



COLORADO CHAPTER ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS

FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Armand Lebovits, L.C.S.W.

Welcome to our Fall 2012 Newsletter! I hope you were able to find some time to enjoy this long awaited autumn weather.

I want to acknowledge our 2012-2013 COAFCC Board of Directors and Committee Members who have already been very active volunteering their time as officers and directors, serving on and chairing our numerous committees. As you read our Fall Newsletter you will get to see that it literally takes a small village to operate our chapter programs that offer new information, ideas, and training to the multi-disciplined professionals who work with children and families in conflict.

Last May we held our COAFCC Annual Meeting and Elections, with a legislative update and discussion, by past board member, Bonnie Saltzman, Esq. We also recognized two of our founding members, Jennifer Feingold, Esq., (currently Past President) and Jack Gardner, Psy.D., (currently Treasurer) for their years of dedication and service to our chapter. Kate McNamara, Ph.D., was re-elected and currently serves as Vice President; Lenny Tanis, Esq., Charlene Slover, Psy.D. and Gary Reser, Ph.D., were elected to the board. In addition, we recently added April Freier as our Administrative Assistant to the Board of Directors.

The Outreach Committee successfully launched the 2012 Annual Western Slope Conference on "Child Alienation" in Grand Junction on October 5, 2012. We are very busy with preparing for our upcoming conference "Child and Family Evaluations in a Tight Economy: What are Best Practices?" with keynote speaker, Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP (and other legal and mental health professionals-see brochure) on Nov. 30th. Early registration ends on November 16th. This portends to be an exciting, informative and controversial event.

COAFCC in collaboration with the Boulder Interdisciplinary Committee (BIDC) and the Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee (MDIC) are in the initial stages of planning our Annual Joint Conference, set for March 22, 2013, with Nicholas Bala, J.D., LL.M. and Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., presenting on the topic of "Children Who Resist Post-separation Contact With A Parent: A Differential Approach For Legal And Mental Health Professionals" (see the AFCC, Family Court Review, January 2010 Journal article). Please save this date!

There are many board members and committee members that I have not acknowledged, that have contributed to supporting our chapter - please review our list of officers, chairpersons and committee members listed below.

I want to encourage you to tour the newly improved AFCC web site at www.afccnet.org as well as the COAFCC web site, www.coafcc.org to view and access all of the resources available to you; please pass on these web sites to your colleagues to obtain information about becoming a new member.

I hope to see you at our next scheduled event with speaker, Dr. Phil Stahl on November 30th!

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jennifer Feingold, J.D.

As the fall leaves continue to color the streets, it is clear that the time of thanks is upon us – a time to look back on the past year and reflect. In doing so, I am compelled to share that it has been my honor to serve on the COAFCC board as a founding member since 2006. I am so thankful for the extraordinary colleagues I have been fortunate enough to meet and work with over the years. All of us share a common goal – to better serve families amongst many different disciplines. The COAFCC is a cornucopia of ideas, data, research and passion all designed to advance AFCC's mission – to improve the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict.

I am so thankful for the hard-working members of COAFCC. As Armand mentioned, and it cannot be emphasized enough, COAFCC is truly a working board of volunteers who give up many hours to help make this organization thrive. From the officers to the board members to the committee members to those members that never fail to support COAFCC – thank you! COAFCC could not exist without your dedication and support. If you would like to get more involved, please do not hesitate to contact any board member and inquire how you could get involved with a committee.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to thank you all for letting me serve as your past-president. I hope that you are all able to take some time over the holiday season to appreciate and enjoy your family and loved ones!

What is the Colorado AFCC Chapter?

