

20th ANNUAL

FLAFCC/OSCA EDUCATION PROGRAM

September 12-13, 2024

Recognize the Signs

**PLAN THE
SOLUTIONS**



The Florida Hotel & Conference Center
(at the Florida Mall), Orlando



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Cecilia Armenteros

FLAFCC President

Welcome Message

Welcome to our 20th Annual Education Program hosted by the Florida Chapter of Family and Conciliation Courts (FLAFCC) in partnership with the Office of State Court Administrator (OSCA). The FLAFCC is committed to providing invaluable resources, crucial information, and fostering mentorship opportunities for family law professionals, including judges, attorneys, mental health professionals, and many more.

Our theme this year Recognize the Signs: Plan the Solutions is particularly apt at a time, when family law professionals continue to confront challenges due to the increasing number of families in conflict. Whether you are a seasoned expert or just starting your journey in this dynamic field, this program offers a rich tapestry of knowledge and networking. Throughout our two-decade journey, we have consistently strived to uphold the highest standards of excellence and to address the evolving challenges in family law. The 20th Annual Education Program is a testament to our dedication and the pivotal role our members play in shaping the future of family law practice.

We have an exciting line-up that will elevate your skills and deepen your understanding of family law and conflict resolution. We have a combined total of 12 plenary sessions and workshops that will feature more than 15 presenters, both from within and outside of the State of Florida. These sessions will provide an opportunity to listen, learn, and connect with other colleagues in the field of family law. In addition, you will have ample opportunities to network during our program breaks, and at our reception.

I look forward to meeting each of you, at our program. Together, let us continue to advance our collective knowledge and expertise to better assist the families we serve.



FLAFCC Mission Statement

The Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (FLAFCC) is an organization that utilizes education, research and advocacy to improve the lives of children and families through the collaborative resolution of family conflict.



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Program Agenda

Thursday, September 12, 2024

- 7:30 AM–8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM–8:40 AM Welcome with FLAFCC President
- 8:40 AM–9:00 AM The Highlights of FLAFCC Projects
- 9:00 AM–10:15 AM **Plenary #1** - Neurodiversity and Parenting Plans: What Family Law Professionals Should Know with Sarah Kay, Esq. and Shana Duehring, Esq.
- 10:15 AM–10:30 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM–12:00 PM **Workshop A** - Surviving Chaos: Wellness for Family Court Professionals with Dr. Wendy Coughlin and Judge Steve Berlin
OR
Workshop B - The Intersection of Technology and Family Law – Continuing the Conversation with Steven Bradley
- 12:00 PM–12:45 PM** **Lunch**
- 12:45 PM–2:00 PM **Plenary #2** - Substance Abuse and Co-Parenting: the Intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Substance Abuse Disorder, and the Courts with Dr. Aaron Robb
- 2:00 PM–2:15 PM** **Break**
- 2:15 PM–3:45 PM **Workshop C** - More with Dr. Aaron Robb
OR
Workshop D - Addressing the Impact of Social Media in Family Law Matters with Dr. Kyle Goodwin and Dr. Amy Cuccuro
- 3:45 PM–4:00 PM** **Break**
- 4:00 PM–5:15 PM **Plenary #3** – Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Parental Responsibility Cases with Dr. Kate McNamara
- 5:30 PM–7:00 PM** **Reception**

Friday, September 13, 2024

- 7:30 AM–8:30 AM** **Breakfast and announcement of Kathy Kuehnle Memorial Plenary**
- 8:30 AM–9:45 AM **Plenary #4** - You Can't Always Get What You Want, But You Can Write Orders to Get What You Need! with Dr. Debra Carter
- 9:45 AM–10:15 AM** **Break and Hotel Check-out**
- 10:15 AM–11:30 AM **Plenary #5** - The Court's Ability and Need to Address Trauma in Family Law Cases with Judge Jack Hellinger, Sarah Kay, Esq., and Dr. Leti Lopes
- 11:30 AM–12:30 PM** **Lunch**
- 12:30 PM–2:00 PM **Workshop E** - Case Law Update with Magistrate Kurt Erlenbach
OR
Workshop F - Minimizing Court-Induced Trauma: Protecting and Empowering Vulnerable Children with Robert Latham, Esq. and Judge Dimitris
- 2:00 PM–2:15 PM** **Break**
- 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM **Plenary #6** - Artificial Intelligence and Lawyers: Don't Let the Terminator Kill Your Ethics with Judge Michael Baggé-Hernandez



Shana Duehring, Esq.

