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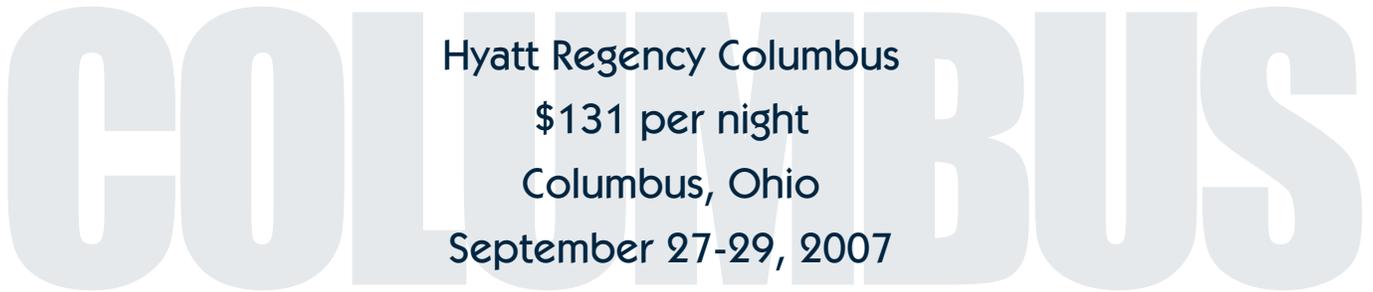


# **REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE**

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## **APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH CONFLICT FAMILIES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ALIENATION**

Hyatt Regency Columbus  
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Columbus, Ohio  
September 27-29, 2007



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**Present**

**Fall Regional Training Conference  
Applications for High Conflict Families,  
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- Three days of conference program and skills training with the leading professionals in the field.
- Professional Tracks for judicial officers, lawyers, mediators, custody evaluators and parenting coordinators.
- Pick one track or mix and match the workshops of interest to you.
- Outstanding continuing education opportunities (see details on page 11).
- Three days of parenting coordination programs based on the AFCC Parenting Coordination Guidelines Recommended Training.

**Professional Tracks**

	<b>Lawyers</b>	<b>Mediators</b>	<b>Custody Evaluators</b>	<b>Judges</b>	<b>Parenting Coordinators</b>
<b>Thursday Pre-conference institutes</b>	Representation in Domestic Relations Cases with Family Violence	Mediating Enduring Conflict and Power Imbalances	Domestic Violence and Alienation	The Child's Voice in Custody Disputes	The Parenting Coordination Process
<b>Friday Morning Workshops</b>	When Abuse Allegations Arise	Mediation Strategies for Difficult Cases	Conducting Focused Evaluations	Differentiating Domestic Violence from the Bench	Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts Part I
<b>Friday Afternoon Workshops</b>	Collaborative Practice Skill Building	Mediating Conflicts over Child Abuse and Neglect	Evaluating Allegations of Abuse and Neglect	Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Domestic Violence	Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts Part II
<b>Saturday Morning Workshops</b>	Working with Clients with Personality Disorders	Domestic Violence Training for Mediators	Accessing Feelings of Children in High Conflict	Programs for High Conflict Families	Parenting Coordination and Domestic Abuse
<b>Saturday Afternoon Workshops</b>	Emotional Family Dynamics	Differentiating Domestic Violence	Evaluating Toxicology	Playing the Odds with the Law of Child Relocation	Connecting Parenting Coordination and the Courts

**Registration is limited, so please register early!**

## Conference at a Glance

### Wednesday, September 26, 2007

6:00pm-8:00pm Registration

### Thursday, September 27, 2007

8:00am-5:00pm Registration  
8:30am-9:00am Coffee and rolls  
9:00am-5:00pm Pre-conference Institutes  
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (on your own)  
12:30pm-4:30pm AFCC BOD Meeting  
5:30pm-6:30pm Welcome Reception  
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### Friday, September 28, 2007

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8:00am-8:30am Coffee and rolls  
8:30am-9:15am Opening Session  
9:30am-12:30pm Workshops 1-5  
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9:00am-12:00pm Workshops 11-15  
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1:30pm-4:30pm Workshops 16-20

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# Pre-Conference Institutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

9:00am-5:00pm

## 1. Legal Representation in Domestic Relations Cases where Family Violence is a Factor (L)

When family violence exists in separation and divorce cases, special skills and knowledge are required for lawyers to provide effective representation. What should family lawyers do upon discovering family violence? What is the best advice to give about dispute resolution processes when domestic violence exists? What are effective screening techniques for child abuse or domestic abuse? Where do criminal and domestic relations matters intersect? This institute will examine these questions and look at issues surrounding the appointment of guardians *ad litem* and role of the guardian *ad litem* and much more.