An interdisciplinary group of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. COAFCC promotes a collaborative approach to serving the needs of children among those who work in and with family law systems encouraging education, research, innovation, and identifying best practices. For more information or to join the AFCC or COAFCC please visit: www.afccnet.org and www.coafcc.org



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MEET OUR NEW COAFCC BOARD MEMBERS**CHARLENE SLOVER**

Charlene Slover, Psy.D., licensed psychologist, has over 25 years of experience working with children and families in the areas of crime victimization, trauma and custodial dispute issues. Prior to developing her private practice in 1994, she was employed by Adams Community Mental Health as an outpatient clinician and as an emergency crisis clinician. Since 1998 a significant portion of her practice has been working as a Special Advocate/Child and Family Investigator. She has been a member of an ENA team in the 17th Judicial District since 2008. In addition, to her clinical practice, Dr. Slover has served on the boards of CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties and North Metro Child Advocacy Center. She currently serves on the Multi-Disciplinary Case Review Committee in Jefferson County and is a volunteer on the Mental Health Team for the Mile High Chapter of Red Cross.

LEONARD TANIS

Leonard D. Tanis, J.D., graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, in 1971, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Psychology. He studied at New Brunswick Theological Seminary for two years in a Master of Arts program in Theology. Beginning in 1973, and tired of academia, Lenny worked for 17 years in retail sales and restaurants. In 1990, intent on finding a career where he could make a difference in people's lives, Lenny entered DU Law School. He obtained his Juris Doctorate in 1993, and began working with Bob Cooper and

by the beginning of 1996 the firm was specializing in the practice of family law. He is the past President of the Boulder IDC, has served on its Board for almost 10 years and also served as the Co-Chair of the Family Law Section of the BCBA. Before being elected to the COAFCC Board, Lenny acted as co-editor of the COAFCC Newsletter for the past several years.

GARY RESER

Gary Reser, Ph.D., LPC, is a therapist in private practice with offices in Denver, Castle Rock and Longmont. He has a somewhat eclectic background including careers in engineering, management, and for the past 15+ years, mental health. He has focused on providing therapy to individuals, couples and families with a primary interest in high conflict families since 1998 as a CFI, PC/DM/SM and the Nurturing Father's Program. Another aspect of Gary's practice involves outpatient services to adult sex offenders. He is a SOMB (Sex Offender Management Board) certified treatment provider and evaluator. Due to his dual qualifications, he has been used in CFI, PRE, and private therapy for divorce cases involving sexual assault allegations.

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Invites You to Attend our Fall 2012 Conference

Child and Family Evaluations in a Tight Economy: What are Best Practices?

Presented by Keynote Speaker:

Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic)

and

Expert Panel:

Kevin Albert, Psy.D. (Colorado Family Center)

Frances Fontana, J.D. (Fontana & Associates)

Andrew Loizeaux, Psy.D. (Katz and Loizeaux Forensic Services)

Honorable Robert H. Russell II (Littleton Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Lunch Speaker:

Honorable Elizabeth A. Weishaupl (18th Judicial District)

Friday, November 30, 2012
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek
Skyline Ballroom
1475 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80222

More than ever before, Parental Responsibility Evaluators and Child and Family Investigators are being asked to do more with less, yet the issues presented by litigating parents are often complex, requiring significant time and expertise to properly assess. Additionally, the scientific knowledge base about the best interests of the child in high conflict families is ever expanding, requiring increasing expertise to properly analyze and evaluate the specific issues and family dynamics of a case. Meanwhile, economic and other pressures are demanding speedy, less thorough and less costly assessments of these very difficult families. COAFCC invites you to join us for a day with Dr. Philip Stahl and a panel of local experts to discuss the best practices for evaluating children and families, as either a PRE or CFI, in light of current pressures.

Philip Stahl, Ph.D.: Philip Stahl, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist based in Maricopa County, Arizona, although his work has taken him all over the country for over 30 years. Dr. Stahl is a practitioner, teacher, and author, specializing in high conflict families of divorce. He has served on numerous committees and task forces designed to improve the quality of work in his field. In addition, Dr. Stahl teaches judges, attorneys, psychologists and other mental health professionals about issues affecting families and children.