Neurodiversity and Parenting Plans: What Family Law Professionals Should Know

Sarah Kay, Esq.



Shana (Shan-na) Duehring is a Parenting Coordinator, Guardian ad Litem, and Consultant with 20 years of legal experience. She is the Founder of Our Family Parenting Coordinator, LLC, a Florida based legal practice dedicated solely to advocating for the best interest of children. Shana has a busy practice working directly with families on co-parenting issues, parenting plans and investigations. She provides consultation support to parenting coordinators and facilitates two formal PC Consulting Groups. Shana lectures locally and nationally on PC best practices. In 2022, she was invited to chair the new Parenting Coordination Subcommittee of the FL Bar, Family Law Section. Shana currently serves on the Executive Boards of the Florida Chapter of AFCC and the Sixth Judicial Circuit Canakaris Family Law Inn of Court.

Neurodiversity refers to differences in people's brain function and behavior. It is often used when discussing the effects of autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit disorder, dyslexia, down syndrome, and other neurological or developmental conditions. Neurodiversity is becoming more common in the U.S. For example, the CDC now estimates that 1 in 36 children have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, up from 1 in 44 in 2018. A neurodivergent child's experiences and needs can vary greatly. This 75-minute presentation will provide valuable insights for family law professionals on what to consider when working with co-parenting families with neurodiverse children.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Explain neurodiversity and the impact it has on family law cases.
- 2). Describe special considerations that must be made when addressing allocations of parenting time and decision-making responsibilities for families involving a neurodiverse parent or child.
- 3). Identify the importance of collaborating or consulting with professionals with expertise in the cases involving neurodiversity.
- 4). List three resources or services available to practitioners and the court when working on cases involving a neurodiverse child.

Sarah E. Kay, through her firm Kay Family Law PLLC in Tampa, Florida, directly helps Florida's families as a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law and Appellate Mediator and a collaborative attorney. She also supports solo and small firms throughout Florida through freelance research, writing, and consulting services. Sarah is Immediate Past Chair of The Family Law Section of the Florida Bar and a Past President of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers. She is Board Certified in Marital & Family Law by The Florida Bar, a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and holds multiple advanced degrees and professional certifications including a Masters in Education, a Masters in Business Administration, and Certificates in Special Education Advocacy, Trauma & Resilience Levels 1 & 2, and the fundamentals of Neurodiversity. Sarah loves speaking, writing, and consulting on technology, alternative dispute resolution, and cases involving special needs children.

September 12
Thursday

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WORKSHOP A



Wendy Coughlin, Ph.D

Surviving Chaos: Wellness for Family Court Professionals

Judge Steve Berlin



Wendy Coughlin is a Florida Licensed Mental Health Counselor in private practice for over 30 years. She is qualified as a Master's Certified Addiction Professional, Family Mediator, Parenting Coordinator (6th, 12th, and 13th Circuits) and Guardian ad Litem. Dr. Coughlin specializes in providing assessments and parenting plan recommendations for separating families who are, or have been, suffering due to a substance use disorder. She is a provider for the Professional Resource Network, the Intervention Project for Nurses, and the Suncoast Safety Council. Dr. Coughlin serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Society of Addiction Medicine.

A review of the eight dimensions of wellness: physical, environmental, emotional, financial, occupational, social, intellectual, and spiritual. This workshop will provide guidelines and references to maximize health in all 8 dimensions. Experiential exercises will demonstrate key concepts.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Each participant will identify their area of wellness that needs the most improvement.
- 2). Create a plan to improve wellness in each of the 8 dimensions reviewed.
- 3). Identify 3 key changes to improve your work/leisure balance.
- 4). Explain 4 major health concerns related to the use of social media.

Steve Berlin currently serves as Circuit Judge in the Family Law Division. Prior to this assignment he served as County Court Judge for Pinellas County South Traffic Division. He began his career as an Army officer in the field artillery prior to attending law school. As an Army Judge Advocate, he was a member of the Army's first Special Victim Prosecutors; in-house counsel at U.S. Special Operations and Central Commands; an Army legal advisor in Iraq; and Staff Judge Advocate for the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-Syria. Judge Berlin is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, University of Florida Levin College of Law, and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He is also a Certified Information Privacy Professional – U.S.



