Texas model and discuss how this model developed uniquely to meet local needs.

Hon. Leta S. Parks, Houston, TX
Harry L. Tindall, J.D., Tindall & Foster, Houston, TX
Lynelle Yingling, Ph.D., J&L Human Systems Development, Rockwall, TX

34. Complexities of Child Alienation: From Assessment to Options for Intervention

Child alienation in separating and divorcing families is a problem of increasing concern. Evolving politics of alienation and new empirical research have led to a better conceptual understanding of these families. This workshop will present the latest research on the topic and examine how, when and why to intervene. Presenters will discuss options for intervention (legal, mental health, mediators, the court), which models are most likely to be successful and when.

Hon. Paula M. Carey, Probate and Family Court, Canton, MA
Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA
Margaret Anne Ward, Ph.D., Co-parenting Assessment Center, Natick, MA

35. Divorced Parents’ Business Relationship: The Second Generation

This workshop first reviews the “business” model for structuring parent-to-parent communications and negotiations. A second generation model will be presented that builds on the original construct and includes findings from research on resiliency, framing and learning. The model will provide frameworks for disengagement, addressing “negative intimacy,” the challenges of working with parents who provoke or react destructively to disagreement, defining boundaries and limits, and reframing expectations. Tools for building client awareness and self-management, decision making and dispute resolution will also be discussed.

Isolina Ricci, Ph.D., Author, Mom’s House, Dad’s House, Tiburon, CA

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3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 36-43

36. Fact or Fiction: Assessing the Credibility of Self-Report in Custody Evaluations

Self-report measures in custody evaluations include interview data, questionnaires and sometimes psychological testing. Evaluators understand that parties will try to present themselves in a favorable light in order to bolster their case, leaving the evaluator to sort fact from fiction. This daunting task poses unique methodological challenges for the forensic mental health evaluator. This workshop will describe this challenge in the context of the forensic scientist practitioner approach to evaluation. Presenters will discuss an approach to assessing reliability, validity and credibility of reporting parties as well as research on the limited ability for evaluators to discern “truth telling.”

William G. Austin, Ph.D., Steamboat Springs, CO
James R. Flens, Psy.D., Brandon, FL
H.D. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., Charlotte, NC

37. Effective Evaluation in an Era of Accountability

In an era of accountability, mediation programs face requirements to articulate program objectives and provide information about how well they meet them. This panel draws from the experience of presenters from three programs who will discuss effective evaluation methods, from evaluation basics for courts just setting out to evaluate their programs to new evaluation concepts drawn from problem-solving courts. The emphasis will be on Efficient Program Evaluation, a process that seeks the most rigorous evaluation of select program outcomes using minimal time and financial resources. This interactive program will provide the novice and the old hand with new tools to evaluate their program.

Charlene Depner, Ph.D., Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
Shirley Dobbin, Ph.D., National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV
Jennifer Shack, Center for Analysis of ADR Systems, Chicago, IL
38. A 21st Century Approach to Post-Separation Parenting? Or Changing the Driver of the Same Old Bus?

In 2006 the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill commenced operation in Australia, introducing a range of substantial reforms including mandated community mediation, changes in Court process mandating a “less adversarial approach” and, most importantly, provisions requiring consideration of shared care and substantial and significant time with both parents. Will these changes promote more positive outcomes for families and children? Will the amendments produce better functioning, cooperative parents? Or is the retention of a court-based adversarial model fundamentally flawed?

Joe Harman, Harman & Co. Specialists, Family Law Solicitors, NSW, Australia


By 2025, nearly half of American children will be born to never-married parents, the majority of whom are over 25. This will require a paradigm shift for the courts and the supporting agencies, whose systems were designed for a traditional family model. This workshop will examine issues related to families of never-married parents, and highlight the evolution, content and feedback of a parent education program designed for this population.

Hon. Karen Adam, Tucson, AZ
Deborah Roth-Howe, LICSW, Hampshire Educational Collaborative, Amherst, MA
Mark Nickerson, LICSW, Amherst, MA

40. An Educator's Guide to Separating and Divorcing Parents

This workshop features the work of an AFCC workgroup appointed to develop a protocol around the relationship between educators and families experiencing separation and divorce. The protocol will provide information for educators and school administrators about working with the children of these families in the classroom and for bilateral contact with both parents in a school setting. This session is especially useful for professionals that frequently interact with schools.

