



Healthy Family Systems in Family Law:

How Do We Get There from Here?

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These nationally recognized experts in the area of conflict and child custody will jointly present throughout the day.

Vital information for all mental health professionals, child custody recommending counselors (CCRC) and evaluators who perform evaluations/mediations and legal professionals who handle custody or high-conflict dissolutions in Family Court.

This one-day training will provide thought-provoking and innovative ideas and discussion about developing more effective approaches to supporting healthy family transitions.

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!

Early Registration: \$200 per person

Registration after 9/16/2014: \$250 per person

No refunds will be made for cancellation after 10/11/2014. For full registration materials, brochure and continuing education information, contact Lindie Newlin at (916) 455-5200 or Lindie@DivorceWithRespect.com.

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Program Outline

7:15 - 7:45 a.m. Registration

7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Introduction and Announcements

Diane Wasznicky, JD, CFLS

8:00 - 9:45 a.m. Who Uses Today's Family Court?

This session will address types of high-conflict cases today. This includes a look at the dynamics of personality styles, the drive for drama and why ordinary professional methods fail or even increase dysfunctional behavior. The session will also examine the characteristics of the adversarial legal process which are antithetical to the goals and successful handling of high-conflict individuals and reinforces their dysfunctional behavior.

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 - 11:45 a.m. How Can We Be More Effective?

The panel will address existing family court structures and processes that can be made more effective, including attorneys as gatekeepers, triaging/screening, parent education, child involvement and appropriate coparenting models. Essential client engagement skills for all professionals will be presented, including two brief practice exercises for difficult conversations (EAR statements) and structured responses to hostile e-mails (BIFF Responses). A conceptual hierarchy of interventions will be provided.

11:45 - 12:00 noon Break

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch/Video "One Example of a New Paradigm for Client Engagements: New Ways for Families."

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. Break

1:00 - 2:45 p.m. Managing A Full Sample Case Scenario Part 1

A case scenario will be used to provide a framework to guide practitioners in informing their decision-making and case handling to more closely align the needs of the family with what the system has to offer. This framework moves through initial screening of cases (domestic violence, child abuse, alienation, etc.) to understanding the context and dynamics of high conflict to determining the implications of this understanding with regard to decision making and interventions

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Managing a Full Sample Case Scenario Part 2

The panel's final session involves preparing for and managing predictable and unpredictable crises, maintaining professional coordination, avoiding "professional splitting," and teaching and reinforcing self-management skills for parents and their children for future management of family transitions.