After being recruited by the FBI, Steven Bradley graduated the FBI Academy with honors and began combating many types of technology crimes including cyberstalking, financial exploitation, and apprehending child predators.

Later in his career, Steven worked with domestic violence/sexual assault centers on bridging the gaps between law enforcement and community partners to better support survivors and victims. It was there that Steven led many group discussions and trainings on proper investigative techniques and working together for offender accountability.

As part of the OurFamilyWizard professional team, Steven further promotes the empowerment and healthy communication between separated and divorced parents via technology. Steven is nationally recognized as an expert on law enforcement's response to intimate partner violence, abuse of the elderly, and stalking/cyberstalking.

As a National Trainer for the past 20 years, Steven is known for his real-world practical education and has provided training throughout the United States and U.S Territories on many related topics.

Steven Bradley

The Intersection of Technology and Family Law – Continuing the Conversation

As family law practitioners, you know that technology has been used in various ways to cause harm to individuals. In this session, attendees will explore various technologies that are being used for abuse, control, and surveillance. Attendees will also discuss how the use of technology is furthering the financial exploitation of certain populations in real time. Non-technical language will be used as this presentation is intended for all audiences

Learning Objectives

- 1). List three types of technology used to monitor, harass, and abuse.
- 2). Describe information takedown strategies for an individual's online presence
- 3). Identify strategies for safety planning around technology.



Dr. Robb has worked extensively with children and families involved in the legal system, specializing in divorce and other family law cases. In addition to National Counselor Certification and license to practice as a Professional Counselor in the State of Texas he is also trained as a family law mediator. Dr. Robb serves on the editorial boards of the journal *Family Court Review* and the *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody, and Child Development*. He has been a reviewer for the *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, a Past-President of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, and has served nationally on the Social Work and the Courts Specialty Practice Section Committee for the National Association of Social Workers.

Dr. Robb is the author of numerous publications, has been an invited speaker at national trainings for judicial officers and presents frequently across Texas and the United States on issues related to mental health and the law. His ongoing research interests focus on high conflict family systems, child maltreatment, and forensic mental health services.

Aaron Robb, Ph.D

Substance Abuse and Co-Parenting: the Intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Substance Abuse Disorder, and the Courts

In this transformative presentation and workshop, we will delve into the intricate dynamics of Substance Use Disorders, in particular Alcohol Use Disorder, and Adverse Childhood Experiences within family courts. Participants will gain insights into the effects of parental alcohol use disorders on children's well-being, the tools for balanced decision-making, and the significance of maintaining familial bonds. Armed with performance data and advanced alcohol monitoring technologies, this session underscores a judicious approach to ensure children's safety and foster resilient futures. Join us for an enlightening exploration, championing informed decisions in the family court system.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Audience members will be able to explain what Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are and how they negatively impact children.
- 2). Audience members will be able to describe the intersection of ACEs and Substance Use Disorder (SUD), particularly within the context of co-parenting and family court.
- 3). Audience members will be able to compare and apply monitoring tools and approaches to aid in making informed decisions to support families and safeguard children.



Aaron Robb, Ph.D

Substance Abuse and Co-Parenting: the Intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Substance Abuse Disorder, and the Courts

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The real world is filled with complicated, “middle of the road” cases where everyday issues of substance use raise questions of risk and relapse. Parents who have struggled with substance misuse may not be “parent of the year” material, but when is progress too little, too late and what can judges and other court professionals do to make sure children are supported as best possible, whatever parenting time arrangements are put in place? Join us for a detailed dialog using statistically likely scenarios rather than bar exam theoreticals to help expand on safety planning to increase long term treatment success.

Learning Objectives

- 1). List multiple resources for supporting parents and children addressing substance use problems.
- 2). Analyze the pros and cons of different approaches to safety planning for children where there are allegations of parental substance misuse.
- 3). Differentiate between common misconceptions regarding substance use claims and more data-driven understanding of the spectrum of substance use in America.



