



The Florida Chapter of AFCC: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Fifth Annual Conference

Resolving Family Conflicts:

Innovations, Initiatives & Advanced Skills

October 28-29, 2005 • Tampa, Florida

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hon. Barbara J. Pariente
Chief Justice Florida Supreme Court

FEATURED SPEAKER

Justice Harvey Brownstone
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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CONFERENCE CAPSULE

Friday, October 28, 2005

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Pre-Conference Institute Registration

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Conference Registration/Exhibition Forum
Book Sales

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

Pre-Conference Institutes

12 NOON - 12:30 PM

FLAFCC Membership Meeting

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Opening Plenary Luncheon

Break, Networking Opportunity, Continuing
Book Sales and Exhibitor Forum

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Workshops 1-5

Break, Networking Opportunity, Continuing
Book Sales and Exhibitor Forum

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Expert Debate Panel

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

Cocktail Reception/Silent Auction

7:30 PM - ???

FLAFCC Hospitality Suite

Saturday, October 29, 2005

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast Area Networking/Exhibitor Forum

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Workshops 6-10

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Break, Networking Opportunity, Continuing
Book Sales and Exhibitor Forum

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Closing Plenary

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

FLACC Board of Directors Meeting

Why Participate in the FLAFCC Conference 2005?

This is an opportunity for you to support collaborative efforts in our State to minimize potentially harmful adversarial litigation and strengthen family relationships whenever it is appropriate. You will be able to interact with professionals from other disciplines as we work together to craft more effective responses to assist families in conflict. Your work will be personally and professionally rewarding. Families are still the foundation of our society. When we improve how they function and protect the interests of children in our communities, we improve the quality of life for everyone.

What is FLAFCC?

Florida AFCC is a statewide chapter of the international organization of AFCC, an association of family, court and community professionals dedicated to the constructive resolution of family disputes. Florida AFCC members have a unique opportunity to exchange information and expertise with a worldwide network of judges, lawyers, mediators, mental health professionals, court administrators, accountants, educators, social workers, researchers and other professionals involved in family law. AFCC members are on the cutting edge, developing and refining innovative interdisciplinary techniques and programs for children and families around the world. By joining FLAFCC, you will have access to state and international training programs to learn about these interventions and how they can benefit families and children involved in the Florida legal system.

Visit our websites to learn more about AFCC (www.afccnet.org) and FLAFCC (www.flafcc.org). You can join on-line or contact Norberto Katz directly at (407) 836-2112 or ctadnkl@occnjcc.org for information regarding FLAFCC membership.

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM

SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

- 1 Protections in Parent Coordination: Obligations of the Courts, the Parties and the Parenting Coordinator** - This multidisciplinary panel will present diverse opinions on legal, psychological and moral dilemmas facing this new dispute resolution process. *Debra Carter, Ph.D., Hon. Alice Blackwell-White, Ann Sell, LMHC, Kate Halvorsen, Esq., Pat Shimansky*
- 2 Challenging Ethical Issues in Family and Dependency Mediation** - This lively session will focus on what family and dependency mediators need to know about ethical business practices, future and past work, professional advice and confidentiality based on MEAC opinions and actual mediator grievances. *Sharon Press, Esq. and Nancy Blanton, LMHC*
- 3 Co-parenting Issues in Nontraditional Families** - An up close and personal exploration of the dynamics and challenges in working with unconventional family units. In today's society, there are numerous constellations of family units in which children are being raised: same-sex partners, multi-racial and religiously diverse couples, surrogate parents, extended families and others. Find out how we can best support and assist these parents and children when they become embroiled in family law disputes. *Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Hon. Harvey Brownstone, Michael Freeman, Luz Rivera, LMHC*
- 4 Marketing Your Professional Practice** - This multidisciplinary panel of successful practitioners will share their experiences and provide tips to increase your ability to practice and manage the business aspect of your profession. *Richard West, Esq., Michael Spelman, Ph.D., Marvin Metheny, CPA*
- 5 Abbreviated Custody Evaluations and Innovative Custody Resolution Strategies** - Familiarize yourself with alternatives to formal custody evaluations, discuss brief, parent focus protocols, the Utah courts custody settlement conference model and the innovative court-based parenting tribunal. *Hon. Hugh Starnes, Shelly Finman, Esq., Mary Ellen Frazier, Psy.D., Jill Sanders, Ph.D., Deborah Silver, Psy.D.*

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONCILIATION COURTS - FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE -

Resolving Family Conflicts: Innovations, Initiatives & Advanced Skills

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

Noon - 12:30 PM
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

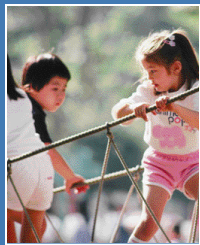
FLAFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LUNCHEON: Keynote Speaker: Hon. Barbara Pariente, Chief Justice Florida Supreme Court
"Unified Family Courts: Innovations, Initiatives and Advanced Skills"

Presentation of New Board Members, Elected Officers and Awards

BREAK, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY, CONTINUING BOOK SALES, EXHIBITOR FORUM WORKSHOPS

- 1 Child Hearsay Motion: Should Children Testify in Dependency and Family Court?**
Mary Jayashekaramurthy, Esq., Mark Adelstein, Esq., Miquel Firpi, Ph.D.
- 2 Collaborative Law: New Challenges and Opportunities for Lawyers and Experts**
Hon. Hugh Starnes, Shelly Finman, Esq., Marvin Metheny, CPA, Deborah Silver, Psy.D.
- 3 Rotating Custody: The Law, The Lore and The Lessons Learned**
Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., Hon. Judith Kreeger, Evan Marks, Esq., Phil Stahl, Ph.D.
- 4 Bounds of Advocacy: When Zealous Advocacy is Out-of-Bounds**
Richard West, Esq., Barbara Kelly, Ph.D., Hon. Raymond McNeal
- 5 Domestic Violence: Beyond the Basics**
Paul Schweinler, LMHC



3:45 PM - 4:00 PM
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

BREAK, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY, CONTINUING BOOK SALES, EXHIBITOR FORUM

Diversity Issues and Alternative Lifestyle Families: Ethical and Practical Challenges

Speaker: Honorable Harvey Brownstone Panel of Experts: Hon. Judith Kreeger, Judicial Hearing Officer Norberto Katz, David Baker-Hargrove, LMHC

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION (Cash Bar)

SILENT AUCTION

7:30 PM - ???