*Kelly Browe Olson, J.D., LL.M., University of Arkansas-Little Rock Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR*

*Daniel Bloom, J.D., Atlanta, GA*

*Stacey Platt, J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, ChildLaw Clinic, Chicago, IL*

## 2. Mediating Cases with Enduring Conflict and Power Imbalances (M)

This session will be presented in two parts. The morning session will examine how conflict specialists can help families address the enduring conflicts that they have to live with over time. Participants will focus on how to separate the resolvable from the enduring aspects of conflict, how to frame long term conflict constructively, how to help people raise the level of conflict appropriately, how to maintain communication channels, how to encapsulate conflict so that it does not dominate family's lives, and how to face these conflicts realistically and courageously. The afternoon will focus on how to address the significant challenges that power imbalances create. Participants will look at defining and recognizing power imbalances; screening for non-domestic violence power imbalances; problems caused by power imbalances; tools for 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. This institute will be interactive and include exercises, video and discussion.

*Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., Author, Beyond Neutrality, Kingsville, ON*

*Zena Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training and Consultation Institute, Ann Arbor, MI*

## 3. Advanced Issues in Child Custody Evaluation: Domestic Violence and Alienation (CE)

Is it abuse, alienation, and/or estrangement? In the past few years research has provided better methods of assessing for abuse and alienation, how to treat abuse in the context of a family divorce, how to treat alienating behaviors in the same context, and how to keep families accountable. Many questions remain: Does individual therapy work? What about family therapy with an emphasis on reunification? How does the court keep a given family accountable? Is it better (or not) for the children if one of the parents relocates? How does protective gate keeping apply to families like this? How does a traumatized child's memory affect that which he or she tells an evaluator? This institute is designed to help participants apply the research to these and other questions, and to ultimately answer the age-old question, "If they cannot live with them, how best can they live without them?"

*Leslie Drozd, Ph.D., Editor, Journal of Child Custody, Newport Beach, CA*

*Lorraine Martin, M.S.W., Clinical Coordinator, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Toronto, ON*

*Nancy W. Olesen, Ph.D., San Rafael, CA*

### Professional Tracks:

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## 4. Judicial Institute: The Child's Voice in Custody Disputes Involving Domestic Violence and High Conflict Parents (J)

The last twenty years have seen an increasing awareness of children's need for legal representation in proceedings impacting their well-being. There is little doubt of the impact of high conflict and domestic violence on children, however the appointment of a child's representative is often discretionary in these cases, thus issues pertaining to appointment and representation are not widely understood. Participants and panelists will examine key questions relating to representation of the child including: (1) when should a court exercise discretion to appoint a child's representative?; (2) what is the role of the child's representative: a child's attorney, an attorney representing the child's best interests or a court advisor/guardian *ad litem*?; (3) what are the responsibilities of the child's representative and the court?; (4) what does the scientific literature say about child well-being and child development?; and (5) should the judge interview the child and if so, what are the best techniques? Whether you have considerable experience with the representation of children in private custody cases involving high conflict and domestic violence or are interested in learning more, this institute will provide opportunities for learning, debate, and discussion.

*Hon. Karen Adam, Tucson, AZ*

*Ann M. Haralambie, J.D., Tucson, AZ*

*Katherine H. Federle, J.D., LL.M., The Ohio State University School of Law, Columbus, OH*

*H.D. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., ABPP, Charlotte, NC*

*Moderator: Magistrate Don Martin, Columbus, OH*

## 5. The Parenting Coordination Process (PC)

This institute will incorporate training modules one and two of AFCC's Recommended Training for Parenting Coordinators. The morning session will provide an overview of the parenting coordination process, including the functions of a parenting coordinator, issues appropriate for the PC, professional guidelines and characteristics of individuals who are most appropriate for the PC process. The afternoon session will focus on family dynamics in separation and divorce, particularly as they apply to the parenting coordination process. Sources of impasse, research and theory on high conflict families and children's needs and adjustment are among the topics that will be highlighted.

*Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Co-author, Working with High Conflict Families of Divorce, Boulder, CO*

*Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., Children and the Law Program, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA*

*Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA*



## What is AFCC?

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through 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 they share a strong commitment to benefit communities, empower families and promote a healthy future for children. Members include, judges, lawyers, mediators, psychologists, social workers, parenting coordinators, custody evaluators and researchers. For more information on AFCC please visit [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org).



## What is NCJFCJ?

Since 1937, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) has pursued a mission to improve courts and systems practice and raise awareness of the issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families. The NCJFCJ seeks access to fair, effective, and timely justice for every child and every family in need of judicial oversight. The NCJFCJ provides education, publications, research, and policy development on such issues as child abuse, delinquency, custody, substance abuse, and family violence. Membership is open to judges, attorneys, probation officers, social workers, and other system professionals. Please visit [www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org) for additional information on membership and the projects and initiatives of NCJFCJ.