Dr. Stahl conducts child custody evaluations, as well as serves as a reviewer of child custody evaluations (Work Product Reviews) and a consultant and expert witness in child custody litigation. He takes a leading role in helping attorneys understand the strengths and weaknesses of such evaluations and assisting in cross-examination when needed.

Dr. Stahl received his B.S. in Psychology in 1972 and his Ph.D. in 1983 from the University of Michigan. Dr. Stahl began his work in child guidance clinics in Michigan where he began to develop his interest in divorce. He has presented workshops for judges throughout the country, and is on the faculty of the National Judicial College, and is a frequent presenter at programs of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Dr. Stahl is on the Editorial Review Board of AFCC's journal *Family Court Review* and the *Journal of Child Custody*. He was on the AFCC task force that drafted the AFCC's *Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation* (2006). Along with his teaching, Dr. Stahl has written extensively on various issues in high-conflict divorce and custody evaluations. His previous books have included *Conducting Child Custody Evaluations: A Comprehensive Guide* (1994), *Complex Issues in Custody Evaluations* (1999), *Parenting After Divorce* (2nd e., 2008); and he is the co-editor of *Relocation Issues in Child Custody Cases* (2006) and *Conducting Child Custody Evaluations: From Basic to Complex Issues* (2011). His forthcoming book, titled, *Forensic Psychology Consultation in Child Custody Litigation: A Handbook for Work Product Review, Case Preparation, and Expert Testimony*, is expected to be published in early 2013 by the Family Law Section of The American Bar Association.

DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATIVE EVENT! FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND HOW TO REGISTER, PLEASE SEE THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.

AFCC 49th Annual Conference Recap

Attachment, Brain Science and Children of Divorce: The ABCDs of Child Development for Family Law

Charlene Slover, Ph.D.

The 49th Annual AFCC Conference, "Attachment, Brain Science and Children of Divorce: The ABCDs of Child Development for Family Law" was held in Chicago on June 6th-9th, 2012. The Conference provided an amazing learning opportunity through presentations by preeminent experts in these current and evolving issues. From the pre-conference institutes through the plenary and breakout sessions, the workshops provided panels and discussions on the various perspectives that attachment and brain science considerations play in determining the best interests of children. Important contributors were Allan Schore, Robin Deutsch, Carol George, Robert Marvin, Leslie Drozd, Robert Emery, Jennifer McIntosh, Marsha Kline Pruett, Janet Johnston, Joan Kelly, Jean Clinton, Bill Eddy, and many more who addressed the title subject. One of those was Philip Stahl, who will be coming to Colorado as keynote speaker for our upcoming COAFFC conference on November 30, 2012. During the breakout sessions, many other important topics were presented, some by familiar COAFFC chapter members: Christie Coates, Kate McNamara, Dan Mosley, Shelley Bresnick, Julie Van Heyningen and Bill Austin.

Chicago was beautiful and the facility was great— although very crowded for some of the popular programs - and well organized by the AFCC. Participants received most of the materials digitally in advance, and could obtain much of the rest at or after the conference. The conference provided a perfect complement to the *Family Court Review* special edition July 2011, which focused on attachment.

2012 MDIC-COAFCC Joint Conference Recap

Kate McNamara, Ph.D.