Deborah Datz, M.A., Fairfield, CT
Steven Jacobson, LCSW, CCD Counseling, Denton, TX
Hon. Emile Kruzick, Orangeville, ON, Canada
Barbara Steinberg, Ph.D., Ormond Beach, FL

41. Apology in Mediation and the Courts: Talking in the Shadow of the Law

The importance of apology as the acknowledgement of injury is familiar in certain settings, such as victim-offender mediation. It has been much less accepted in others areas, including divorce mediation. The act of apology represents one of the core reparative opportunities in damaged relations. But it is not easy. And it has been viewed as problematic in court-related contexts. Through video and discussion, participants will explore the appropriateness of apology, explore what makes a genuine apology, where opportunities are present for apology, and how to prepare and support clients in offering and hearing an apology.

Carl Schneider, Ph.D., Mediation Matters, Bethesda, MD

42. Healthy Marriage Projects: The Influence of Marriage on Child Support Enforcement

The Administration for Children and Families’ top goal in the last few years has been to encourage marriage for unwed low income families through marriage education, community outreach and demonstrations. This panel will discuss the status of Community Healthy Marriage Projects being financed by the Office of Child Support Enforcement, “Building Strong Families” marriage demonstrations being financed by the Administration of Children and Families and the importance of former marriage status or unmarried status on subsequent child support enforcement outcomes.

Barbara Devaney, Ph.D., Mathematica, Washington, D.C.
Michael Fishman, Ph.D., Lewin Group, Falls Church, VA
Hillard Pouncy, Ph.D., Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
 Moderator: David Arnaudo, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Washington, D.C.

43. Supporting the Family System through Collaborative Divorce

This workshop will present an interdisciplinary model for facilitating divorce. Collaborative practice is an innovative process that is having a positive effect on our industry. Communication lines among the various professions are enhanced and reinforced, enabling each profession to work as part of a team. The team approach offers families the tools needed to reach more complete resolutions. This process is one that educates families so that they may make good decisions that will foster a healthy future.

Lauren Alexander, J.D., Atlanta, GA
Robert Bordett, Atlanta, GA
Marsha Schectman, LCSW, Atlanta, GA

Evening Activities

Join AFCC for two great Friday evening traditions. The AFCC Silent Auction features more than one hundred fabulous items up for bid. The AFCC Annual Banquet will feature AFCC’s own Dancing with the Starnes! Competitive ballroom dancers Hon. Hugh and Judy Starnes will demonstrate (and teach!) the grace and style of ballroom dancing. The only judging in this event will be how much fun you have!

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Open to members and prospective members of AFCC.

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**44. The Diminishing Rights of High Conflict Families**

Is the cloak of the “best interests of the child” smothering the rights of high conflict families? As professionals and courts strive to be more responsive to high conflict families and to help shield children from parental conflict, families are routinely directed to an ever-expanding menu of dispute resolution and other services. But what is the impact of these services on the rights of parents and their children? This workshop invites participants to examine emerging ethical dilemmas and competing interests that arise when the court expands its role beyond that of trier of fact.

Marvin Aronson, Ph.D., New York, NY
Elayne Greenberg, M.S., J.D., Great Neck, NY
Mary E. O’Connell, J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

**45. Working with Legislatures: The New Hampshire Story**

Legislatures create laws, but the catalyst for new or changed laws often comes from elsewhere. This workshop examines how the presenters effected change in New Hampshire family law, from idea through legislative enactment, resulting in New Hampshire’s Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2005. The presenters will show how to influence legislative direction, including bringing ideas to legislative attention, developing legislator alliances, avoiding political pitfalls and rallying support for proposed legislation.

John D. Cameron, J.D., Laconia, NH
Honey Hastings, J.D., Wilton, NH

**46. Effective Utilization of Mental Health Services for Family Lawyers**

While mental health services can benefit families involved in family law matters, such services are not always needed and, in some circumstances, can promote conflict. This workshop will outline the different types of mental health services applicable to family law matters and how to use these services to promote effective multidisciplinary collaboration and healthier family transitions. Participants will learn how to identify appropriate referral issues, match available mental health services to individual family needs, determine the best timing for services, obtain access to services and evaluate the effectiveness of those services.

Patricia Carter, J.D., Short, Jenkins, Kamin, L.L.P., Houston, TX
Gerald Harris, Ph.D., University of Houston Center for Forensic Psychology, Houston, TX
Tonya Inman, Ph.D., University of Houston Center for Forensic Psychology, Houston, TX
Adrienne Tindell, M.A., University of Houston Center for Forensic Psychology, Houston, TX

**47. Ethical Considerations Relating to Allegations of Abuse: An Interdisciplinary Discussion**

This workshop will explore ethical considerations when information about “borderline” abuse, potentially damaging to a parent, is disclosed. What should professionals do when a child is potentially at risk or is fearful of information being disclosed to a parent? Join the presenters for a dialogue that examines the ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers, mental health professionals, collaborative practitioners and mediators.