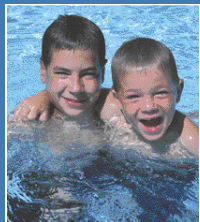
HOSPITALITY SUITE - Hosted by *Hon. Raymond and Mrs. Marilyn McNeal*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2005

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

BREAKFAST NETWORKING WORKSHOPS

- 6 Divorce and Dealing with Financial Grief**
JoAnne Holt, CPA, Ann Sell, LMHC, Stephen D. Thompson, Esq., Ronald J. Baier, LCSW, NBCCH, Denise L. Baier, LMHC
- 7 Children Aging Out of the System: The Road to Independence**
Hon. Sue Robbins
- 8 Parenting Coordination: Tough Questions, Hard Answers and Statewide Update**
Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Debra Carter, Ph.D., Lawrence Datz, Esq., Nina Zollo, Esq.
- 9 Advanced Topics for Custody Evaluators**
Jill Sanders, Ph.D.
- 10 Judicial Settlement Conferences: What Really Happens?**
Hon. Alice-Blackwell-White



10:30 AM - 10:45 AM
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

BREAK, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY, CONTINUING BOOK SALES, EXHIBITOR FORUM CLOSING PLENARY

Developing Parenting Plans: Taking Our Knowledge to Action

Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., FLAFCC President, Debra Carter, Ph.D., FLAFCC President Elect Break out Groups, Awards and More!

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

FLAFCC: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

COUNT ME IN -

FLAFCC SILENT AUCTION

Look forward to attending our Silent Auction and bidding on jewelry, gift certificates, restaurant and hotel reservations... All items contributed by attendees will be greatly appreciated and will help make this FLAFCC fund-raising activity more fun for everyone. Please contact Nancy Blanton at Blanton.Nancy@Jud3.flcourts.org with all items of interest.

FLAFCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING / ELECTION OF NEW BOARD / AWARDS

The fifth FLAFCC general membership meeting will conduct official business of FLAFCC including the election of the Board of Directors, installation of committees and discussion of general business. Active membership involvement and discussion is welcome to build and sustain our interdisciplinary organization.

EXHIBITOR FORUM AND BOOKSTORE

The Book Sale and Exhibitor Forum will be accessible throughout Conference hours. If you are interested in renting exhibit space or distributing materials to conference attendees, please contact Norberto Katz at 407-836-2122 or ctadnk1@ocnjcc.org.

FLAFCC HOSPITALITY SUITE

For your pleasure, the FLAFCC Hospitality Suite will be open Friday evening for informal gathering and discussion. The Hospitality Suite is an easy meeting spot and a wonderful place to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances.

Family Court Services Showcase will be open throughout the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) parent organization is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program. A complete list of eligible sessions for up to 9 hours of CE credits for psychologists will be made available at the conference. Barry University Counseling Program will be offering credits to mental health professionals and social workers. This conference is eligible for up to 8 Continuing Mediator Education (CME) hours for Family Mediators. An additional 3 CME hours may be earned for attendance at any of the pre-conference institutes. Mediators are required to self-report hours at their renewal. Application has been made to the Florida Bar for CLEs for attorneys. Continuing credits may also be available for other professional fields as well.

LODGING INFORMATION

By popular demand we are returning to the warm weather and central location of Tampa, Florida, for our fifth annual Conference. Tampa is the heart of Central West Florida. Located just seven miles from downtown, the Tampa International Airport is consistently ranked as one of the world's top airports by American Passengers Association and Conde Nast Traveler. Tampa is the home of the University of South Florida, University of Tampa, Tampa Bay Bucs and home of the World Champion Tampa Bay Lightning. The Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau can be contacted toll free at 800-826-8358 for further information regarding Tampa and the surrounding area.

The Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel is conveniently located at the Tampa International Airport. All attendees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. However, the FLAFCC has secured a block of rooms at the special conference rate of \$125.00 per night, single or double occupancy.

All room reservations are subject to availability so please make your reservation early.

Call the Tampa Airport Marriott at 800-228-9290 or 813-879-5151 for accommodations. Ask for the Florida Chapter of AFCC Group Rate. Register early! Space may be limited!

* EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT *

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Name _____

Title / Profession _____

Organization _____

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Name of Guest Only Registrant _____

Pre-Conference Institutes • Friday, October 28, 2005, 9:00 AM - 12 NOON

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 FLAFCC members | <input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00 non-members | <input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 full-time students | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |

Choose One Pre-Conference

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Conference Registration • Friday, Noon - Saturday 12:30

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 full-time students | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 guests (meals only) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 after Oct. 1, 2005 |

Total Enclosed (U.S. Currency only) \$ _____

To plan workshop space please indicate first choice for each workshop session:

Friday Workshops 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

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Do you have any special needs? ___ meals ___ access ___ other

Please describe _____

Please send this registration form with payment as soon as possible as space may be limited. Make Checks payable to:

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For more information, email Dr. McGowan at mercedes719@comcast.net

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