The MDIC-COAFCC Joint Conference was held on February 24, 2012, at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. The conference featured Mr. Bill Eddy, LCSW, CFLS who presented on “Understanding and Managing High Conflict Personalities.” Mr. Eddy has published several books on how to manage difficult clients in legal disputes. In the morning session, Mr. Eddy provided an overview of five “high conflict” personality disorders and how to effectively work with them as an attorney, mental health professional, judge or alternative dispute resolver. In the afternoon, he described his “New Ways for Families Program” and presented a video demonstration. Mr. Eddy’s “New Ways” program is a structured counseling program for high conflict parents. It is court ordered early in the divorce process when one parent aims to restrict the other parent’s access to the children. It occurs prior to the parties engaging in mediation or going to court for final orders, and attempts to teach parents new ways to approach family problems and issues. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the skills of both parents in four areas: 1) using flexible thinking when dealing with the other parent, 2) managing upset emotions during the separation or divorce, 3) using moderate behaviors with the other parent and children, and 4) validating their own strengths and qualities. After six confidential, individual parent sessions, each parent participates in three parent-child sessions during which the parents are helped to teach those same skills to their children. For more information go to: www.HighConflictInstitute.com



The Board of Directors at the Joint Conference

SUMMARY OF THE COAFCC 2012 WESTERN SLOPE CONFERENCE ON ALIENATION

Barbara Donica Pevny, MA, LPC

COAFCC held its third annual Western Slope Conference in Grand Junction on October 5, 2012. The program was well received by many and deemed very educational. Western Slope participants are eager for additional training. Magistrate Rubinstein was the lunch time speaker on "*How the Bench Views Child Alienation.*" Bob Backerman, Marc Vick, Kathleen McNamara, Ann Gushurst, and Martelle Daniels provided mental health professional and attorney perspectives on the issue of alienation of children cases involving child custody.

A definition of parental alienation and an alienated child set the stage for the day of presenters reviewing the adversarial family system and how and when alienating factors most influence these cases. The developmental ages of vulnerability for a child to become alienated and blame one parent over the other for the divorce is most often between 8 and 15 years. Parenting behaviors can also influence children as well, such as when children witness domestic violence or tribal warfare amongst family and friends. There are many mixed cases of affinity or alignment for one parent rather than an alienated child. The distinguishing factor is that pathological behaviors are demonstrated in a truly alienated child. Although the best interest standards encourage contact between child and parent, an alienated child and parent need strong therapeutic interventions in order to have success in such contacts. Therapeutic work with the alienating parent to learn how to "lengthen the leash" to encourage a relationship with the estranged parent is most helpful. Building a relationship without openly confronting the parenting beliefs is recommended to encourage therapeutic visits and aid in building a child's own power in decisions to have a relationship with the estranged parent.

Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D., offered a therapeutic model of reunification therapy using a single therapist for the entire family system. The therapy is non-confidential and the therapist does not weigh in on the parenting time plan for the family. This model works only when the parents are willing to modify their own behaviors. Treatment is most successful when there is early intervention, parent cooperation and support from attorneys and the judiciary. Attorneys Ann Gushurst and Martelle Daniels offered their views of the legal system and family systems not working well together, especially for families where there is not an "easily fixable" problem. Most importantly, rejected parents feel that time matters and delays in the legal system may impede their willingness to allow the time needed for therapeutic interventions. The difficulty an attorney faces in the conflict between the ethical duty to represent the client versus advising the client in ways to foster the ideal of "do no harm to children" was explored.

NEW DISCLOSURE RULES UNDER SB 12-056

Leonard D. Tanis, Esq.

During the last session, the Colorado Legislature passed revisions to numerous statutes that became effective July 1, 2012, which directly impact everyone working as court appointed persons in cases involving custody issues, including but certainly not limited to all CFI's, PRE's, PC's, DM's. As stated in the revised CFI appointment statute, the appointed person must, within

seven days of their appointment, “disclose to each party, attorney of record and the court any familial, financial, or social relationship that the appointed person has or has had with the child, either party, the attorney of record, or the judicial office and, if a relationship exists, the nature of the relationship.” The statute C.R.S. § 14-10-116.5(2.5)(a), allows seven days for a party to object to the appointment and, if that happens, the court has seven additional days to either confirm the appointment or appoint another person. A form for the disclosure is available at the end of this Newsletter and is also available at the judicial website (www.courts.state.co.us/) as form JDF 1338. What remains to be determined, which this writer thinks could be a potent weapon for disgruntled litigants, is the meaning of the terms “financial, or social relationship.”