Kyle Goodwin, Ph.D

Addressing the Impact of Social Media in Family Law Matters

Amy Cuccuro, Ph.D



Dr. Goodwin is a Licensed Psychologist who has worked at Psychological Affiliates, Inc., since 2009. Dr. Goodwin's primary area of focus is forensic assessment. He conducts court-appointed and private evaluations for family court, criminal court, dependency court, and civil court. He has also served as a consultant for the Orange County Child Protection Team. He has testified as an expert witness in multiple counties in Florida and in the state of North Carolina. Dr. Goodwin is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

Dr. Goodwin and Dr. Cuccuro will discuss the impact of social media on families and in family law cases. Topics will include the risks and benefits associated with social media use, the impact of social media on families going through divorce, and how social media is used in litigation.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Identify and describe the risks and benefits of social media.
- 2). Analyze the impact of social media on clients in a family law matters.
- 3). Discuss the judicial perspective of social media on pending family law cases.

Dr. Cuccuro is a Licensed Psychologist in private practice with Psychological Affiliates, Inc. Following her doctoral training, she completed a two-year post-doctoral residency under Dr. Deborah Day, where she specialized in forensic evaluations pertaining to family law matters. Dr. Cuccuro specializes in forensic assessment, social investigations (custody evaluations), and issues pertaining to high conflict divorce. Dr. Cuccuro performs court-appointed and private evaluations for civil court and family court. She provides expert reports and recommendations to address complex referral issues. Dr. Cuccuro is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), and the Collaborative Family Law Group of Central Florida.



Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D

Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Parental Responsibility Cases

Kate McNamara is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Fort Collins, Colorado, specializing in counseling and forensic psychological services for court-involved families. She has conducted hundreds of parenting evaluations, consults with attorneys and mental health professionals about complex issues in family law cases, and is a parenting coordinator, decision-maker, and therapist. She was the reporter for the 2022 AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Plan Evaluations in Family Law Cases. Before devoting herself to full-time practice, she was a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Colorado State University, where she was a teacher, researcher, and clinical supervisor for fourteen years. She is a past president of the Colorado Chapter of AFCC and currently serves on the Board of Directors for AFCC. She is a past chair and former member of the Colorado

Psychological Association Ethics Committee and serves on the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on Family Issues. She is a proud graduate of Ohio State, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees, and Penn State, where she received her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology. In her spare time, she enjoys defying everything she knows about family psychology and spoiling her three young grandchildren.

Special challenges arise when child sexual abuse allegations (CSA) occur within the context of a parental responsibility case. In this session we will explore the prevalence of false allegations of CSA, definitional issues, methodological limitations with the studies on false allegations, important areas of inquiry when investigating CSA and competing claims of CSA and alienation, and the importance of considering multiple hypotheses and gathering collateral information. Recommendations and orders that can help ensure a child's safety and well-being while promoting healthy parent-child and coparenting relationships will be discussed.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Identify current estimates of false allegations of abuse and the limitations of these estimates.
- 2). Explain the complexities in how sexual abuse allegations and suspicions arise.
- 3). Describe the factors that tend to support an allegation of child sexual abuse (CSA) as being true rather than false.
- 4). Recognize the importance of considering multiple hypotheses and best practices for evaluation of CSA allegations.



Debra K. Carter, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist, a Certified Family Mediator and a Qualified Parenting Coordinator. She is also the Co-Founder and Training Director of the National Cooperative Parenting Center (NCPC) which offers services to the mental health and legal communities in North America and around the globe.

Debra Carter, Ph.D

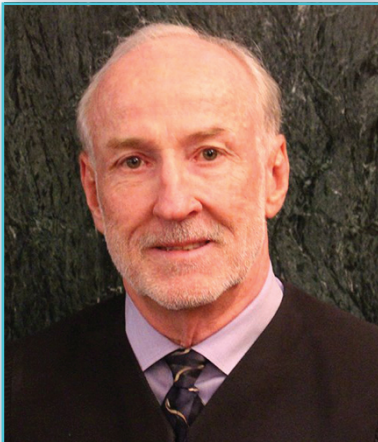
You Can't Always Get What You Want, But You Can Write Orders to Get What You Need!

This comprehensive workshop will shed light on the intricacies involved when addressing mental health concerns within the framework of family court proceedings. Attendees will not only gain an enhanced understanding of the available mental health services but will also acquire knowledge about the best strategies for drafting court orders to obtain the necessary information. The workshop will present a multifaceted viewpoint on work product expectations and provide guidance on distinguishing assessments and services that meet the Daubert standard.