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8:30am-9:15am	Opening Session

Welcome: *Hon. William C. Fee, AFCC President, Angola, IN*

*Mary V. Mentaberry, Executive Director, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV*

*Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus, OH*

### Domestic Violence, Family Courts and Differentiation: A Look at the Future?

Families who experience domestic violence are not all alike, and in recent years this simple idea has evolved into significant practical, policymaking and political discussion. In February 2007, AFCC and NCJFCJ cosponsored a Wingspread Think Tank of Domestic Violence and Family Courts focused on differentiation and domestic violence. This opening session will provide insights into the discussions and the first public presentation of the Wingspread report.

*Clare Dalton, LL.M., Co-reporter, Domestic Violence and Family Courts Project, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA*

*Professor Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., Co-reporter, Domestic Violence and Family Courts Project, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN*

9:30am-12:30pm

Workshops 1-5

### 1. When Abuse Allegations Arise: Effective Strategies for Divorce Lawyers (L)

Lawyers representing clients in divorce and custody matters must possess a firm grasp of the law and legal process. Often, however, they need the skills of a therapist, evaluator, mediator, parent, teacher and coach in order to effectively represent and manage their clients. Whether your client is the victim, the accuser, the perpetrator of child abuse, or the perpetrator of spousal abuse, formulating key strategies to resolve the case is a function of exploring the situation from your client's perspective. How can lawyers effectively interview their clients to discover necessary information? What is the best response to a client who is a victim but does not want to pursue protections? How can lawyers determine a client's motivation when there are allegations of child abuse or spousal abuse? This workshop will provide an opportunity for the presenters and participants to share their interviewing techniques and skills and to identify key strategies for successfully navigating this challenging terrain.

*Susan Dwyer, Ph.D., Fort Wayne, IN*

*Mary Ferriter, J.D., AFCC Past-President, Boston, MA*

*Dianna Gould-Saltman, J.D., Gould-Saltman Law Offices, Los Angeles, CA*

*Hon. Denise McColley, Napoleon, OH*

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## **2. Mediation Strategies for Difficult Cases (M)**

This two-part workshop will present a unique interdisciplinary co-mediation model followed by specific practice skills and techniques to help mediators address some of the most challenging cases. Part one will focus on how intransigent couples can work with a lawyer/financial expert and mental health professional team—sometimes together and other times separately—to address issues related to emotions, children and complex financial and legal matters. Part two will explore specific strategies and interventions including the appropriate use of caucus, advanced negotiation techniques and effective reframing skills.

*Magistrate Richard Altman, Napoleon, OH*

*Maara Fink, J.D., University of Toledo Law School, Toledo, OH*

*Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., Smith College, Northampton, MA*

*Barbara Kahn Stark, J.D., New Haven, CT*

## **3. Conducting Focused Evaluations (CE)**

The development of the “focused”, “brief” or “fast track” evaluation has taken many forms and is used in many different contexts. In this workshop, members of AFCC’s Task Force on Focused Evaluations will lead an in-depth discussion focusing on (1) similarities and differences between models; (2) the relationship between the nature of the evaluation and the context in which it is being conducted; and (3) the AFCC Task Force’s new project developing Guidelines for Focused Evaluations.

*Phil Bushard, D.P.A., Director, Family Mediation Program, Reno, NV*

*Andrea Clark, M.S.W., Family Court Social Worker, St. Louis, MO*

*Grace M. Hawkins, LCSW, Director, Family Center of the Conciliation Court, Tucson, AZ*

*Robert Smith, M.Div., J.D., Fort Collins, CO*

## **4. Differentiating Domestic Violence from the Bench (J)**

Although there is lack of consensus as to exactly how differences in the uses of violence in interpersonal relationships should be characterized, there is widespread agreement among both researchers and practitioners that differences do exist; that the various uses of violence call for different interventions; and that getting it wrong can have serious consequences for the perpetrator of the violence, its intended victim, and any children exposed to it. This workshop will focus on how judges might distinguish among the varieties of domestic violence, the implications for court-ordered sanctions and referrals to services, and the role of the court in making sure it has the information it needs to understand the dynamics going on in any given case featuring violence in an intimate relationship.