Gay G. Cox, J.D., Dallas, TX
Honey Sheff, Ph.D., Dallas, TX

**48. Should the Decision to Divorce be Mediated?**

Policy initiatives at the federal level have focused on supporting marriage. This raises the question of whether mediators and family court services programs should continue their focus on helping parties divorce. What are the benefits and risks of having mediators consider addressing the decision to divorce and including reconciliation as an issue for discussion? Many court services formerly provided conciliation counseling in an attempt to help couples stay together. Should programs consider a return to these services? Join this panel for a discussion of whether and how this might be accomplished and the implications of this shift in focus.

Clarence Cramer, M.A., Director, Family Services of the Conciliation Court, Coolidge, AZ
Larry Fong, Ph.D., Calgary, AB, Canada
Stanley Posthumus, M.S.W., J.D., Parsippany, NJ
Moderator: Rebecca T. Magruder, M.S.W., J.D., St. Charles, MO

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Lee Bergman, Esq., Centreville, VA
49. Integrating Possession and Access Issues into the Public Child Support Program
In recent years, the Federal Child Support Program (IV-D) has begun to move from addressing not only matters of financial support, but parental involvement. This presentation examines recent innovative efforts to bridge the gap between child support services and parental access/shared parenting services—and the political and practical realities of a state's child support enforcement program stepping into the "no man's land" of access and visitation.
Jessica Pearson, Ph.D., Center for Policy Research, Denver, CO
Anita Stuckey, Access and Visitation Grant Coordinator, Austin, TX

50. Mediation in Juvenile and Dependency Matters
This workshop will examine the use of mediation in juvenile matters by two programs. Presenters will first examine the Child Permanency Mediation Program, a public-private partnership in New York City with the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Then, participants will learn about the use of mediation in juvenile domestic violence cases in Franklin County, Ohio.
Christy Cumberlander Walker, M.S.A., Columbus, OH

51. Group Program for High Conflict Parents
The Kids First Nine-Week Group for Parents in High Conflict is an innovative and successful program. This workshop will provide an overview of the program, specific intervention techniques, program oversight, successes and challenges, as well as the efficacy of the program. This workshop is ideal for anyone developing a high conflict program or looking for new ideas to freshen up an existing program.
Jed J. French, J.D., The Kids First Center, Freeport, ME
Susan Wiggin, LMSW, The Kids First Center, Freeport, ME

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52. Spiritual Intelligence in Conflict: Becoming a Holistic Practitioner
The court system and professionals often struggle to deal with high conflict litigants. Practitioners unknowingly absorb negative energy generated by these clients and may suffer burnout and leave the field. This type of human interaction can be impossible or it can be great spiritual practice. This interactive workshop will include visualizations, meditations and simulation of techniques explored. Participants will learn to engage intuition and intellectual skills to evoke healing changes in high conflict situations. Learn to facilitate cognitive and energetic shifts in the hot seat by becoming aware of your own experience on deeper levels.
Nan Waller Burnett, M.A., Golden, CO
Lili Zohar, J.D., LL.M., Denver, CO

53. Reintegration of Disrupted Parent-Child Relationships
This workshop will examine disrupted parent/child relationships, using the continuum of relationships developed by Johnston and Kelly. Presenters will then focus on the process of assessing a family for the integration or disruption of parent/child relationships, and a multidisciplinary intervention process for reintegration of disrupted relationships. Participants will employ a case study approach, examining both successful and unsuccessful examples.
Susan De Vries, M.A., Hennepin County Family Court Services, Minneapolis, MN
Andrea K. Niemi, J.D., Niemi, Barr & Jerabek, Minneapolis, MN

54. Metaforcefully Speaking: Transformative Power of Verbal Imagery in Mediation
The creative use of metaphors can be a powerful tool in helping clients move to a level of consciousness that promotes clarity of thought in an emotionally safe environment. Metaphors allow clients to view their situations by figuratively stepping outside of themselves and looking in. This view from the outside can give clients a face-saving method for shifting their perspectives in the hopes of achieving true resolution of conflicts. Join three experienced mediators in a lively discussion of the meaning of metaphors, why and how metaphors work to shift perspectives, and the development of metaphors relevant to the clients' situations.
Alan E. Freed, J.D., St. Louis, MO
Rebecca T. Magruder, M.S.W., J.D., St. Charles, MO
Peter Schloss, J.D., Liberty, MO

