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Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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## About Us

The Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts ("AzAFCC") is a non-profit organization committed to professional excellence and improving the lives of children and families. AzAFCC members enjoy all of the benefits received by joining AFCC's international organization and special programs and information tailored to be locally relevant.

## Mission

The AFCC is an interdisciplinary association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. AFCC promotes a collaborative approach to serving the needs of children and those who work in and with family law systems, encouraging education, research and innovation and identifying best practices. AzAFCC employs the mission of AFCC.

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### Pre-Conference Institute:

Member	\$150.00
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Early Bird* Member	\$275.00
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## *CONFERENCE PROGRAM SUMMARY*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION & LAST CHANCE RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASES ( <i>proceeds benefit scholarship fund</i> ): 50/50 raffle tickets available for purchase online, at time of registration, and at registration table. Tickets are 1 for \$10 and 5 for \$40, with special bonus offer for advance, online purchases <u>only</u> : for every 10 tickets purchased, receive 1 bonus raffle ticket to be used for drawings for various gift cards.
12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE: <i>Domestic Violence: One Size Does Not Fit All Parenting Plans</i> Hon. Lisa Abrams; Laura Belleau, J.D.; Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D.; Holly Joubert, Psy.D. Moderator: Hon. John Assini
6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	OPENING REMARKS: Norma Izzo, J.D. (AzAFCC President) & PLENARY: <i>Reaching New Peaks in the Science of Co-Parenting Dynamics: Implications for Legal and Mental Health Professionals</i> Michael Saini, Ph.D., M.S.W., RSW Moderator: Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	DINNER BUFFET (FREE)*, RECEPTION, CASH BAR – <i>DINE, NETWORK, MINGLE!</i> <i>Spend an evening catching up with colleagues, friends, or meeting new people, while enjoying a complimentary dinner buffet and cash bar. *Vegetarian options available.</i>
9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SUITE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST BUFFET
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	PLENARY: <i>The Art and Science of Communicating with Children</i> Mindy Mitnick, Ed.M., M.A. Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	AWARD & STATE OF THE AFCC: Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D. (AFCC President) Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.



10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>PLENARY: <i>Emotional Intelligence and the Transitioning Family</i>          Ellie Izzo, Ph.D., LPC          Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.</p>
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS:</p> <p>A.1 <i>Do No Harm: Reuniting and It Feels So Bad</i>          Carol Mellen, Ph.D.; Shanna Sadeh, Ph.D. J.D.; Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.          Moderators: Judith Lewis-Thome, Dipl.-Psych.; Susan Winder, M.S.W., LCSW</p> <p>A.2 <i>Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance</i>          Launi Sheldon, J.D.; Nicole Siquieros-Stoutner, J.D.; Diana Vigil, M.A., LPC, RPT          Moderator: Joi Hollis, Ph.D.</p> <p>A.3 <i>Reunification Progress Mediation ("RPM")</i>          Hon. Dean Christoffel; Kasey Coughlin, J.D.; Catherine Colby, LAMFT          Moderator: Kathy McCormick</p>
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	BREAK
3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	<p>B.1 <i>Therapeutic Intervention: What Works and Does Not Work and What to Do to Maximize Success</i>          Hon. Bruce Cohen; Helen Davis, J.D.; David Weinstock, J.D., Ph.D.          Moderator: Timea Hanratty, J.D.</p> <p>B.2 <i>Emotional Divorce and the Importance of Emotional Disentanglement to Reduce Conflict</i>          Dean Aslinia, Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC; Ann Ordway, J.D., Ph.D., NCC          Moderator: Joi Hollis, Ph.D.</p> <p>B.3 <i>Why Mediators Should Be Subject to Occupational Regulation</i>          Art Hinshaw, J.D.          Moderators: Kathy McCormick and Ashley Ploof, J.D.</p>
5:25 p.m.	<p>50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING &amp;          BONUS RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS FOR GIFT CARDS</p>





5:30 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.	JUDICIAL RECEPTION
6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.	DINNER (ON YOUR OWN)
9:00 p.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SUITE