District Judge Robert H. Russell, II, Retires

After a total of twenty-seven years, seven months and seven days (not that anyone counted), Judge Robert Russell of the Arapahoe County District Court retired on May 31, 2012. Bob has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Chapter of AFCC for the last two years. Post retirement he has busied himself with a private mediation/arbitration practice, affiliating with LADR Mediation, Inc. in Littleton, Colorado. In addition to med/arb, Bob is involved with appointed judge work, case consultation and his PC/DM work. He misses the bench but does not at all miss having to be at his desk at 6:30 in the morning to keep up with cases and paperwork.

Bob attended law school while in the Air Force, stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Washington. He was in the initial class at the University Of Puget Sound School Of Law and graduated from there on Law Day 1975. On May 17, 1976, the anniversary of the *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* decision, he was sworn in to the practice of law in Colorado. He served the last eight years of his Air Force as a Judge Advocate. After retiring from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel, he practiced law briefly with his wife, Catharyn, before he became a Deputy District Attorney in the Eighteenth Judicial District. Appearing before all of the sitting county judges of Arapahoe County, he was selected to become a Magistrate on October 25, 1985. As a magistrate, Bob heard bench trials in civil cases, traffic infractions, and traffic violations. During his most productive year, he heard 222 trials and closed in excess of 21,000 cases. Governor Roy Romer appointed Bob a County Court Judge in June 1989. As a County Court Judge, Bob heard traffic, misdemeanor and civil jury trials. He heard felony trials while sitting by special appointment as a District Court Judge. He also wrote several opinions on Municipal Court appeals. In August 1998, Governor Romer appointed Bob a District Court Judge. Although he has spent the majority of his district court tenure on the domestic bench, Bob completed a rotation in a criminal division where he was assigned, among other cases, a three defendant death penalty case.

Bob is an active member of the Minoru Yasui American Inns of Court, as well as the Colorado, Arapahoe County and Sam Cary Bar Associations. He is the only person to serve both as president of Sam Cary Bar Association and the Arapahoe County Bar Association. He has also served as a Vice President of the Colorado Bar Association.

Bob is married to Catharyn Ann Baird, Professor Emerita of Business at Regis University and a business owner. Between them, they have four children, Jeanne, Phaedra, Thor and Robert and seven grandchildren. They are active members of Saint Martin's in the Field Episcopal Church.

Case Law Update 2012

Natalie C. Simpson, Esq. & Steven B. Epstein, Esq. of Litvak Litvak Mehrstens and Epstein, P.C.

In *In re Parental Responsibilities Concerning T.L.B. and M.A.B.*, 272 P.3d 1148 (January 19, 2012) the court held that the Hague Convention does not *require* a state to which a child has been taken to decide final parental responsibilities in all cases in which the child is not returned.

In re the Marriage of Brandt, 268 P.3d 406 (January 23, 2012). "Presently reside" under section C.R.S. §14-13-202(1)(b) and 203(1)(b) requires the weighing of factors not limited to: length and reasons for the parents' and child's absence from the issuing state; intent in departing/returning to the state; reserve and active military assignments; where they maintain a home, car, driver's license, job, professional licensure, and voting registration; where they pay state taxes; the issuing state's determination of residency; and any other circumstances demonstrated by evidence.

In *In re the Parental Responsibilities of B.R.D.*, No. 2012 COA 63 (Colo. App., April 12, 2012) the child was given up for adoption at birth, and placed with non-biological parents. Upon discovering the child, Father wanted parenting time. The Court held that as the child's biological parent, unlike the non-biological caretakers, Father rights were constitutionally protected.

In *In re the Marriage Beatty and Turner*, 2012 COA 71 (Colo. App., April 26, 2012), the Court of Appeals found that the doctrine of equitable estoppel does not apply to the enforcement of oral agreements to reduce child support, although it may allow relief from accrued arrearages.

