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SAN DIEGO MID-WINTER MEETING DEC.
9-11, 1982

The mid-winter meeting of the AFCC will be held at Vacation Village in San Diego, CA, Dec. 9-11, 1982. This year's theme "The Family in Transition:

A Team Approach" will reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the AFCC. Dr. Richard Gardner, author of a number of well received books on children and divorce will be the key conference presenter. Dr. Gardner's latest book "Family Evaluation in Child Custody Litigation" will be available for purchase through the Association and at the conference. Thirty percent of all profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the AFCC. The San Diego Conference promises to be truly informative and the Vacation Village's accommodations will assure a fun time for all. Registration material will be sent to all members of AFCC. Advance information may be obtained by contacting Murray Bloom, Director Conciliation Services, Charter Oil Building, 110 W. "C" Street, Suite 1301, San Diego, CA 92101

"PATTERNS AND PERSPECTIVES: THE 21ST CENTURY FAMILY"

San Francisco was the site of the twentieth annual conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Conference co-chairs Jeanne Ames and Elizabeth O'Neill brought together a wide array of speakers on such topics as mediation, the psychological effects of custody disputes on children, a dialogue between psychiatrists, lawyers and judges and joint custody. Over 350 individuals attended the conference. Audio cassette tapes of individual presentations may be ordered from Monosette Productiuons, P.O. Box 4, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 (503) 635-8316.

MEDIATION NEWS

Mediator Malpractice Insurance Now Available

Members of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts may now obtain mediator malpractice insurance under-

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3100 S.W. Ninth Avenue
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written by Lloyd's of London. Coverage is provided for professional liability as a divorce mediator (either full or parttime), errors and omissions and cost of defense even if claim is false or fraudulent. Liability limits are \$100,000 per occurrence/\$300,000 aggregate. Optional higher limits are available. Further information may be obtained through the broker, Complete Equity Markets, Inc., 1098 South Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (800) 323-6234.

ABA SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION SPONSORS' CONFERENCE

The National Conference on Alternative Family Dispute Resolution was held June 3-5, 1982 in Washington, DC. The conference will address such issues as the state of the art of alternative family dispute resolution mechanisms, related legal issues, training and professional ethics. A number of AFCC members were featured faculty participants including Professor Frank Sander, Dr. Jessica Pearson, Professor John Haynes, Professor Jay Folberg, Emily Brown, Alan Massengill, O. J. Coogler, Honorable Frank Orlando, Hugh McIsaac, Patrick Phear, Mark Lohman, Henry Elson, Michael Lewis, Larry Gaughan, Linda Silberman, Tom Bishop and Ann Milne.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON CONCILIATION COURTS.

The Institute for Child Study/Department of Human Development, University of Maryland will sponsor a one day conference, Friday, October 15, 1982 on conciliation courts. Topics will include conciliation court services,

mediation, legislation and community involvement. Presenters will include AFCC members Jay Folberg, Tim Salius, Ann Milne and Frank Orlando. For more information contact Elizabeth Koopman, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 (301) 454-2036.

ORTHOPSYCHIATRY CONFERENCE FEATURES TWO DAY INSTITUTE ON MEDIATION

Joan Kelly, Director of the Northern California Mediation Center coordinated a two day institute on mediation at the American Orthopsychiatry conference held in San Francisco, March 29-April 3. Presenters included Jay Folberg, John Haynes, Mark Lohman, Jessica Pearson, Gary Friedman and Mary Tall. The Ortho special task force on mediation and divorce is chaired by Professor Elizabeth Koopman, University of Maryland.

SYMPOSIUM ON CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS FOR DIVORCE MEDIATORS

The AFCC will sponsor a symposium on certification and standards for divorce mediators, Dec. 8-9, 1982 in San Diego, immediately preceding the mid-winter meeting. Delegates from various professional organizations having demonstrated an interest in divorce mediations will be invited. The symposium will be the first national dialogue on the topic of standards for divorce mediators and will address such issues as whether there is a need for establishing some form of certification and if so how to best implement such a program. It is anticipated that the proceedings of the symposium will be available in published form following the meeting.

AFCC PUBLICATIONS

All prices are in U.S. Currency
Payable to AFCC, c/o Nova University Law Center
3100 S.W. Ninth Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

VIDEOTAPES AND FILMS

"Custody Resolution Counseling"

Designed for training counselors in mediation techniques for family disputes concerning child custody and visitation. 3/4" video tape cassette, 45 minutes. \$40/5 days.

