
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Palo Alto, CA, who specializes in forensic child and family psychology. He is a pioneer in the field of parenting coordination, which he helped develop in Santa Clara County more than 20 years ago, and has led the development of parenting coordination across the U.S. He is one of the most experienced parenting coordinators (called special master in California) in the country. He has published and presented extensively on issues of high-conflict divorce, forensic mental health consultation, parenting coordination, alienation, and court-involved therapy. Dr. Sullivan has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Child Custody*, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' (AFCC) Task Force on Parenting Coordination, and he was the co-chair of the Task Force for Court-involved Therapy. Dr. Sullivan serves on AFCC's Board of Directors for both the international parent organization and for the California Chapter. He won the 2012 Joseph Drown award from California AFCC for "Outstanding Services to Children."

FACULTY

Hon. John Casey is an Associate Justice in the Norfolk County Probate and Family Court. He was appointed to the bench in 2006 and presided in Essex County before moving to Norfolk. Prior to his appointment, Judge Casey was a partner in the Attleboro Law Firm of Casey and Thompson, P.C., for over 20 years, specializing in Family Law and Criminal Defense. He is a former MBA/MCLE seminar panelist and has been active in local, county, and state bar associations.

Robin Deutsch, Ph.D. is the Director of the Center of Excellence for Children, Families, and the Law at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (MSPP) and an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Deutsch was the co-chair of the AFCC Child Consultant Task Force. She served on both the AFCC and APA task forces that developed Guidelines for Parenting Coordination. She has provided the state mandated trainings for GALs in Massachusetts, and is a member of the Custody and Domestic Violence Project sponsored by the Office of Violence against Women. Dr. Deutsch is the past president of the Massachusetts chapter of AFCC, past president of AFCC, and former Chair of the APA Ethics Committee.

Hon Edward F. Donnelly Jr. is an Associate Justice in the Middlesex County Probate and Family Court. A graduate of Boston College Law School and an assistant registrar for many years, he was appointed to the bench in 1998. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC and of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Inns of Court. Judge Donnelly has been the Chair of the Probate and Family Court Education Committee for more than 10 years.

Jennifer Sevigney Durand, Esq. is an associate at the Boston law firm of Schmidt & Federico, P.C., where her practice focuses on all areas of

domestic relations and family law. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. She is the Co-Chair of the Boston Bar Association's Family Law Steering Committee and is the President-Elect of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC. She has been named a Rising Star in the area of family law in the 2008 - 2012 editions of *Boston Magazine*, *New England Super Lawyers*.

Regina Hurley, Esq. is a graduate of Tulane University School of Law. She is counsel to the Boston law firm of Verrill, Dana. Attorney Hurley has much experience in all aspects of domestic law, including divorce, custody, removal, international parental abduction, and non-traditional family law matters. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Inns of Court. She is an active member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association and has been named a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*, since 2006.

Alex Jones, M.S. W., Esq. is a 2000 graduate of the Boston College School of Law and School of Social Work. He is a partner with Ginsburg, Leshin, Gibbs, & Jones LLP in Wellesley, MA, where he specializes in family law. He is currently a member of The Child's Voice Task Force through Chief Justice Carey's office. He is a past President, Treasurer, and board member of MA-AFCC and a past member of the Steering Committee of the Boston Bar Association's Family Law Section. From 2005 - 2012, he has been named by *Boston* magazine one of New England's Rising Stars for his work in family law.

Hon. Denise Meagher is the First Justice of the Worcester Probate & Family Court. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School, she was appointed to the bench in 2005. She has previously served on the Probate & Family Court Steering Committee and the Supreme Judicial Court Committee on Judicial Evaluations. Judge Meagher has presented on Probate & Family Court issues at Suffolk University Law School, Boston College Law School, and at various state and county bar associations.

David Medoff, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in private practice specializing in forensic psychological assessment and consultation. He is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Suffolk University and an Instructor at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Medoff is a Designated Forensic Psychologist and former Co-Director of the Children and the Law Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He performs a wide variety of forensic evaluations including forensic psychological testing, psychodiagnostic, sexual offender, child custody, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid in sentencing, and fitness for duty evaluations.

Hon. Gail Perlman (ret.) is the former First Justice of the Hampshire Probate and Family Court, having retired in May, 2011. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 1998, she practiced law for many years, primarily in the area of family law. She also practiced and taught mediation. She is the former chair of the AOTC Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC.



Behind the Curtain: Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases

Friday, April 5, 2013

Regis College
235 Wellesley Street
Weston, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker:

- **Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.**
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April 5, 2013

Regis College, Weston, MA

FRIDAY, April 5, 2013

8:00 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:20 AM

Introductory remarks

Ilene Mitchell, Esq., President, Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC

Peggie Ward, Ph.D., Conference Chair

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Use of Mental Health Consultants

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Break with refreshments

10:15 A.M. – 11:15 AM

Mental Health Consultation, continued

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM:

Mental Health Consultation:

A Lawyer's Perspective

Regina Hurley, Esq.

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Respondent

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch is provided

Comments:

Ilene Mitchell, Esq., President

Jennifer Sevigney Durand, Esq., President-Elect

Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC

12:45 – 2:30 PM

Consultation in Action: the Nuts and Bolts

Robin Deutsch, Ph.D.

Regina Hurley, Esq.

Alex Jones, M.S.W., Esq.

David Medoff, Ph.D.

Jennifer Sevigney Durand, Esq., Moderator

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break with refreshments

2:45 – 4:15 PM

Judicial Panel: Utility to the Bench

Hon John Casey

Hon Edward F. Donnelly Jr.

Hon. Denise Meagher

Hon. Gail Perlman (ret.), Moderator

4:15 – 4:45 PM

Commentary

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.

4:45 PM

Conference Ends

DIRECTIONS

Regis College
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Mass Pike East. Exit 14 to Rt. 30 west. Same as above.

Rt. 30 East from Framingham/Natick. Rt. 9 to Rt. 27 North to Rt. 30 east to Wellesley Street on left. Traffic is heavy on Rt. 30 in the morning.

FREE PARKING

The conference will be held in room 202 of College Hall, the building at the head of the drive at the main entrance.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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