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

7:30 a.m. ~ 8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST BUFFET
8:30 a.m. ~ 9:30 a.m.	<p>PLENARY: <i>Combined Professionals Ethics</i>            Hon. John Rea; Celice Korsten, Psy.D.; Benjamin Deguire, J.D.; Heidi Quinlan LPC, LISAC; Faren Akins, Ph.D., J.D..            Moderator: Kolette Butler, J.D., Psy.D.</p>
9:30 a.m. ~ 9:45 a.m.	BREAK
9:45 a.m. ~ 10:45 a.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
C.1	<p><i>Mental Health Ethics</i>            Diana Vigil, M.A., LPC, RPT; Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.; Faren Akins, Ph.D., J.D.            Moderator: Beth Winters, M.A., LPC</p>
C.2	<p><i>Legal Ethics</i>            Hon. John Rea; Michael Aaron, J.D.; Benjamin Deguire, J.D.            Moderator: Ann Ordway, J.D., Ph.D., NCC</p>
C.3	<p><i>Mediation Ethics</i>            Hon. Carey Hyatt (retired); Nicole Siquieros-Stoutner, J.D.; Judith Thome-Lewis, Dipl.-Psych.            Moderator: Sidney Buckman, M.A.</p>

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**REGISTRATION & LAST CHANCE**  
**RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASES**  
**12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

Support the AzAFCC Scholarship Fund by purchasing raffle tickets for our 50/50 Raffle and gift card raffle!

You may purchase tickets for the 50/50 Raffle in advance online, at the time of registration and/or at the registration table. Tickets are one (1) for \$10.00 and five (5) for \$40.00.

For *online, advance purchases only*, for every ten (10) tickets purchased, you will receive one (1) bonus raffle ticket to be used for gift card drawings. This bonus offer is *not* available for raffle tickets purchased in-person, during the conference.



**PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE**  
**12:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

***Domestic Violence: One Size Does Not Fit All Parenting Plans***

Panel: Honorable Lisa Abrams, Laura Belleau, J.D., Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., Holly Joubert, Psy.D.

Moderator: Honorable John Assini

This is an active presentation with audience participation to prompt reflection on and recognition of different forms of domestic violence. Presenters will distinguish between common couple violence, alcohol-induced violence, situational couple violence, separation violence, reactive defensive violence, and intimate terrorism.

Participants and presenters will discuss the impact of domestic violence on the creation of parenting plans that provide for substantial, frequent, meaningful and continuing contact with the parent or that maximizes parents' parenting time in accordance with Title 25. An integral part of the parenting plan may also be treatment.

Participants will learn how to incorporate AFCC's Guidelines for examining intimate partner violence into their work. Using a series of acted-out video clips, movie clips, and real court exhibits, including photographs, audio tapes and videos, this program will immerse you in the intricacies of domestic violence in the context of family law. Participants will be asked how they would assess the role of domestic violence in a family unit. What would you recommend in terms of a parenting plan? What treatment options fit this family best?

With the caveat that no one is expected to be able to predict future violence, what are the parenting time options. This program comes with a trigger warning.

**OPENING REMARKS BY**  
**NORMA IZZO, AzAFCC PRESIDENT &**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT PLENARY**  
**6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.**

***Reaching New Peaks in the Science of Co-Parenting Dynamics: Implications for Legal and Mental Health Professionals***

Panel: Michael Saini, Ph.D., M.S.W., RSW

Moderator: Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.

Positive co-parenting is considered a critical area of family dynamics for intact and separated parents and their children. Until recently, further understanding of its power and role has been hindered by inconsistent definitions of co-parenting, limits of reliable and valid measurement, and the inability to distinguish co-parenting from other family dynamic constructs (e.g., high conflict, parent-child relationships, parenting time with children, etc).





This presentation will highlight international efforts to better understand unique contributions of co-parenting, feature

the core dimensions of co-parenting, consider the role of co-parenting across family dynamics and consider the role of gender. The presentation will also review the results of a recent pilot study of a newly designed inventory, CoParenting Across Family Structures (CoPAFS) to measure the unique dimensions of co-parenting across relationship status and will highlight recent studies that point to the importance of strengthening co-parenting dynamics post separation and divorce. Applications of a co-parenting in various family law contexts will be the topic of discussion and exploration with implications for both legal and mental health professionals.