"A Family Affair"

Designed to inform judges and other professionals of the legal remedies and implications regarding domestic abuse. "A Family Affair" is AFCC's production, under a \$100,000 LEAA grant. It was the Gold Medal winner in its category in the fall New York International Film and Television Festival. It also was a winner in the Motion Pictures Seminar of the Northwest. Available in 16 mm or 3/4" video tape cassette through

VISUCOM Productions, Inc., 1047 Whipple Avenue, Red Wood City, California 94063
Rental-\$60/3 days. The 16 mm film is also available without charge from RHR Filmedia, 9 E 38 St., NY, NY 10016
(212) 686-9833.

"Best Interest of the Child"

Designed to be shown to parents who are considering mediation of custody or visitation issues. The film is a discussion between San Francisco Superior Court Judge Don King and mediator/author Judith Wallerstein regarding the mediation process used in San Francisco. The 3/4" 17-minute cassette is available from purchase for \$30 from The Center for Judicial Education, 2150 Shattuck Ave., Suite 810, Berkeley, CA 94704.

PUBLICATIONS

"Divorce Mediation-Theory and Practice"

The reading materials for AFCC's December, 1981 Conference in Fort Lauderdale comprise some 250 pages, soft bound. This is an excellent collection of new articles about mediation. \$12.00 each. Orders of ten or more, \$10.00 each.

"Joint Custody-A Handbook for Judges, Lawyers and Counselors"

This handbook provides a comprehensive exploration of the advantages and disadvantages of joint custody, sample agreements and some initial research findings. With this information, professionals can begin to build a resource book that will assist in the best possible planning for parents and children experiencing divorce. \$12.00 each. Orders of ten or more, \$10.00 each.

"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 each.

"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, 180 E. 6th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101 (800) 328-1452.

PAMPHLETS

The following AFCC pamphlets are \$.20 each with a minimum order of 100. Orders over 1000, \$.15 each. This price increase is necessitated by increased printing costs and is effective July 1, 1982.

"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 new AFCC brochure provides guidelines for parents considering joint custody of their children and suggestions for what to include in a joint custody agreement.

"Twenty Questions Divorced Parents Ask About Their Children"

This new AFCC brochure answers 20 of the most commonly asked questions about how to help children adjust to divorce. "How can parents prepare children for divorce" and "What kinds of things are especially damaging to children."

AAMFT MEETING, DALLAS TEXAS

AFCC Member Daniel Brown has organized and will chair a workshop on Divorce and Family Mediation: New Developments in Training and Practice. Participants will include AFCC members Jessica Pearson (Research) and Ann Milne (Issues and Trends). Other participants include Linda Girtner, University of Illinois and Elizabeth Koopman, University of Maryland (Training and Education), Will Neville (Resolve Mediation Center Atlanta) and Mark Lohman, Family Mediation Service McLean, Virginia (Private Practice).

The meeting, AAMFT's 40th annual conference, will be held October 28-31, 1982 at the Dallas Hilton Hotel. The theme will be Family Therapy: Propositions, Practice and Prospects.

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Director of Conciliation for the Superior Courts of Arizona. For information contact Betty W. Scott, Personnel Analyst, Mericoba County Personnel Department, 200 County Administration Building, 111 South 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 (602) 262-3755.

New Clinical Psychology Ph.D. (Dissertation: Children in Divorce), with 11 years of paralegal experience, avidly seeks Court-related position in youth services (including family law and/or juvenile justice). Available in September, 1982. Write/call for vita: Carole Mannheim, Quinco Counseling Center, 2075 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47201 (812) 379-2341.

AWARD TO AFCC FILM

AFCC's film/video tape about family violence, "A Family Affair," has won another important award. The film, funded by LEAA and designed for educational purposes for professional groups, is a blue ribbon winner (best in its category) in the American Film Festival, the largest and most influential documentary and short film showcase in the United States. It will be included in a national tour of blue ribbon winners to be exhibited in the major libraries, schools and universities throughout the United States.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

AFCC member Charles L. Pelton, a South Dakota physician, has written a new sex manual entitled: The Sex Book, published by Family Health Media 201 South Lloyd, Suite 230 Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, \$14.95. Your editor has read it carefully and, while it joins a long list of sex manuals, it is valuable in its focus on feelings and communication, not on technique. It stresses openness, mutual vulnerability, trusting, love, caring, tenderness and taking responsibility for one's own pleasure. Your editor found it frank, clear and in good taste.