*Hon. Ramona Gonzalez, La Crosse County Circuit Court, La Crosse, WI*

*Hon. Dale Koch, Multnomah County Circuit Court, Portland, OR*

## **5. Parenting Coordination Nut & Bolts: Part I (PC)**

The first of this two-part workshop focuses on module three of AFCC’s Recommended Training for Parenting Coordinators. Participants will learn how to structure the parenting coordination process, including handling the initial session, managing separate sessions and maintaining records and documentation. Presenters will also discuss informed consent, service contracts and fees, the role of the parenting plan in the PC process, building partial agreements, awareness of personal biases and arbitration procedures.

*Debra Carter, Ph.D., Carter Psychology Center, Bradenton, FL*

*Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Co-author, Working with High Conflict Families of Divorce, Boulder, CO*

## Friday, September 28, 2007

12:30pm-1:45pm Lunch (on your own)

2:00pm-5:00pm Workshops 6-10

### 6. Collaborative Practice Skill Building (L)

The rapid growth of collaborative law has created a need for professionals to develop skills specific to this practice. This workshop will feature an experienced collaborative lawyer and collaborative family relations specialist providing guidance on conducting the initial client interview, coordination between lawyers and mental health professionals and how to effectively structure multi-party settlement conferences.

*Marie Hill, LPCC, Cincinnati, OH*

*John L. McElwee, J.D., McElwee & McElwee, Cincinnati, OH*

### 7. Mediating Conflicts over Child Abuse and Neglect (M)

Child abuse and neglect conflicts are complex and high stakes matters involving multiple participants, many organizations, high levels of conflict and strong emotions. This interactive workshop provides an overview of the dependency mediation process and identifies certain key ethical and practical issues. Some of the issues that will be addressed include how mediation is defined in various venues, challenges faced by mediators to remain impartial and neutral, informed consent, motivation for using mediation and pressure from external entities such as courts to settle cases quickly.

*Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

*Marilou Giovannucci, M.S., Court Operations, Wethersfield, CT*

*Marya C. Kolman, J.D., Director, Franklin County Domestic and Juvenile Court Mediation Services, Columbus, OH*

*Christie Cumberlander Walker, M.S.A., Coordinator, Franklin County Domestic and Juvenile Court Mediation Services, Columbus, OH*

### 8. Evaluating Allegations of Child Abuse & Neglect in Complex Child Custody Cases (CE)

This workshop provides a structured approach for identifying and assessing the interdependent variables of a child custody/visitation evaluation containing allegations of child abuse and neglect. Several myths regarding child sexual abuse (CSA) will be discussed. Using Heilbrun's forensic evaluation model and Kuehnle's scientist-practitioner model, this workshop will teach the participants how to organize the evaluation tasks of assessing the child's needs and the parents' capacities to meet those needs, while assessing the child abuse and neglect allegations. Related variables such as domestic violence, parental "gate keeping," and alienation will also be discussed.

*H.D. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., ABPP, Charlotte, NC*

### 9. Applying Therapeutic Jurisprudence in Domestic Violence Cases (J)

Therapeutic jurisprudence can be conceptualized as a study of how psychology and law can unite to promote therapeutic outcomes. Theoretically, therapeutic jurisprudence is based on both social psychology and cognitive behaviorism. In the case of domestic violence, it identifies the factors that impact judgments of procedural justice, which in turn may promote behavioral change, or the unintentional reinforcement of maladaptive behavior. Domestic violence research shows that laws, judges, attorneys and mental health professionals can achieve iatrogenic or therapeutic effects for both victims and offenders as a function of the legal system. This workshop will provide an introduction to therapeutic jurisprudence, as well as how that construct can influence change through legal means. In addition, it will help judges and others involved in these cases understand that the manner in which domestic violence cases are processed in court can affect the way offenders and victims view their roles in the violence, which has direct links to issues of safety, recidivism, and compliance with orders.

*Gail A. Poyner, Ph.D., Choctaw, OK*

*Annette Prince, J.D., M.S.W., Director, Palliative Care Resource Center, Oklahoma City, OK*

**10. Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts  
Part II (PC)**

Part II follows the morning session and will focus on appropriate techniques for responding to difficult situations, effective use of outside experts, appropriate boundaries for parenting coordinators, the impact of high conflict client behavior, reasons that a parenting coordinator may choose to decline an appointment and how to handle situations when faced with a disability issue.

*Debra Carter, Ph.D., Carter Psychology Center,  
Bradenton, FL*

*Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA*

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**11. Clients Not Even a Mother Could Love:  
Working with Clients with Significant  
Personality Disorders (L)**

This workshop is designed to help lawyers work with the most challenging clients of all. Participants will examine how individuals with certain personality disorders almost guarantee a high conflict situation. Through the use of characterizations from well known movies, these personalities will be illustrated and defined. A discussion of strategies to increase client control and avoid entanglement will follow.

*Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., Riegler, Shienvold Associations,  
Harrisburg, PA*

**12. Domestic Violence Training for  
Mediators (M)**

This workshop will explore the development of domestic violence training requirements for mediators in Ohio and Michigan, including participation by representatives of the state, mediators, and the domestic violence community. Presenters will explore the training requirements, training curricula, and the processes for approving trainers and giving the trainings. The thinking behind the training requirements from the points of view of each state and practitioners will also be addressed and comparisons between the states will be highlighted. The presenters will reflect on the practice in the two states and how effective the requirements have been.

*Crevon Tarrance, M.S.W., J.D., Dispute Resolution Section,  
Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, OH*

*Zena Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training & Consultation Insti-  
tute, Ann Arbor, MI*

**13. Accessing the Feelings of Children in  
High Conflict (CE)**

This workshop will examine the common feelings children and adolescents have regarding parental divorce and especially being caught in the middle of high conflict.

The presenters will demonstrate the use of directive techniques but also creative and non-threatening mediums to help children and adolescents feel safe enough to honestly share experiences and feelings about their stressful situation. These techniques include the use of videos, games, art work, activity sheets, play and music. Case studies of families in high conflict will be shared.

*Kathy Clark, Ph.D., Capital University School of Social  
Work, Columbus, OH*

*Stephanie Kreisher, LSW, Family Court Service Coordina-  
tor/Mediator, Marion, OH*

**Save the Dates**

**AFCC 45th Annual Conference**

**May 28-31, 2008**

**Westin Bayshore Resort  
Vancouver, BC, Canada**

## Saturday, September 29, 2007

### 14. Programs for High Conflict Families (J)

This session will present two different programs for high conflict families. PACT is a court-community program in Jefferson County, Kentucky designed to reduce inter-parental conflict for parents who do not succeed in mediation or cannot afford the services. Higher Ground is a skills-based Kansas group educational program that helps parents explore problem-solving approaches to parenting after separation and divorce. Presenters will describe the goals and objectives of the programs and the characteristics of the families serviced. Evaluation, program design and training models will be discussed.

*Joe H. Brown, Ph.D., University of Louisville, Louisville, KY*

*Dana Christensen, Ph.D., University of Louisville, Louisville, KY*

*Mary Lou Cambron, M.S.S.W., Jefferson County Judicial Center, Louisville, KY*

*Hon. Allan R. Slater, Johnson County, KS*

*Gary Kretchmer, M.A., Director, Domestic Relations Unit, Olathe, KS*

*Christina Jordan, J.D., L.M.S.W., Mediator and Parent Education Coordinator, Olathe, KS*

### 15. Parenting Coordination and Domestic Abuse (PC)

This session examines the special circumstances of parenting coordination and domestic abuse. Participants will learn about the power imbalances inherent in domestic abuse relationships, how the process changes when working with batterers and victims and when a case may not be appropriate for the process.

*Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Supervisor, Family Court Services, Miami, FL*

*Nina Zollo, Esq., Senior Policy Director, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tallahassee, FL*

**12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch (included)**

**Save the Dates**  
**35th National Conference**  
**on Juvenile Justice**  
**March 9-12, 2008**  
**Renaissance Grand Hotel**  
**St. Louis, MO**

**1:30-4:30pm**

**Workshops 16-20**

### 16. Seeing Beyond Words: Emotional Family Dynamics (L)

Family Court judges have limited time to assess the situation in contested cases and most are trained to attend to facts and not context. Many family lawyers have a similar background and thus lack training or experience in understanding and dealing with the emotional aspects of family conflicts. However, most contested cases are contested because of unresolved emotional issues. This workshop is designed to help legal professionals develop new skills and to make use of resources that will lead to decisions that encompass the emotional dynamics as well as the facts of the case.

*Emily M. Brown, LCSW, Key Bridge Therapy and Mediation Center, Arlington, VA*

*Lynelle Yingling, Ph.D., LMFT, J&L Human Systems Development, Rockwall, TX*

### 17. Differentiating Domestic Violence: Challenges, Pitfalls and Problems for Mediators (M)

Families experiencing domestic violence are not all alike and each situation presents unique challenges for the mediator. Although mediation of divorce cases involving domestic violence has been hotly debated for years, this session takes the discussion to a new level based on recent research concerning differentiation of domestic violence cases. During this interactive session, participants will grapple with common dilemmas and build skills useful for resolving them.

*Magistrate Richard Altman, Napoleon, OH*

*Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, Ph.D., Indiana University Department of Psychology, Bloomington, IN*

*Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN*

### 18. Evaluating Toxicology (CE)

Assessment of drug and alcohol use is a crucial factor in child custody issues and toxicology results can be a very important element in assessment and access planning. This workshop will identify the strengths and weaknesses of different toxicology strategies and assist participants in interpreting the results. Strategies for monitoring abstinence in the context of visitation or access will also be presented.

