

Current Critical Issues in Family Law



Vital information for all mental health professionals and child custody recommending counselors (CCRCs) who perform evaluations/mediations and for legal professionals who handle custody cases or high-conflict dissolutions in Family Court.

This one-day training will provide thought-provoking and innovative ideas and discussion about the changing face of families and family law.



Friday, September 22, 2017

Arden Hills Resort and Spa

1220 Arden Hills Lane Sacramento 95864

No refunds will be made for cancellation after 9/12/2017. For full registration materials, brochure and continuing education information, contact Lindie Newlin at (916) 455-5200 or Lindie@DivorceWithRespect.com

Program Outline

7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Registration

7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Introduction and Announcements

Diane Wasznicky, JD, CFLS

8:00 - 9:45 a.m. Addressing the Family Law Needs of LGBTQ Clients, Part I

Frank Davis, PhD; Deborah Wald, JD, CFLS

Lesbian, gay and transgender clients have walked a different path on their way to family court. It is important for attorneys, judges and mental health professionals to be aware of how these families' experiences differ from the experiences of more traditional families. This session will address ways that lesbians and gay men become parents, including the use of assisted reproduction and the implications of these choices within the context of custody proceedings.

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Family Law Needs of LGBTQ Clients, Part II

This session will address some of the other legal and psychological issues presented by lesbian and gay dissolutions, parentage, and custody disputes as well as an overview of the special issues presented by cases involving transgender parents and/or gender non-conforming children.

11:45 - 12:00 noon Break

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch/Video Presentation

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. Break



1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Marijuana's Impact on Parenting

Linda Tell, RN, MFT; Sue Ramsden, JD, Forensic Toxicology Analyst

The presenters will discuss the signs and symptoms children manifest as a result of a parent's use of marijuana; effects upon the family when a parent "uses" medically versus recreationally; how to detect medical versus recreational use; effects of marijuana when combined with other substances; and writing a court order for drug testing, all within the context of the use/possession of marijuana in California now being legal.



Program Outline, Continued

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 - 5:00 p.m. **Child's "Preference" or Child's "Voice": What is the Difference and Why Does It Matter?**

Hon. Bunmi Awonyi; Diane Wasznicky, JD, CFLS; Carol Greenfield, MFT

The presenters will discuss recent legislation regarding FC Section 3042 on Children's Preferences--the pitfalls and concerns involved as well as potential solutions. Topics to be addressed include the potential conflict between guidelines for receiving child testimony and other input as set forth in California Rules of Court 5.250 and the application of the recent Supreme Court decision in *People v. Sanchez*; what impact, if any, will there be on admissibility or otherwise of the CCRC's recommendation if the child will not testify; and additional discussion will be provided with regard to Minor's Counsel/Special Masters as time allows.

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SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!

Early Registration: \$200 per person

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****CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST****
Includes beverages, fresh fruit, pastries, bagels

****LUNCHEON SELECTION (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE)****

Blackened Shrimp Greek Salad *No flesh*

Southwest Chicken Salad *No flesh*

BBQ Grilled Chicken Sandwich

****DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED****

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

MCLE and Family Law Specialization: 8 hours of credit pending.

MFTs, LCSWs and Psychologists: Association of Family and Conciliation Court-California Chapter (AFCC-CA) is approved by the California Psychological Association (CPA) to provide continuing professional education for psychologists. The California BBS now recognizes CPA continuing education credit for license renewal for LCSWs and MFTs. AFCC-CA maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.

Other: Application for approval by the Judicial Council is pending for Court-connected child custody mediators/CCRCs pursuant to CRC 5.210(f); for child custody evaluators under CRC 5.225 (d) and (i); and for Minor's Counsel under CRC 5.242 (c) and (e).