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dedicated to improving the lives of children and families
through the resolution of family conflict.**

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Forrest “Woody” Mosten will show how you handle the nuts and bolts of this limited scope legal service, design your practice to efficiently represent unbundling clients, and expand your practice by increasing legal access to the underserved.

Participants in this two-day training program will learn:

- The impact of self-represented persons on the family law system
- How unbundling (limited scope representation) meets the legal need gap
- Why offering unbundled services can grow your practice
- The protocols and skills to offer effective client consultations
- To define the scope of representation and using special client engagement agreements
- Monitoring and modifying the scope of representation
- Converting from limited scope to full service representation
- How to ghostwrite letters and court documents
- How to provide negotiation and mediation coaching via limited scope representation
- How to terminate an unbundled relationship
- How to avoid ethical traps of unbundling
- Tips to utilize best practices of limited scope lawyering
- How to replicable models of unbundling are succeeding in the marketplace
- Use of unbundling to reduce family conflict

About the Presenter

Forrest “Woody” Mosten, JD, is a popular presenter at AFCC conferences and frequent contributor to the *Family Court Review*. Woody is internationally recognized as the “Father of Unbundling” for his pioneering work in limited scope representation to provide affordable and understandable legal services to the underserved members of society. He is in solo private practice as a family lawyer and mediator in Los Angeles, in which unbundling, collaborative practice, representing clients in mediation, and other non-litigation conflict prevention activities are the foundation of his work with clients. Woody is Adjunct Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law and has taught extensively at other law schools. He is the author of five books and numerous articles about unbundling and other issues of legal access and peacemaking. He was the convener of the first National Unbundling Conference in Baltimore in 2000, Editor of the *Family Court Review's* special issue on unbundling in 2002 and served as Keynote Speaker at the 2017 National Conference on Unbundling. Since 1989, Mosten has served as Chair of the Client Consultation Competition affiliated with the International Bar Association. Mosten was appointed to the ABA Standing Committee for Delivery of Legal Services, the ABA Commission on Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts and has received the ABA Lifetime Achievement Award and the ABA Lawyer as Problem Solver Award for his contributions in Legal Access and Innovative Law Practice as well as the LA County Bar Association Conflict Prevention Award and was named as Peacemaker of the Year by the Southern California Mediation Association. Elizabeth Potter Scully and Robert Merlin (AFCC Florida Chapter) will serve as Assistant Trainers.



Forrest “Woody” Mosten, JD

Agenda

Monday, March 5, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm

1. The Self-Representation Revolution
2. Overview of Consumer Oriented Method of Lawyering and History and Foundation of Unbundling
3. Unbundled Lawyering Roles in Family Law and Ethical Challenges
4. Initial Consultation, Methods of Intake, Screening, and Contracting
5. Simulation of Initial Consultation

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm

1. Monitoring and Modifying the Scope of the Unbundling Relationship
2. Terminating the Unbundling Relationship
3. Unbundled Representation in Mediation
4. Simulation of Lawyer Role at Mediation Session
5. Successful Replicable Models of Unbundling in Private Practice, Courts, and Non-Profits
6. Reshaping Your Practice to Unbundle

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Coparents who engage in intractable high conflict as they share custody of their children pose particular difficulties for the courts and the professionals involved with them. Most importantly, these situations increase the developmental risk to their children. This nuts-and-bolts training will provide a basic understanding of the parenting coordination (PC) role and present the structures and procedures to work effectively with these cases. This program will address a variety of topics, including structuring functional engagement between coparents as they implement their parenting plans, coordinating professional interventions, and providing dispute resolution and practice management strategies. Videotaped demonstration will be presented to highlight key aspects of parenting coordinator functioning.

Participants in this two-day training program will:

- Understand the characteristics of PC clients that make working with them a challenge
- Understand how PC clients' involvement in legal adversarial court processes necessitates re-training in functional, parallel coparenting
- Learn how to set up the case for success, from referrals to service agreements and appointment orders, to intake
- Use communication channels and parenting plans/custody orders to minimize conflict between coparents
- Learn strategies to set and enforce structures and rules—court orders and PC procedures
- Discuss PC functions in the case work in a conscious manner: case management, education, settlement, and decision-making
- Learn when and how to involve children in the PC process
- Explore PC practice risk and strategies to manage and minimize professional risk

About the Presenter

Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Palo Alto, California, specializing in forensic and clinical work in the family courts. His full-time private practice focuses almost exclusively on work with coparents. He serves in a variety of court-related roles, including mediator, coparent counselor, parenting coordinator, and consultant. He has written numerous articles and book chapters, presented, and conducted trainings at national and international venues on topics such as high-conflict divorce, parenting coordination, child alienation, and mental health consultation in family law cases. He is currently the Vice President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). He served on the AFCC Task Force on Parenting Coordination, which developed the first guidelines for PC practice and was co-chair of the AFCC task force that developed the first *Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapists*. Dr. Sullivan is the founder of Overcoming Barriers, Inc., a non-profit organization created to develop innovative programs to address children's resistance/refusal to have contact with a parent. He was awarded the 2012 Joseph Drown Award by the California Chapter of AFCC for outstanding services to children.



Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD

Agenda

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm

1. The spectrum of coparenting work; Dynamics that contribute to intractable conflict between coparents in shared custody situations
2. A conceptual model for working with high-conflict coparents; disengaged, parallel coparenting
3. The nuts and bolts of structuring parenting coordination work
4. The essential ingredients in a PC appointment order: fees and procedures
5. Creating functional communication between coparents
6. The use of cyberspace in PC work; online shared parenting, online practice management
7. Using parenting plans as a structural disengagement tool

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm

1. The arbitration role: Resolving coparenting disputes with child-focus
2. The coordination role: Between parents, among supporting professionals
3. PC-therapist teamwork in high-conflict cases; Court-involved therapy
4. Resistance refusal dynamics—PC coordination of legal and psychological interventions
5. Involving children in the PC process: eliciting and interpreting the child's voice
6. PC Professional practice risks and protection; ten take away tips

General Information

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Location: Loyola University Chicago, Philip H. Corboy Law Center, 25 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

Registration: Registration includes program materials, training, and refreshments. Lunch is on your own. Register early—class size is limited.

Continuing Education Credits: Parenting Coordination: Work in the Trenches with High Conflict Coparents two-day training is eligible for 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. Continuing education units for social workers licensed in Illinois are pending approval. More information will be included with registration confirmations. Both training programs are pending approval by the Illinois MCLE Board for 12 CLE credits. Any fees due for Illinois MCLE will be the responsibility of the individual applicant. Verification of attendance will be provided to all attendees.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Residence Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile Hotel, 201 East Walton Place, Chicago, in the name of Loyola University. For reservations at the special rate of \$112 per night, call 800-331-3131. On February 16, 2018, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released and the special rate will no longer be guaranteed. ***Rooms frequently sell out before the room block is released!***

Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be made once, at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by February 20, 2018, will be issued a full refund minus a \$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after February 20, 2018. AFCC reserves the right to cancel any training or substitute any presenter should circumstances arise beyond our control.

More Information: For program and registration inquiries, contact AFCC at 608-664-3750 or afcc@afccnet.org. For information about lodging and onsite logistics, contact Emily Forestieri, Civitas ChildLaw Center at Loyola University Chicago, 312-915-6481 or eforestieri@luc.edu. For the latest information on AFCC trainings and conferences, visit www.afccnet.org.

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