In re the Marriage of Leverett, 2012 COA 69 (Colo. App., April 26, 2012). The award of an arbiter appointed under C.R.S. §14-10-128.5, which has not been confirmed by the district court, is not enforceable as a "court order" under Colorado's contempt rule.

In *In re the Marriage of Paige*, 2012 COA 83 (Colo. App., May 10, 2012) the court stated that pursuant to C.R.S. §14-10-122(5), when a mutually agreed upon change of physical care occurs, the provisions for child support of the obligor under the existing support order will be modified as of the date when physical care was changed. Because statute does not specify that the agreement must be in writing, the case of an oral agreement requires an evidentiary hearing.

In re the Interest of B.B.O., 277 P.3d 818 (Colo. May 29, 2012). Upon Father's death, the child's half-sister petitioned for parental responsibilities. The child's Mother objected. Parental consent is not required in order to protect a parent's fundamental liberty interest to his or her child.

In re the Marriage of Wiggins, 2012 CO 44; (Colo. June 18, 2012) C.R.C.P. 45 prohibits an

attorney from accepting subpoenaed documents from a subpoenaed witness in advance of the specified deposition, hearing, or trial, therefore affording sufficient opportunity for objection. An attorney may receive subpoenaed documents from a subpoenaed witness in advance if he or she obtains consent from all parties to the case as well as the subpoenaed witness.

In *In re the Parental Responsibilities of D.T.*, 2012 COA 142, (Colo. App., August 30, 2012) the Court of Appeals held that by seeking out a third party's help in child-rearing, a young, inexperienced mother does not cede parental authority or grant that party standing.

In re the Marriage of Joel, 2012 COA 128 (Colo. App., August 2, 2012)

When a marriage is deemed invalid, any fraud related thereto precludes an award of any property attributable one party's contributions or an award of maintenance.

CONFERENCE FEE REDUCTION

The Board of Directors of the COAFCC, at their April 13, 2011, meeting, also adopted a policy allowing a 25% reduction in registration fees for practitioners and employees of nonprofit organizations at all future COAFCC sponsored events. A "Conference Fee Reduction Committee" was established that includes, Robert Backerman, Cindie Farmer and Robert Russell who will be responsible for determining eligibility for fee reductions at future events

UPDATING OR MODIFYING YOUR PROFILE IN THE COAFCC SEARCHABLE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ***Armand Lebovits, LCSW, CAC III***

COAFCC has a searchable membership directory at our website: www.coafcc.org. This is a public directory that can be updated by individual members and is password protected. You can find the directory by clicking on the "Search for Members" button on the left side of the home page. The list of members can be searched by name (at the bottom of the page), city or practice type. Each member should update their profile by including information about their own practice types, professional memberships, fees and other descriptive data. You can access your profile by clicking on the "Membership Directory" or the "Become a Member of COAFCC or AFCC" links on the homepage. Once you find your own listing, more information can be displayed by clicking on the "More Information" link on the right side of the listing, which brings up a more detailed listing. To modify this listing, click on the "modify" link located on the bottom right corner of the page - the link will appear somewhat washed-out. Clicking on "modify" takes you to a page that requests a password. Your initial password is "password" (all lower case letters). Once you access your listing, ***you should change your initial password.*** If you forget your password, you can click on the "Password Help" button and your password will be e-mailed to the e-mail address in the database. Once you have modified your profile click on "submit" to save the changes.

Child and Family Evaluations in a Tight Economy: What are Best Practices?