**DINNER BUFFET\* & RECEPTION**  
**(COMPLIMENTARY WITH REGISTRATION)**  
**7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

Spend an evening catching up with colleagues friends, or meeting and networking with new people in related professions, all while enjoying a complimentary dinner buffet and cash bar. \*Vegetarian options will be available.



**HOSPITALITY SUITE**  
**9:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**  
**(COMPLIMENTARY WITH REGISTRATION)**

**7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.**



**SATURDAY MORNING PLENARY #1**  
**8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

***The Art and Science of Communicating with Children***

Panel: Mindy Mitnick, Ed.M., M.A.

Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.

This institute will focus on addressing the challenges of communicating with children about family disputes and will assist family law professionals in improving communication with children and adolescents. Topics will include children's cognitive and linguistic abilities, approaches to overcoming resistance, and questioning formats that enhance the reliability of the information that children share. Establishing rapport, obtaining reliable information, and constructing developmentally appropriate questions will be out focus. We will look at ways to assist children in participating competently in interviews such as the questioning formats we use and how we understand the answers we receive.

**AWARD & "STATE OF THE AFCC"**  
**PRESENTED BY AFCC PRESIDENT,**

**MATTHEW SULLIVAN, Ph.D.**

**10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**

Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.



## SATURDAY MORNING PLENARY #2

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

### *Emotional Intelligence and the Transitioning Family*

Panel: Ellie Izzo, Ph.D., LPC

Moderator: Norma Izzo, J.D.

What would our work look like if clients and professionals were able to enrich their emotional intelligence to better participate during and after the divorce experience? How would families fare if, in the moment of their distress, they had skills that would give them insight about their thoughts, feelings and behaviors through shifting their entrenched, counterproductive neurological patterns? How might post-divorce co-parenting improve if parents succeeded at responding, rather than reacting. The enrichment of emotional intelligence has been widely researched starting with the work of David Goleman, who demonstrated that people who build their emotional intelligence enjoy better relationships, improved academic success and higher career satisfaction. This plenary will explore the Four Pillars of Emotional Intelligence, the corresponding neuroscience of the brain, and innovative methods for use in Family Law and life in general.

### LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**Bon appétit**



## SATURDAY "A" WORKSHOPS

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

### *A1 Do No Harm: Reuniting and It Feels So Bad*

Panel: Carol Mellen, Ph.D., Shanna Sadeh, Ph.D., J.D., Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.

Moderators: Judith Lewis-Thome, Dipl.-Psych. and Susan Winder, M.S.W., LCSW

Best practice guidelines sometimes do not result in the intended positive outcome. Why? Highly regarded and frequently used assessments and interventions can backfire when traumatic stress is affecting the family system. Capital "T" trauma is obvious (e.g., car accident, natural disaster). Small "t" trauma is less commonly recognized. For example, if a parent acts as if they are afraid of their spouse, children can internalize that fear and refuse or resist relationships with the feared parent. Some children have traumatic stress from a parent angrily moving out of the marital home. In high conflict divorces, adults act dramatically inappropriate, which can overwhelm the coping skills and defenses of children and result in trauma.

The purpose of this presentation is to (1) increase professionals' familiarity with more subtle forms of trauma that can derail traditional family court practices; and (2) recommend methods for protecting families from the well-intended but potentially harmful effects of the traditional practices of family court. Signs of trauma will be explained (e.g., extreme reactions, refusal to consider alternative hypotheses, inconsistent responses, magical thinking).

Presenters will translate trauma-informed practices to the forensic context of family court. Treatments discussed will address recovery from trauma and/or inoculating healthy family members when the family system continues to be dysfunctional. Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy will be explained as a trauma treatment and highlighted in the context of therapeutic intervention with the goal of reunification. Presenters will focus on practical implications and strategies for family court professionals.