*Claude Schleuderer, Ph.D., Kingston, NY*

**19. Rock, Paper Scissors: Playing the Odds with the Law of Child Relocation (J)**

This session will explore the law of child relocation. It will survey the topic by first looking at how four leading States, and Australia and England have applied their law to this issue. It will then examine the practical application of the law in the courtroom with a duel focus. First, it will question how and what “evidence” can lead the trial judge to a best interest finding and second, what place the mental health professional plays in presenting that evidence and in influencing the final outcome. It will also look at the changing face of the family that comes to Family Courts with this issue, particularly never-married parents and other non-traditional families. Special attention will be paid to how judges and mental health professionals deal with cases involving domestic violence, high conflict and alienation.

*Hon. Karen Adam, Tucson, AZ*

*Hon. W. Dennis Duggan, Albany, NY*

*Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D., Author, Parenting After Divorce, Queen Creek, AZ*

**20. Connecting Parenting Coordination and the Courts (PC)**

Whether starting up a parenting coordination program or functioning as a parenting coordinator (PC), it is vital to fully understand the connection between the PC and the court. In this session, participants will address such topics as: the PC’s responsibility to the court, the basis of the PC’s delegation of power, the forms used to give the PC that authority, appropriate communication with the court and the issue of confidentiality. Collaboration with other professionals will be addressed as will ethical dilemmas faced while working in this field. The *AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination* will come to life with examples of court expectations and professional boundaries throughout the PC process.

*Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Supervisor, Family Court Services, Miami, FL*

*Hon. Hugh Starnes, Fort Myers, FL*

**Top Things to do While Visiting Columbus**

**German Village Oktoberfest**

Oktoberfest features German polka as well as other styles of live music, a variety of authentic German food, artisans, unique shops and other festival favorites. “One of the top 100 events in North America,” the festival takes place during the conference dates, September 28-30, 2007.

[www.germanvillage.com/oktoberfest/home.html](http://www.germanvillage.com/oktoberfest/home.html)

**Stroll the Short North:** The Short North Arts District is the neighborhood to visit when you’re in Columbus. A historic urban neighborhood known for great art galleries, unique boutique stores and restaurants. [www.shortnorth.org](http://www.shortnorth.org)

**Lunch at the North Market:** Find out why one million customers visit the North Market annually. Established in 1876, the North Market is the last remaining public market in Central Ohio. A great spot to try a variety of ethnic foods for lunch or dinner. [www.northmarket.com](http://www.northmarket.com)

**Bar Hop in the Arena District:** The bars and restaurants in the Arena District are hopping all year long. All flavors of nightlife can be found through this area including sports bars, dance clubs, lounges, summer patios, local breweries, cocktails, DJs, live bands, national acts, local talents and everything in between. [www.arena-district.com](http://www.arena-district.com)

**Easton Town Center:** Easton Town Center is the Midwest’s premier destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. Easton features an outdoor shopping center with every store you can imagine.

[www.eastontowncenter.com](http://www.eastontowncenter.com)

**A.D. Farrow Harley Davidson Dealership**

Established in 1912, the first Harley Davidson dealership in America is still operating and showcases vintage motorcycles that trace the evolution of the Harley Davidson.

[www.adfarrow.com](http://www.adfarrow.com)

*More favorites include the Jack Nicklaus Museum, Ohio State University, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Franklin Park Conservatory—all within minutes of the Hyatt!*

# Travel and Lodging Information

Join AFCC and NCJFCJ in Columbus, Ohio for this first-time conference collaboration and discover an entire city built around variety. The Hyatt Regency Columbus is located next to the Greater Columbus Convention Center in the heart of the city, with exciting entertainment districts, top-notch sports and superb shopping and dining within easy walking distance. To the west is the new Arena District, a brief stroll north is the eclectic Short North Arts District, and at the south end of downtown, historic German Village and the adjacent Brewery District provide more popular spots for fun and relaxation after a busy schedule of conference activities. For more information, go to [www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com).

## Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Columbus  
350 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Hyatt Regency Columbus is located downtown in the Arena District, five blocks from the State Capitol and seven miles from the Port Columbus International Airport. Hotel amenities include an indoor swimming pool, workout room and off-property health club complimentary to hotel guests. All rooms have T-Mobile wireless high-speed Internet access. Hyatt Regency Columbus information can be found at [www.columbusregency.hyatt.com](http://www.columbusregency.hyatt.com).

