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Parenting Coordination (PC) is a non-adversarial process designed to minimize the impact of high-conflict custody disputes through parent education, mediation, conflict resolution, and intensive case management. Since 2004, the APA Practice Organization has been involved in the development of Parenting Coordination programs and in developing guidelines for practitioners. This is the first book to address the contemporary scope of the field. It brings together leading figures in PC practice, training, publication, and research.

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