## A.2 Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance

Panel: Launi Sheldon, J.D., Nicole Siquieros-Stoutner, J.D., Diana Vigil, M.A., LPC, RPT

Moderator: Joi M. Hollis, Ph.D.

This is a unique and engaging presentation designed to teach attendees how to properly prepare clients for CFEs, CAA meetings, parenting conferences, FAs and parenting coordinator meetings. The importance of CFEs, CAAs, FAs, and parenting coordinator meetings as well as the need to prepare clients for these events will be discussed to ensure clients present their best selves.

This workshop will be fun, high energy, and interactive, with performance of skits to show how clients should behave and how they should not. The panel will discuss all things associated with evaluations, such as, making appointments, client's appearance, filling out the intake documents, timelines, evidence, interviews, psychological testing, collaterals, what to do and say around the house to have child interviews go their way, home visits, evidence, the summary and more.

The audience will learn how to properly prepare their clients and they will learn how important a lengthy in-person preparation actually is. The audience will also be asked to participate and will receive prizes for participation.

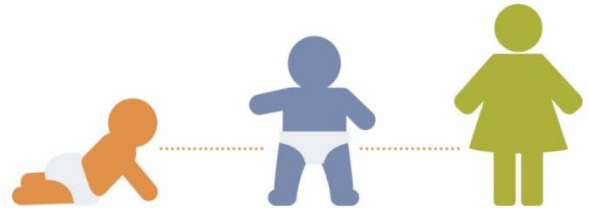


## A.3 Reunification Progress Mediation ("RPM")

Panel: Honorable Dean Christoffel; Kasey Coughlin, J.D.; Catherine Colby, LAMFT

Moderator: Kathy McCormick

This will be a panel presentation/discussion regarding the use of RPM sessions during Dependency cases in which the children subject to the Dependency are under the age of three at the time the petition is filed.



A.R.S. § 8-862(2) requires the Court to hold a permanency hearing within six months for children under the age of three years old and make a permanency plan for the child(ren). This means if parents of infants and toddlers do not engage quickly, the permanency plan may be something other than reunification, and infants and toddlers may linger in the system.

The Building Blocks committee, a sub-committee of the Model Court team, was tasked with evaluating and developing programs to improve permanency outcomes. The RPM program was created identifying short-term, intermediate, and long-term outcomes which include increasing parents' understanding of their case plan, increasing parental compliance (engagement), increasing the provision of appropriate services in a timely fashion, identifying potential barriers to reunification, decreasing the time a child is out of the home, decreasing the time to permanency, and decreasing reactivation.

The presentation will address the logic behind the RPMs, the pilot, the mechanics of the program, what mediation format we have found to be successful, data results, and lessons learned. The presenters will include one of the pilot judges, an attorney who represents parents in Dependency actions, and a mediator, and will be moderated by a mediator.



## SATURDAY “B” WORKSHOPS 3:45 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

### **B.1 *Therapeutic Intervention: What Works and Does Not Work and What to Do to Maximize Success***

Panel: Honorable Bruce Cohen; Helen Davis, J.D.; David Weinstock, J.D., Ph.D.  
Moderator: Timea Hanratty, J.D.



There is an inherent problem in many high conflict divorces-children resisting contact with

a parent. Whether alienation, justified resistance or something in-between, the family court must learn to effectively balance fitness allegations with a parent's right to parent and the best interests of a child. For years the community has struggled with long-term and ineffective interventions. Families complained of years-long processes, great expense, and little progress. Fortunately, years of experiencing has led to greater understandings of what does and does not work in these intervention processes.