Learning Objectives

- 1). List the mental health services available in domestic relations cases.
- 2). Describe the elements of triage model for service/process selection.
- 3). Detail the best practices for drafting court orders for investigative and intervention processes.
- 4). Apply guidelines for distinguishing assessments and services that meet the Daubert standard.

The Court's Ability and Need to Address Trauma in Family Law Cases



Judge Jack Helinger

Judge Jack Helinger was appointed the Circuit Bench in 2009. He was formerly an Assistant State Attorney and spent 25 years in private practice concentrating on criminal and family cases. He spent his entire judicial career in the Family Law Division, including teaching and serving as the Family Division Administrative Judge for the 6th Circuit. Judge Helinger is the recipient of the prestigious 2024 Visionary Award from The Family Law Section of The Florida Bar. He had the unprecedented vision of the Section partnering with the Office of State Courts Administrator to present, during the 2023-2024 bar cycle, eleven day-long workshops throughout the State of Florida designed to create and sustain partnerships between the local court, local family law practitioners, and local resources and stakeholders to form trauma-informed and trauma responsive family courts in each circuit. The workshop series has created a movement of positive change throughout Florida's court systems which will benefit countless practitioners, stakeholders, and families for generations to come.



Sarah Kay, Esq.

Florida's families as a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Law and Appellate Mediator and a collaborative attorney. She also supports solo and small firms throughout Florida through freelance research, writing, and consulting services. Sarah is Immediate Past Chair of The Family Law Section of the Florida Bar and a Past President of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers. She is Board Certified in Marital & Family Law by The Florida Bar, a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and holds multiple advanced degrees and professional certifications including a Masters in Education, a Masters in Business Administration, and Certificates in Special Education Advocacy, Trauma & Resilience Levels 1 & 2, and the fundamentals of Neurodiversity. Sarah loves speaking, writing, and consulting on technology, alternative dispute resolution, and cases involving special needs children.



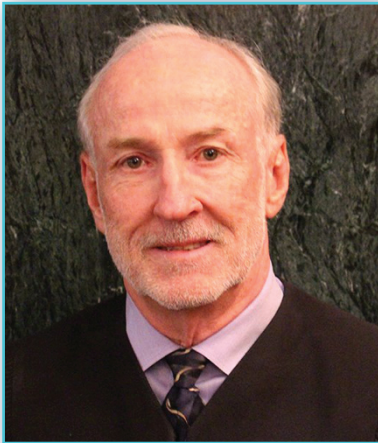
Leticia Lopes, PsyD

Dr. Leticia Lopes is the founder and managing director of Imagine Psychology Practice based in Stuart, Florida. Dr. Lopes is a multilingual, doctoral-level, licensed psychologist with over 12 years of experience in individual, couples, and family therapy. With specialized training in child and adult psychology, Dr. Lopes can provide assessments for intelligence and gifted testing and evaluations for immigration and Autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Lopes is an ADHD Certified Clinical Services Provider, a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator, and work as a parenting coordinator for the 19th Judicial Circuit. Research-based therapy is used to focus on several issues, including special needs children, marital distress, adolescent difficulties, multi-cultural and minorities issues, and high-functioning adults and children who may just need some extra support. Dr. Lopes' practice is dedicated to helping people achieve balance in their personal and professional lives by making good choices and gaining practical problem-solving skills..

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The Court's Ability and Need to Address Trauma in Family Law Cases

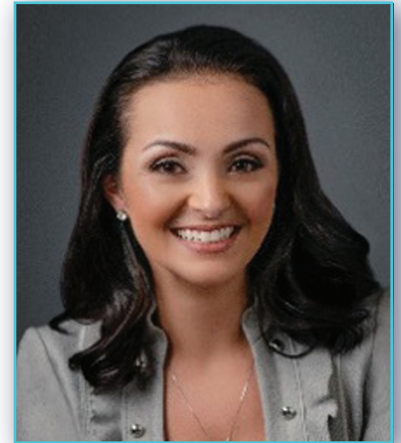
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Judge Jack Helinger



Sarah Kay, Esq.