Program

8:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome and Introductions: Armand Lebovits, LCSW and Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D.
8:45 - 10:15	Best Practice Evaluations: Philip Stahl, Ph.D.
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Work Product Reviews: Philip Stahl, Ph.D.
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Topic - CFI's & PRE's: A View from the Bench: Hon. Elizabeth A. Weishaupl, J.D. (lunch provided)
1:00 - 2:30	Discussion Panel on Best Practices for both Parental Responsibility Evaluators and Child & Family Investigators: Philip Stahl, Ph.D.; Kevin Albert, Psy.D.; Frances Fontana, J.D.; Hon. Robert H. Russell, II, J.D.; and Andrew Loizeaux, Psy.D.
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:45	Concluding Insights and Remarks: Philip Stahl, Ph.D.
3:45 - 4:00	Discussion

Seven (7) General and One (1) Ethics CLE Credits requested

Registration Fees:

\$125.00 COAFCC members registered before November 16, 2012
\$150.00 Non-members registered before November 16, 2012
\$135.00 COAFCC members registered after November 16, 2012
\$160.00 Non-members registered after November 16, 2012
\$ 50.00 CD of program

Registration Fees discounted (as of date registered) 25% for graduate or law students, CASA volunteers, SCAO employees and legal or mental health professionals in practice three years or less:

\$ 93.75 COAFCC members registered before November 16, 2012
\$112.50 Non-members registered before November 16, 2012
\$101.25 COAFCC members registered after November 16, 2012
\$120.00 Non-members registered after November 16, 2012

Register online at www.coafcc.org

OR

Mail this form with your check made payable to:
COAFCC - c/o Jack Gardner, Psy.D.
1228 8th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

Full refunds if cancelled 2 weeks prior to the date of the program.

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and parking.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ (print clearly)

Please check all that apply: COAFCC Member: ____

Registering Before 11/16: ____ Registering After 11/16: ____

CD Only: ____ 25% Discount Eligible: ____

Enter Total amount paid: \$ _____

Please mark if you require a vegetarian meal: ____

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Riding the Wave of the Future: Global Voices, Expanding Choices

May 29-June 1, 2013

JW Marriott Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONFERENCE

The COAFCC Board and AFCC are offering a matching scholarship for the 50th Annual AFCC National Conference in Los Angeles, CA, May 29-June 1, 2012. This scholarship will include the pre-conference institute and conference registration fee; the fee covers all conference sessions and materials, electronic conference proceedings, certificate of attendance, opening reception, awards luncheon, annual banquet and the AFCC hospitality suite. Other costs for the conference will be the responsibility of the recipient, including air and ground travel, hotel, rental car, and all meals other than those mentioned above.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a COAFCC member.
- Commit to attending the conference.
- Commit to participation on any COAFCC committee for one year beginning the summer of 2012.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by random draw of all qualified entries. To be considered, contact Armand Lebovits at armandlebovitslcsw@gmail.com.

No

2. If yes, please explain the nature of the relationship? _____

3. Does the relationship that is explained above represent a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety in your opinion?

Yes

No - Please Explain

answer: _____

(Answering Yes to Question 3 requires that you decline appointment in this case. If you have answered NO, please complete the form and disclose to each party, attorneys of record, and the court.)

Appointments and Objections

If you disclose "any familial, financial, or social relationship" and a party objects to the appointment the appointee shall:

- CFI appointment: Wait for the court to determine if the appointment should continue. If the court finds a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety exists you shall not serve. CFI's are forbidden by Chief Justice Directive to seek or accept appointments were a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety exists.
- Decision Maker appointment: Immediately decline the appointment when parties object. Statute and Chief Justice Directive prohibit appointment of Decision Maker without the agreement of the parties.
- PC, PRE and CLR: Wait for the court to determine if the appointment should continue when a party objects. Statute and Chief Justice Directive do not prohibit appointment without agreement of the parties; however the Court must confirm your appointment after an objection is filed in order to serve.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on _____ (Date), I mailed, faxed, e-filed, or hand-delivered a copy of this Order to the following:

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner *pro se*

Attorney for Co-Petitioner/Respondent or Co-Petitioner/Respondent *pro se*

Professional Evaluator

Other: _____