AFCC member Allan Koritzinsky, a lawyer practicing in Madison, Wisconsin has written a handbook entitled Marital and Non-Marital Agreements: Handbook with Prototype Clauses, Law Annotations and Strategy Comments. It is published by the State Bar of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7158, Madison, Wisconsin 53707. It contains material, including checklists, which will be useful to lawyers in other jurisdictions.

Ira Gorman, a clinical psychologist in Santa Ana, California has written A Guide for the Divorcing Parent: A Visitation Manual. Doctor Gorman believes that if both therapists and their clients read and use this guide clients can be helped to arrive at equitable arrangements for sharing the raising of their children and avoid a great deal of costly litigation. Family Conciliation Service of Orange County, Inc., 1125 E. 17th St., Suite E-115, Santa Ana CA 92701, \$4.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

Sharing Parenthood After Divorce, by Ciji Ware. The Viking Press, \$14.95. An interesting book by a skilled writer based on personal experience. It is about why and how to negotiate, not litigate child custody and what works and what doesn't is shared custody. Recommended reading for parents at all stages of custody decision making.

DIVORCE MEDIATION RESOURCE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The "Divorce Mediation Resource Directory" provides a listing of over 300 divorce mediators across the country and annotates the types of issues mediated and the format used. Professional organizations of interest to the practicing divorce mediator and training contacts are also listed and described. The Directory may be purchased for \$10 per copy from the Divorce Mediation Research Project, 1720 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80218, 303-837-1555

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members of the AFCC Board of Directors are retiring from the Board. They include Judge Mercedes Diez, Oregon; Ian Jenkin, New Zealand; Salvatore Maniaci, Minnesota; David Nelson, Washington; Judge Joel Roth, Montana; and Judge Herbert Whiting, Ohio. The Association wishes to thank each retiring Board Member for their service.

New Board Members elected at the annual membership meeting in San Francisco include Justice Ramon Pethig, New Zealand; Robert Mahwinney, Ontario, Canada; Stanley Cohen, Oregon; Tom Bishop, Connecticut; Frank Carney, California; Stephen Gaddis, Washington; Judge Robert Gottsfield, Arizona and Judge June Rose Galvin, Ohio.

Newly elected Executive officers are as follows: President, Judge John Van Duzer, Ontario, Canada; President-Elect, Professor Jay Folberg, Portland, Oregon; First Vice-President, Attorney Donald Moir, Vancouver, B.C.; Second Vice-President, Anthony Salius, Hartford, Connecticut; Secretary, Ann Milne, Madison, Wisconsin; Treasurer, Hugh McIsaac, Los Angeles, California; and Director of Publications, Meyer Elkin, Beverly Hills, California.

AFCC CHAPTER APPLICATION PROCEDURE APPROVED BY BOARD

The Board of Directors of AFCC has now approved the application process for groups wishing to become a chapter of the Association. The development of AFCC chapters on a state, provincial or regional basis is encouraged by the Association. Local chapters may advocate for the establishment of family court services and promote high professional standards for such services by providing information, training and technical assistance to courts and related professionals. State and regional chapters can be effective in addressing local needs and problems through specialized training

and educational programs. The application process includes filing with the executive director a letter of intent to form a chapter. Specific information to be included in the letter of intent is outlined in the application guide. Copies of the guide may be obtained from Anthony Salius, Chairperson of the Chapter and Regionalization Committee, 80 S. Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117, or from Ann Milne, Field Secretary, 314 E. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53707.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Association will be conducting an intensive membership recruitment drive over the next six months. Won't you help us by informing colleagues about the Association and inviting their membership in AFCC? The dynamic interdisciplinary nature of the Association provides a unique forum for the exchange of information and the opportunity to learn of new programs to assist in the resolution of family discord. Association members can assist with the membership recruitment drive by distributing information at professional conferences and informing other professionals about the Association. Additional membership invitations may be obtained from the Executive Director or from the Field Secretary. Mailing lists and ideas for membership recruitment may be sent to Ann Milne, Field Secretary, 314 E. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703 (608) 251-0604.

SPECIAL HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

Registration fees for non AFCC members at the May 1982 conference included a special six month membership. Those individuals interested in joining AFCC after June 1 may join at a special half year membership fee of \$25 (U.S. funds) through December 31, 1982.

Regular annual dues are:
Individual -- \$50
Institutional -- \$100
Student -- \$15
Lifetime -- \$500