Leticia Lopes, PsyD

Research has shown that traumatic experiences often impact every area of a person's functioning including social, behavioral, mental, and even physical. A Court's lack of understanding of the impact of trauma can result in judgmental attitudes and even re-victimization of the trauma survivor. As knowledge and research about trauma has expanded, Courts have struggled with how to apply it. Family Courts have broad, but not unlimited, authority to apply Therapeutic Justice. Implementation of Therapeutic Justice in a trauma-impacted family law case can only be effectively accomplished by a strong partnership between the Courts, Bar, and local resources. This presentation will address the authority and importance of these partners in effectively addressing the trauma families and children involved in family law cases have experienced and avoid re-traumatizing them to promote a more positive outcome for Florida's families.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Discuss the requirements of the Courts, attorneys, and local resources working together to help families and children with trauma.
- 2). Analyze a Court's authority, and limitations, to apply Therapeutic Justice.
- 3). Explain a Family Law attorney's authority and duty to address trauma in a Family Law case.
- 4). Identify how local psychological resources (person or entity) can help people/families/children involved in Family Law.

September 13
Friday

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

WORKSHOP E



General Magistrate
Kurt Erlenbach

2023-2024

Case Law Update

Magistrate Erlenbach received his BA from the Cornell University and his J.D. from THE Ohio State University. He has served as an Assistant State Attorney for the 18th Circuit for 5 years before spending 16 years in private practice. In 2003, Mr. Erlenbach resumed public service as Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer before becoming a General Magistrate in 2013 where he currently presides over family matters and mental health cases. Mr. Erlenbach is a researcher and professor at heart and is often found called upon to provide riveting case law update presentations.

This presentation provides a concise overview of 2023-2024 developments in case law in the family law domain. We will explore significant judicial decisions and their implications for legal professionals, emphasizing practical insights and strategic considerations.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Identify and describe recent court decisions in Florida that impact family law.
- 2). Evaluate the implications of recent case law on family law practices.
- 3). Apply the principles and precedents set by recent family law cases to hypothetical scenarios.

Robert Latham, Esq.

Robert Latham is a Clinical Instructor and Practitioner-in-Residence at the University of Miami Children and Youth Law Clinic. In the clinic, he teaches students who handle cases involving abused, abandoned and neglected children in a variety of forums, including dependency and family courts, administrative hearings, and federal and appellate courts.

Mr. Latham earned a B.S. in computer science and B.A. in linguistics from the University of Texas. He later received his J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan (2007), where he participated as a student and a Dean's Fellow in the Michigan Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Prior to joining the clinic, Mr. Latham was a senior program attorney at the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Minimizing Court-Induced Trauma: Protecting and Empowering Vulnerable Children

Judge Jason Emilios Dimitris

This interactive workshop will explore the complex experiences of vulnerable children in family court systems and the various ways the court process can exacerbate or mitigate their trauma. We will discuss the critical role of due process protections in reducing trauma and emphasize the importance of respecting confidentiality and privilege to enable children to process trauma safely. Additionally, the workshop will examine the Department of Children and Families (DCF) process and its potential to retraumatize children even while offering protection and information. We will also highlight how child testimony, when handled appropriately, can empower children and improve decisions about their best interests. Participants are encouraged to join in discussions and share their experiences and insights as we explore best practices to create a child-centered court environment that protects and empowers vulnerable children.



Judge Dimitris has served as a Circuit Court Judge since 2013 and currently presides over the “Complex Trial Division” of Unified Family Court, which includes Family, Dependency, Delinquency and Domestic violence cases. He also serves as the Chair of the 11th Judicial Circuit Technology Committee. Beyond the courtroom, Judge Dimitris is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and teaches trial practice. Additionally, Judge Dimitris is the St. Thomas University School of Law Peter Fay Inn of Court President. Prior to his judgeship, Judge Dimitris was Chief of Staff and Inspector General for the Florida Department of Children and Families prior to becoming General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer at the Florida Department of Management Services handling a variety of business operation for the Florida government.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Analyze how common court procedures and DCF involvement are experienced by children.
- 2). Identify potential alternative procedures to mitigate trauma, including identifying changes in the child testimony process.
- 3). Describe the application and benefits of psychotherapist-patient privilege with children.
- 4). Evaluate the benefits and risks of child testimony and participation.



