

General information

The Essentials of Parenting Coordination: Helping High Conflict Parents Resolve Post-Separation Disputes

March 10–11, 2014, 8:30am–4:00pm

Pitfalls, Process and Prescriptions: Advanced Strategies for Managing Parenting Coordination Cases

March 12–13, 2014, 8:30am–4:00pm

Location: Loyola University Chicago, Philip H. Corboy Law Center, 25 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Joan B. Kelly, PhD

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Robin M. Deutsch, PhD

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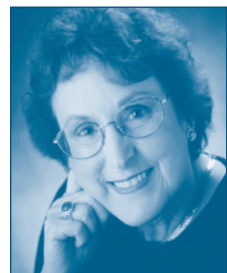
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Parents with continuing disputes and chronic litigation about their children after separation or divorce present a difficult problem for courts, lawyers and mental health professionals and increase their children's risk for psychological and social problems. This training program will focus on the parenting coordination model, its structure and process, effective agreements or court orders, sources of authority, range of disputes resolved, managing client communications, practice and ethical issues, case examples and analyses in group exercises.

Participants in this two-day training program will learn to:

- Understand the rationale and research underlying the development of the parenting coordination intervention and its current status;
- Understand the hybrid nature of the parenting coordination model combining education, mediation and arbitration, and when and how to use each with high conflict parents;
- Understand the most recent empirical research on high conflict parents, types of conflict most destructive for children, and buffers that help protect children;
- Understand the mechanisms for defining and allocating the PC's authority in the court order or consent agreement, and the types of disputes typically addressed by parenting coordinators;
- Distinguish between parenting coordination and psychotherapy or serving as a lawyer;
- Identify procedures for ensuring parental informed consent and beginning cases;
- Understand the value of including children in parenting coordination processes;
- Understand techniques for writing precise decisions by evaluating examples of parenting plans and PC decisions following arbitration of parenting disputes;
- Describe ethical situations that arise and the need for case consultation and mentoring; and
- Consider what cases are inappropriate for parenting coordination.

About the Presenter



Joan B. Kelly, PhD, is a clinical child psychologist and former Executive Director of the Northern California Mediation Center. Her research, practice and teaching over 42 years has focused on children's adjustment to divorce, custody and parenting plans, divorce mediation, using child development research in custody and access decisions, and parenting coordination. She has published more than 100 articles and chapters, including three chapters in a forthcoming APA comprehensive practice guide on parenting coordination. Her book, *Surviving the Breakup: How Children and Parents Cope with Divorce*, remains a classic resource. Dr. Kelly is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, received the Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research and Meyer Elkin Awards

from AFCC, and served as a member of the AFCC Parenting Coordination Task Force and APA Task Force for the Development of Parenting Coordination Guidelines.

Agenda

Monday, March 10, 2014, 8:30am–4:00pm

1. Parenting coordination: definitions, objectives, type of disputes, hybrid role, qualifications, legal context, and sources of authority
2. Continued parental conflict after divorce—who, why, and impact on children's adjustment
3. Domestic violence differentiation and appropriateness of parenting coordination
4. Critical elements in consent agreements or court orders for parenting coordination
5. Getting referrals, setting up cases, parental informed consent, beginning the case
6. Case analyses, setting priorities, negotiating agreements
7. Making decisions as a PC—arbitration, drafting effective decisions

Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 8:30am–4:00pm

1. Ethical and clinical issues in serving as parenting coordinators
2. Managing the PC process: Disengaging parents, client communications
3. Mini-dispute scenarios—small group analyses and discussion
4. Including children in the parenting coordination process
5. Complex case analysis—group exercise and discussion
6. Using social science research to educate parents about conflict
7. PC role in special situations (e.g., relocation)
8. Developing a PC program and practice

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Parents who are in chronic high conflict pose particular difficulties for the courts, the professionals who are involved with them and their children. Participants in this advanced training will learn strategies to work effectively with difficult clients, including those with personality disorders, and manage cases where children resist contact with a parent. Vignettes and small group processes will be employed.

Participants in this two-day training program will learn to:

- Recognize the characteristics of PC clients that make them challenging;
- Identify communication strategies to help parents disengage but share information;
- Use social science research to educate clients about the effects of conflict on their children and the co-parenting process, and children's developmental needs;
- Gain understanding of and strategies to deal with families when a child is resisting conflict;
- Participate in small group processes to apply knowledge and skills;
- Identify ways to consider the child's voice;
- Gain competence in management strategies for when the PC process gets derailed;
- Explore use of collaborative teams to work with high conflict parents; and
- Explore strategies to manage and minimize professional risk.

About the Presenter



Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, is the Director of the Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (MSPP). She practices as a therapist, consultant, mediator and parent coordinator. For over 20 years Dr. Deutsch conducted child custody evaluations and was the training director of the Children and the Law program at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has published extensively on issues related to attachment, alienation, co-parenting after divorce, high conflict divorce, parenting plans and parenting coordination, and is the co-author of *7 Things Your Teenager Won't Tell You and How to*

Talk About Them Anyway (Ballantine 2005, 2011). She is a former president of the AFCC Board of Directors, former Chair of the American Psychological Association (APA) Ethics Committee and served on the AFCC Parenting Coordination Task Force and APA Task Force for the Development of Parenting Coordination Guidelines.

Agenda

Wednesday March 12, 2014, 8:30am–4:00pm

1. Dealing with personality disorders and difficult clients
2. Teaching and enforcing disengagement through communication for co-parents
3. Using social science research to educate co-parents: effects of high conflict and who are your children?
4. Enter the child's voice

Thursday March 13, 2014, 8:30am–4pm

1. Managing child contact problems: justified rejection and alienation
2. Managing collaborative teams
3. When the PC process gets derailed: case vignettes, discussion
4. PC practice risks: strategies to manage and minimize risk

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