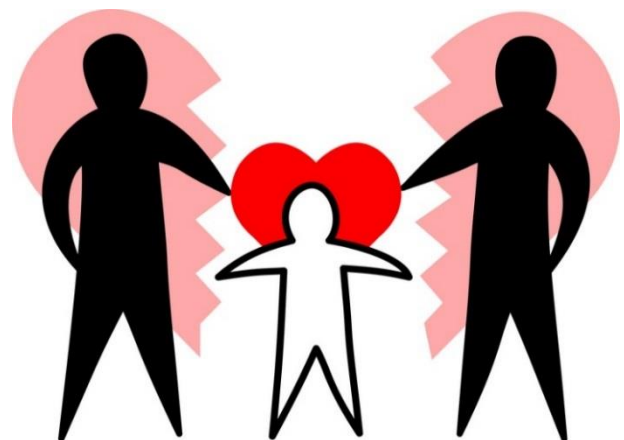
The panel will provide a perspective from a lawyer, a judge, and a mental health professional as to how each segment of the community can more effectively assist in stabilizing families in a more productive way to successfully re-integrate these families. The panel will discuss a variety of legal and psychological interventions that lay a more successful foundation, beginning with the initial court order and what should be included in the order. The panel will also discuss issues such as the interaction between the professionals throughout the process. The mental health professional will focus on the developing understanding of what tends to create a more effective process and pitfalls that should be avoided.

### **B.2 *Emotional Divorce and the Importance of Emotional Disentanglement to Reduce Conflict***

Panel: Dean Aslinia, Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC; Ann Ordway, J.D., Ph.D., NCC  
Moderator: Joi Hollis, Ph.D.

The process of disentangling a marriage from a legal perspective is the primary focus of divorce. Couples invest their efforts on developing a workable custody and parenting plan, dividing assets, allocating liabilities, and resolving layers of financial support. However, the issuance of a piece of paper known as a Judgment/Decree of Divorce does not resolve the many layers of emotional intertwining that results from a lifetime together. In fact, the emotional entanglement that continues long after the Final Judgment/Decree has been entered creates complications that promote and serve as a catalyst for post-divorce conflict.

During this workshop session, presenters will review some of the reasons couples have difficulty achieving emotional divorce after the formal end of a relationship and why emotional enmeshment creates boundaries for moving forward and cooperatively co-parenting. Presenters will highlight some key strategies for helping former partners emotionally disentangle to maximize their ability to work together as co-parents for the best interests of their children rather than being mired in old feuds and unreasonable expectations.



### B.3 *Why Mediators Should Be Subject to Occupational Regulation*

Panel: Art Hinshaw, J.D.

Moderators: Kathy McCormick & Ashley Ploof, J.D.

In the United States, consumers engage mediators on a caveat emptor basis. The regulatory scheme for mediators is a patchwork of mediation referral organizations, which allows unscrupulous mediators to exploit consumers with little to no recourse. One egregious example is that of Gary J. Karpin, a disbarred lawyer turned divorce mediator, who used the mediation process to con forty people into giving him approximately \$250,000 before taking up residence in prison. In an age when everyone from doctors to cosmetologists is subject to occupational regulation, mediators virtually unregulated?

Mediators have long been divided on the question of regulation. Those who oppose regulation routinely focus on what is best for the mediation process and practitioners, but not for mediation consumers. For a field that prides itself in understanding and addressing others' concerns, this stance is odd and untenable. Using traditional arguments for regulation – protecting consumers and the field's reputation – this program refutes the established arguments against regulating mediators and contends that mediators should be regulated. In so doing, the presentation will explore an innovative method for regulating mediators that avoid the pitfalls of prior regulatory attempts.



### 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING & GIFT CARD RAFFLE DRAWINGS 5:25 P.M.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Come meet your Board of Directors for 2020 and beyond! We can also answer any questions regarding membership, the organization, or how you can get involved! All AzAFCC members are welcome to attend.

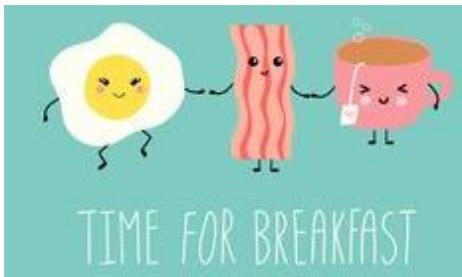
### JUDICIAL RECEPTION 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

### DINNER ON YOUR OWN 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

### HOSPITALITY SUITE 9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

## SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.



## SUNDAY MORNING ETHICS PLENARY

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

### *Combined Professionals Ethics*

Panel: Honorable John Rea; Celice Korsten, Psy.D.; Benjamin Deguire, J.D.; Heidi Quinlan LPC, LISAC; Faren Akins, Ph.D., J.D.