55. Programs, Services and Information Resources for Children
This workshop will focus on information products, programs and services available for children undergoing separation and divorce. Presenters will address social science research on age-appropriate approaches and materials geared toward children and youth, particularly in light of trends towards children's increased screen-time with computers. Materials such as Web sites, printed materials, education courses geared toward children, which have been developed in Canada and internationally, will be discussed. Evaluations of these materials and children's perspectives on their needs with respect to these resources will conclude the discussion.
Claire Farid, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, Ottawa, ON, Canada
Chermal Wichmann, Senior Researcher, Department of Justice, Ottawa, ON, Canada
Moderator: Wendy Bryans, LL.B., Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, Ottawa, ON, Canada
56. A Multidisciplinary Approach to Assisting Families in Transition

This workshop will present a model of multi-disciplinary collaboration among professionals from judicial, legal and mental health systems and will explore how their focus has changed and merged over the past decade based on politics, research and practice. The panel addresses an action-oriented approach to work with families in transition and discusses the need for professionals from different perspectives. Presenters will discuss how they work within the family justice system, how they are influenced by research and politics, and how they collaborate with one another.

Barbara A. Babb, J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, M D
Kathleen Sullivan Arban, LCSW-C, National Family Resiliency Center, Solomons, M D
Risa J. Garon LCSW-C, National Family Resiliency Center, Columbia, M D
Hon. Diane O. Leasure, Ellicott City, M D

57. New Research Findings

This workshop presents findings from two recent studies related to divorce and family court processes. The first reports on results of an international survey of adult children of divorce in thirty countries, including whether cultural norms concerning divorce influence psychological adjustment. The second study reports on focus groups conducted with Canadian judges on the effectiveness of child custody experts in assisting judges on high conflict cases.

Emily M. Douglas, Ph.D., Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA
Margo Anne Kushner, Ph.D., Salisbury University, Salisbury, M D

58. There’s No Such Thing as Difficult People

Professionals in dispute resolution must function in an environment that is highly emotionally charged. As a result, while working towards collaboration, the experience is often perceived as dealing with “difficult people,” leaving one feeling stressed, drained and burned out. The key to taking care of your own emotional needs is to take charge of your reactions. This workshop teaches hands-on strategies to neutralize negativity, tools to prevent troublesome behaviors from triggering your “hot buttons,” and skills to contain emotional flooding. Participants experience a fundamental change in perspective, gaining a sense of control as well as a sense of humor.

Dana Lightman, Ph.D., Abington, PA

59. Brief Consultation: Integrating Children’s Views in Family Evaluation

The Brief Consultation Service is an innovative alternative to the traditional custody evaluation. A court-based initiative, it was developed to consider the voice of the older child in post-separation child-care plans and to reduce time spent in litigation. The workshop will describe the Brief Consultation Service, present evidence of its effectiveness, and identify skills and strategies used by practitioners in working with parents and adolescents in the ‘Brief’ process. Participants will be given the opportunity to discuss the ethics of using a brief evaluation process and implications for practice in other jurisdictions.

Michelle Kowalchuk, BSW, Family Conciliation, Winnipeg, M B, Canada
Mary Kate Martin, BSW, Family Conciliation, Winnipeg, M B, Canada

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Grand Prize Drawing
All conference registrants will be entered into a special grand prize drawing that will take place at 6:15pm on Friday, June 1 at the AFCC Silent Auction. You must be present to win!

Continuing Education Credits
AFCC will provide a certificate of conference attendance for a processing fee of $10 for members and $15 for non-members. The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant’s accrediting institution. A complete list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credits will be available at the AFCC registration desk.

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If you are new to AFCC or this is your first conference, join us on Wednesday at 4:30pm to meet colleagues, learn about AFCC and discover AFCC traditions, such as the Hospitality Suite, Taste of the Town and AFCC’s famous Silent Auction. If you are here alone, this is a great chance to connect with others and make plans for the week. International attendees, new members, spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. The location will be posted at the AFCC registration desk. Everyone is welcome!

AFCC Hospitality Suite
AFCC’s Hospitality Suite will be open for informal networking and refreshment, Wednesday-Friday from 9:30pm-12:00am. Please wear your name badge. The Hospitality Suite location will be posted at the AFCC registration desk.

Taste of the Town
Thursday evening is your opportunity to enjoy the area with friends and colleagues. Sign up before 1:00pm on Thursday and join a group of 8-10 for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Menus and sign-up sheets will be available onsite. Participants are responsible for food, beverage and any transportation costs.

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Additional Awards Luncheon Ticket
The Opening Reception, featuring the Capitol Steps, is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for $50. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.

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| Conference Registration – Non-member | $495 | $495 | $530 |
| Conference Presenter Rate – AFCC Member | $210 | $220 | $240 |
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| Additional Luncheon Ticket | $50 | $50 | $50 |
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5. Non-Adversarial Family Law Practice: Implementing Cooperation and Collaboration
6. Advanced Mediation Skills
7. AFCC Diversity Forum, 9:00am-12:00pm; no registration fee

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