Judge Michael Baggé -Hernandez

Artificial Intelligence and Lawyers: Don't Let the Terminator Kill Your Ethics

Michael C. Baggé-Hernández serves as a County Court Judge in the Hillsborough County Court in Hillsborough County, Florida. He was appointed in 2019. Before taking the bench, Judge Baggé-Hernández served ten years as an Assistant United States Attorney, five years in the District of Puerto Rico, and five years in the Middle District of Florida. During his tenure at the United States Attorney's Office, he prosecuted various types of federal crimes, including transnational organized crime, high-seas crimes, narcotics crime, crimes related to the Immigration and Naturalization Acts, violent crime, white-collar crime, fraud, money laundering, and child exploitation.

Judge Baggé-Hernández, a native Spanish speaker, has engaged extensively with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training (OPDAT) and the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative. His involvement required him to travel across Latin America, educating lawyers, law enforcement personnel, judges, and law students from countries transitioning from the inquisitorial to the accusatorial legal system.

He completed his International Affairs and Spanish undergraduate studies at Florida State University in 2003 and obtained his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law in 2007.

This presentation explores the complex landscape of autonomous AI systems, addressing both their technological strides and the legal ethical challenges they present. We will examine the intricate design issues, safety concerns, and broader implications for legal ethical duties. The presentation aims to shed light on the dual-edged nature of AI autonomy, underscoring the balance between innovation and legal ethical responsibility.

Learning Objectives

- 1). Identify the key technological challenges associated with developing autonomous AI systems.
- 2). Recognize the ethical considerations and dilemmas posed by AI autonomy.
- 3). Identify current legal ethical rules affecting autonomous AI applications.
- 4). Evaluate frameworks and guidelines for responsible AI deployment in the legal field.

2024 FLAFCC/OSCA Education Program Continuing Education Approvals

Please note CE for Mental Health Professionals and CPCE for Parenting Coordinators are still under review and will be updated as soon as received.

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Neurodiversity and Parenting Plans: What Family Law Professionals Should Know

CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours	P A G E 4
CME for Mediators	1.5 cultural diversity	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	9.0 general hours, 4.0 mental health and wellness, 1.5 substance abuse, .5 ethics, 1.0 technology (total hours for all plenaries)	

Surviving Chaos: Wellness for Family Court Professionals

CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours Satisfies .5 Ethics	P A G E 5
CME for Mediators	1.8 general hours	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours, 2.0 mental health and wellness	

The Intersection of Technology and Family Law – Continuing the Conversation

CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours	P A G E 6
CME for Mediators	1.8 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours, 2.0 technology	

Substance Abuse and Co-Parenting: the Intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Substance Abuse Disorder, and the Courts

CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours	P A G E 7
CME for Mediators	1.5 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	9.0 general hours, 4.0 mental health and wellness, 1.5 substance abuse, .5 ethics, 1.0 technology (total hours for all plenaries)	

More with Dr. Aaron Robb

CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours	P A G E 8
CME for Mediators	1.5 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours, 2.0 substance abuse	

Addressing the Impact of Social Media in Family Law Matters

CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours	P A G E 9
CME for Mediators	1.8 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours, 2.0 technology	

Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Parental Responsibility Cases

CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours	P A G E 10
CME for Mediators	1.5 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	9.0 general hours, 4.0 mental health and wellness, 1.5 substance abuse, .5 ethics, 1.0 technology (total hours for all plenaries)	

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You Can't Always Get What You Want, But You Can Write Orders to Get What You Need!

CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours	P A G E 11
CME for Mediators	0.0	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	9.0 general hours, 4.0 mental health and wellness, 1.5 substance abuse, .5 ethics, 1.0 technology (total hours for all plenaries)	

The Court's Ability and Need to Address Trauma in Family Law Cases

CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours Satisfies .5 Ethics	P A G E 12
CME for Mediators	1.5 IPV	
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CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours	P A G E 14
CME for Mediators	1.8 general hours	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours	

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CJE for Judges	1.75 general hours	P A G E 15
CME for Mediators	1.8 IPV	
CLE for Attorneys/Paralegals	2.0 general hours, 2.0 mental health and wellness	

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CJE for Judges	1.5 general hours	P A G E 16
CME for Mediators	0.0 hours	
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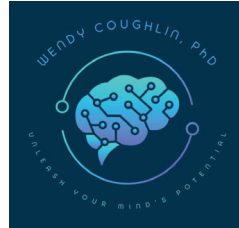
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