Moderator: Kolette Butler, J.D., Psy.D.

Presenters in this combined session for all professionals will provide complex fact patterns overlapping multiple roles and issues. The audience will identify potential ethical pitfalls and how to avoid them. Presenters will provide statutes and rules from the various disciplines to guide ethical problem-solving. Attendees will discuss application of statutes and rules to the fact pattern and discuss potential outcomes and limitations. These fact patterns can guide more in-depth discussion in profession-specific break-out sessions which follow the combined plenary program.

## SUNDAY "C" WORKSHOPS

9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

### **C.1** *Mental Health Ethics*

Panel: Diana Vigil, M.A., LPC, RPT; Robert DiCarlo, Ph.D.; Faren Akins, Ph.D., J.D.

Moderator: Beth Winters, M.A., LPC

This workshop will present ethical scenarios and questions using an interactive multi-media approach. Attendees will select an approach for each

ethical dilemma. With the click of your smart phone, the attendees' answers will be tallied. Presenters will dialogue about which option was correct and provide the attendees applicable Board rules, ethical principles, laws, statutes, and case law that supports the correct option. The focus of the workshop is how to approach, analyze, address, and resolve ethical problems encountered in the forensic arena.

### **C.2** *Legal Ethics*

Panel: Honorable John Rea; Michael Aaron, J.D.; Benjamin Deguire, J.D.

Moderator: Ann Ordway, J.D., Ph.D., NCC

This workshop will cover a selection of ethical issues facing attorneys, judicial officers, and family court litigants. The session is designed to address how to identify, manage, avoid, and resolve various ethical pitfalls. Professionalism with colleagues will also be addressed. Hot topics will be covered.

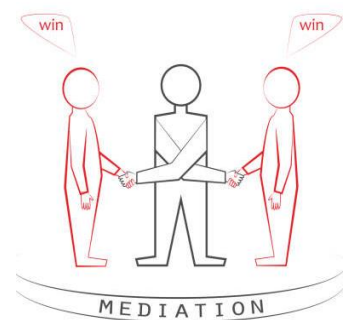
### **C.3** *Mediation Ethics*

Panel: Honorable Carey Hyatt (retired); Nicole Siqueros-Stoutner, J.D.; Judith Thome-Lewis, Dipl.-Psych.

Moderator: Sidney Buckman, M.A.

Mediators confront numerous ethical challenges in family and dependency mediations. This workshop will look at factors that may define the suitability of cases for mediation.

Common issues this session will explore include impartiality and neutrality of the mediator, confidentiality of mediation communications, need for full disclosure, participant empowerment and self-determination, and more. The AFCC Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation will be provided and attendees will explore how these standards apply to practical situations.





# Scholarships



A limited number of working scholarships are available each year for students / recent graduates / trainees interested in

learning about working with families involved in the legal system. Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide assistance with logistics during the conference, such as registration, session materials, facilitating audience questions, and providing directions to attendees.

The scholarship includes registration, the Friday night dinner and reception, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and two nights in a shared, double room at the conference hotel.

If you know someone interested in working in this area or someone already working in this area, specifically students/recent graduates/trainees in law, psychology, counseling, social work, mediation, or other field related to family law or mental health, please encourage them to apply! Students who have attended in the past have gained contacts in the field, and all recipients have enjoyed the experience.

**Interested applicants must apply at the following scholarship survey application link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel8AayGOH\\_AASYCPEondgr2Ur71BzXvswgRlKfMoJlzGgkyw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel8AayGOH_AASYCPEondgr2Ur71BzXvswgRlKfMoJlzGgkyw/viewform)

**The deadline for applications is December 1, 2019.** Notifications will be sent to scholarship recipients by December 15, 2019. For questions, send an email to:

[azafccscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:azafccscholarships@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** This application is for student/recent graduate/trainee use only. Scholarship recipients must be members of AzAFCC. If you are a Conciliation Court employee, please speak to your court director for instructions on how to apply for a scholarship.

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- List of presenters (max. 3);
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