

COLI Projects/Initiatives

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Facilitating APA/ABA Relations -- Select APA and ABA presenters from the April 2008 APA/ABA Conference, *Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future - Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together*, expanded their presentations for publication in a special issue of the interdisciplinary journal, *Behavioral Science and the Law*, devoted to issues pertaining to divorce, separation, children and families. (Published July-August 2010, Volume 28, Number 4). This publication serves as a vehicle to apprise others of this collaborative APA/ABA effort and allows for greater distribution of some of the best work presented at the APA/ABA Conference.

COLI convened an open meeting during the Fall 2010 APA Consolidated Meeting to solicit input from Boards and Committees in identifying current psychological/legal issues or areas of interest that may be appropriate for future APA/ABA collaboration. **NCJFCJ, by virtue of its membership, is a powerful 501©3**

Judicial Ambassadors Initiative -- this judicial outreach initiative provides forums for building more effective relationships between the psychological and judicial communities. Efforts were made in 2010 to collaborate with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. COLI member, Lori C. Thomas, JD, PhD, served as a judicial ambassador at NCJFCJ's National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law addressing high conflict difficult clients and personality disorders. **But the APA an even more powerful, older 501©3**

Convention Programming -- COLI, during the 2010 APA Convention in San Diego, sponsored two programs as follows:
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▪ *Common Ethical and Legal Dilemmas: Psychologists, Families and Divorce Wars* - this session was the seventh COLI/Ethics Committee co-sponsored continuing education program addressing legal/ethical dilemmas raised in particular vignettes. **organized almost like a country, with state divs, subject matter divs, etc.**

▪ *APA's Role in the Battle for Marriage Equality: Bringing the Research to the Courts* - COLI member Charlotte Patterson Chaired the session with Nathalie Gilfoyle, APA General Counsel, and outside counsel, Paul Smith, serving as panelists. This well-attended session was part of a series of sessions addressing the issue of marriage equality. **Notice the terms reflect AFCC (NCJFCJ collaborator) jargon**