

PARENTING COORDINATION CONFERENCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND ATTORNEYS

A six-hour seminar presented by Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D.

September 12, 2009

Registration: 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Marjorie S. Steinberg, Supervising Judge, Family Law Departments, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

THE PARENT COORDINATOR PROCESS: ROLE, TYPES OF CASES, REFERRALS AND APPOINTMENT

The parent coordinator's role, how referrals occur, the Parenting Coordinator appointment and relationship to the court.

10:30-10:45 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 am-Noon **PARENTING COORDINATION IN LOS ANGELES**

Dr. Sullivan will moderate a panel reviewing the particular difficulties in working with high conflict families.

Presenters: Lynette Berg Robe, CFLS; Seth Kramer, CFLS; Commr. Scott Gordon; Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis.

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (Registration fee includes lunch)

1:00- 2:30 p.m.

STRUCTURING THE PARENTING COORDINATION PROCESS

This session will review structuring the parent coordination process for high conflict families, co-parenting in high conflict situations, implementing a parallel parenting plan, using the parent coordinator as the interface between parents, communication, decision-making, and coordination of services to the family.

WORKING ON CASES: ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT, REVIEWING DOCUMENTS, AND INTAKE

Accepting the appointment (signed order, custody order, retainer); reviewing of documents and setting-up the process, the in-take orientation process, structuring communication and sessions.

2:30- 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45-4:00 p.m.

THE PARENT COORDINATOR PROCESS: PARENTING PLANS, SCHEDULES, AND COORDINATION ROLE

Working on the parenting plan, developing the schedule, and the on-going process of resolving issues. The parent coordinator's role and relationship to the court.

4:00-4:30 p.m.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND THE PARENTING COORDINATOR ROLE

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D. is a member of the Expert Evaluator's Panel in Santa Clara and Los Angeles Counties. Dr. Sullivan will review the Parent Coordinator process. He will provide "hands on" training about procedures and suggestions for successful coordination. Professionals in the field recommend his dynamic presentations, insight, and practical models.