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements and will receive the special rate of \$131 per night for single or double accommodations. Rooms are subject to availability and a limited number of rooms have been reserved at the special rate; therefore, *early registrations are encouraged*. Please make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at (614) 463-1234 and request the Reservations Department. You may also call the toll-free reservation number at (800) 233-1234. It is imperative that you identify yourself with AFCC when you make your reservation in order to receive the special rate. On Tuesday, September 4, 2007, any non-reserved rooms remaining in the block will be released to the public for general sale and the special group rate will not be guaranteed after that date.

## Airline Travel

Port Columbus International Airport is located 10 minutes east of downtown Columbus. Major airlines include Air Canada, America West, American, Continental, Delta, Independence Air, Midwest Connect, Northwest, Southwest, United and U.S. Airways. Burkhalter Travel, AFCC's preferred travel agency, is available to assist you with the best rates for your transportation needs. Contact Burkhalter Travel at (800) 688-0156 or (608) 255-2774 and ask for Dan or Barbara.

## Ground Transportation

Taxi fare to downtown Columbus is approximately \$22.00 each way. Arch Transportation offers shuttle service for \$15.00 each way. Return transportation should be prearranged by calling (614) 252-2277 or making arrangements through the hotel concierge.

## Rental Car Information

Avis is the official car rental company for the Regional Training Conference in Columbus. Special rates are offered to all registered attendees. Please contact the Meeting reservation and Information Desk at 1-800-331-1600 and mention your Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number J096489. To reserve a car online, visit [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) and enter the AWD #J096489 in the Rates and Discounts section. You must use this AWD number to receive your discounted rate.

## Parking

Hotel valet parking is \$18 per day or \$21 for overnight guests, including complimentary in/out privileges. Off-site self-parking is available one block south of the hotel for \$12 overnight with the option to charge parking to your guest room.

## Climate

Columbus has a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Average daytime temperatures in late September will be mid-70's, dropping to lows of 50-60's in the evening. Be sure to take a light jacket or sweater, as meeting rooms and restaurants will be air conditioned.

# Of Special Note

## Continuing Education Credits

AFCC will provide a certificate of conference attendance for a processing fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant's accrediting institution.

**Psychologists:** AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The program offers up to 19 continuing education credit hours for psychologists.

**Mediators:** All mediation sessions are eligible for continuing education units through the Association for Conflict Resolution.

**Lawyers:** Approval for CLE hours is pending through the Supreme Court of Ohio.

**Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists:** An application has been submitted to the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board requesting program approval for professional continuing education.

**Custody Evaluators:** Approval is pending through the Judicial Council of CA, Administrative Office of the Courts. Once approved, California custody evaluators may satisfy part of the required 8 hours of annual continuing education under California Rules of Court, rule 5.225. The views expressed in the program are those of the faculty and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of CA or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

**Parenting Coordinators:** The curriculum follows the recommendations of the AFCC *Guidelines for Parenting Coordination* for the training of parenting coordinators; however, AFCC does not certify or qualify individuals to be parenting coordinators.

## Audio Recordings:

Full Conference Audio CDROMs (mp3) will be available after the conference and sold by tracks. Orders placed *before* the conference will receive a special 10% discount price. Individual

audio CDs may also be ordered in advance at a 10% discount if you prefer to mix and match. *Order before September 27, 2007.* To place your order, go to [www.dcporder.com/afcc](http://www.dcporder.com/afcc).

## Conference Scholarships

Thanks to the outstanding support of AFCC members who contributed to the AFCC Resource Development Fund, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the Regional Training Conference. Scholarships include registration fees for the conference and one full-day pre-conference institute. Recipients are responsible for funding their own travel, lodging, meals and related expenses. The scholarship application is available on the AFCC Web site at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org). The application deadline is August 1, 2007.

## Hospitality Suite

The Hospitality Suite will be open for informal networking and refreshment Thursday and Friday, 9:00pm-12:00am (midnight). Please wear your name badge. The Hospitality Suite location will be posted at the conference registration desk.

## Dine Arouds

Sign up on site to join friends and colleagues on Friday evening at a local restaurant. Restaurant descriptions and menus will be available with sign-up sheets in the conference registration area. Participants are responsible for food, beverage and any transportation costs.

## Special Needs

If you have special meal requests or other special needs, please note this on the registration form. The Hyatt Regency Columbus is equipped for the physically challenged and all functions are wheelchair accessible.

## Room Sharing

If you are in search of a roommate, check the box on the registration form. Your name will be placed on a list that will be provided to others of the same gender who request roommate information. Roommates are responsible for contacting one another and making hotel reservations.

# Registration Information

**New Member Special:** Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for \$140—a \$10 discount—and save even more by registering at the member rate! Or, join NCJFCJ at the discounted rate of \$185 for judicial officers or \$135 for associate members (related professionals)—also a \$10 discount—for one year when you register for the conference. To join AFCC or NCJFCJ, simply circle the appropriate New Member Special rate on the conference registration form. The New Member Special is available only to first-time AFCC and NCJFCJ members.

**Pre-conference Institute:** Includes attendance at one Pre-conference Institute, refreshment breaks and institute materials. *Institute registration is separate from the registration for the full conference.*

**Conference Registration:** Includes all conference sessions and materials, refreshment breaks, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite.

**Guest/Spouse:** Available only to persons accompanying a full conference registrant. Includes opening session, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite.

**Conference Presenter Registration:** Available only to conference presenters. Includes all conference sessions and materials, reception, luncheon and Hospitality Suite. A *separate registration fee is required for conference presenters who wish to attend Pre-conference Institutes.*

**Full-time Student Registration:** Includes admission to all conference sessions only. Meal functions are not included. *Separate registration is required for Pre-conference Institutes.* Registration must include proof of full-time student status.

**Certificate of Attendance:** AFCC will provide a certificate of total hours attended at the conference opening session, workshops and institutes for a minimal processing fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. To sign up, simply circle Certificate of Attendance on the conference registration form.

**Additional Luncheon Ticket:** Saturday's luncheon is included in the conference registration fee. Additional luncheon tickets are available for \$27.

*To ensure your place, please register early as space is limited.*

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# Registration Form

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Please register by August 20, 2007 to ensure that your name appears on the conference attendee list in the conference materials.

Register online at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org)

Please type or print clearly.

This form may be duplicated.

First Name, (Dr. / Mr. / Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Information: First name or nickname (as you would like it to appear on your name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

(If guest or spouse is registering at Guest/Spouse rate below)

I would like to be listed for a roommate:

Male  Female  Smoking  Non-smoking

Do you have any special needs?

Meals  Access  Other

Please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AFCC or NCJFCJ?  AFCC  NCJFCJ  Both

Please circle appropriate amount(s) Paid by Paid After  
below and total at the bottom Sept. 4 Sept. 4

### New Member Special (First-time members only)

Join AFCC or NCJFCJ for one year  
and register at the member rate!

AFCC new member special rate	\$140	\$140
NCJFCJ judicial new member special rate	\$185	\$185
NCJFCJ associate new member special rate	\$135	\$135

### AFCC/NCJFCJ Member Rates

Pre-conference Institute	\$130	\$150
Conference Registration	\$270	\$300
Certificate of Attendance	\$ 10	\$ 10

### Non-Member Rates

Pre-conference Institute	\$155	\$175
Conference Registration	\$315	\$350
Certificate of Attendance	\$ 15	\$ 15

### Other Registration Rates

Conference Presenter	\$175	\$175
Full-time Student (I.D. required, meals not included)	\$175	\$175
Guest/Spouse	\$175	\$195
Additional Luncheon Ticket	\$ 27	\$ 27

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.

Payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (U.S. currency only please)

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card  Visa  MasterCard

Sorry, we do not accept American Express, Diners Club or Discover.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Selections (You may select workshops from one track or mix and match. Please check one workshop number per time slot.)

#### Professional Tracks:

PC = Parenting Coordinators

CE = Custody Evaluators

L = Lawyers

M = Mediators

J = Judicial Officers

		<u>L</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>PC</u>
Friday, September 28	9:30am-12:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Friday, September 28	2:00pm-5:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
Saturday, September 29	9:00am-12:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 15
Saturday, September 29	1:30pm-4:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 20

#### Pre-conference Institute Selections

Thursday, September 27, 2007, 9:00am-5:00pm

If you have registered for an institute, please check only one of the following:

- 1. Legal Representation in DR Cases with Family Violence (L)
- 2. Mediating Cases with Enduring Conflict and Power Imbalances (M)
- 3. Advanced Issues in Child Custody Evaluation: DV and Alienation (CE)
- 4. The Child's Voice in Custody Disputes Involving DV and High Conflict (J)
- 5. The Parenting Coordination Process (PC)

You may register online at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org) or return the completed form and payment to:

#### AFCC

6525 Grand Teton Plaza

Madison, WI 53719

Phone: (608) 664-3750

Fax: (608) 664-3751

**Cancellation Policy:** Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by September 10, 2007 will be issued a full refund minus a \$60 service fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after September 10, 2007.

# Conference Highlights

## NCJFCJ and AFCC First-Time Collaboration

### *Featuring New Expanded Training Track Format!*

Parenting Coordination Training Track

Differentiating Domestic Violence  
for Judges and Mediators

Collaborative Practice Skill Building

Child Relocation Issues

The Voice of the Child  
in Custody Disputes

Evaluating Allegations of Abuse  
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