

Registration for AFCC-CA Annual Conference: February 7-9, 2025

Register online at [www.afcc-ca.org](http://www.afcc-ca.org). To ensure the early bird discount, register by January 5, 2025. Please print clearly or type. This form may be duplicated.

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**Green Conference Alert!** Conference attendees will receive written course materials in electronic format ONLY. Course materials will be made available online to all registrants; access and download instructions will be emailed prior to the conference. Totes will not be provided.

Email Peggy Holbrook at [exec.dir@afcc-ca.org](mailto:exec.dir@afcc-ca.org) for answers to registration questions.

Pre-Conference Registration

Separate registration fee – not included in Conference registration.

☐ Institute (I1, I2, I3 or I4) . . . \$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration

Conference registration includes 2 continental breakfasts, a luncheon, and reception.

Register by 1/5/25 to receive the Early Bird Rate:

☐ Early Bird Registration . . . . . \$500 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ AFCC-CA Member Early Bird . . \$450 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Early Bird Court Staff, Nonprofit, or Licensed Professional in Practice Less than 5 Years \*\*\* . . . . . \$340 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you register after 1/5/25, pay the following:

☐ Regular Registration . . . . . \$575 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Regular AFCC-CA Member . . . . \$525 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Court Staff, Nonprofit, or Licensed Professional in Practice Less than 5 Years\*\*\*. . . . . \$415 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Conference Presenter Discount (subtract \$75 on conference registrations above). . . . . -\$75 -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Student (No additional discounts will apply) \*\*\* . . . . \$200 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Proof must be attached to this Form (court or nonprof- it info, Student I.D. and/or professional license). Judicial Officers see below.\*\*

Guest/Spouse Attendees

☐ Guest/Spouse Attendees (Plenaries & meals only) . \$150 x \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Session Selections (\*DV Sessions)

Pre-Conference Institutes: Please select one session only.				
Fri. Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> I1	<input type="checkbox"/> I2	<input type="checkbox"/> I3*	<input type="checkbox"/> I4
Conference Workshops: Please select one session from each group.				
Sat. Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W4
Sat. Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> W5*	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W7	<input type="checkbox"/> W8
Sun. Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> W9	<input type="checkbox"/> W10*	<input type="checkbox"/> W11	<input type="checkbox"/> W12

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Online: Register at [www.afcc-ca.org](http://www.afcc-ca.org)

Mail: Send a copy of this completed form (with check payable to “Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter”) to:

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**30 day Cancellation Policy:** No refunds will be issued. Written notice of cancellation received by email or postmarked by January 7, 2025 will be issued a credit for next year’s AFCC-CA Conference. No credits will be issued for cancellations received after January 7, 2025. **The ONLY EXCEPTION is if you test positive for COVID-19 after 1/20/25; in that event we will issue a full refund if we receive proof of positive test prior to the conference.**

**\*\*AFCC-CA waives registration fee for Cal. Judicial Officers currently serving in a family law or other custody-related department (but they must still register). Email [exec.dir@afcc-ca.org](mailto:exec.dir@afcc-ca.org) for information.**



AFCC CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) is the preeminent international and interdisciplinary family law organization. Family law judicial officers, attorneys, mediators, and mental health professionals (both court-connected and those in private practice, including custody evaluators, parenting plan coordinators, and therapists) work together to create innovative approaches to custody conflicts.

AFCC’s educational programs provide cross-professional communication and training, and encourage the development of interdisciplinary collaboration for the benefit of families and children in the justice system. There are approximately 4,000 members in 27 countries worldwide including about 550 California Chapter members. **Go to [afccnet.org](http://afccnet.org) to join AFCC and be sure to join the AFCC California Chapter.**

The ideas and opinions expressed by AFCC Conference presenters and participants do not necessarily reflect the ideas and opinions of AFCC’s parent organization, AFCC’s California Chapter, or AFCC directors, employees, and volunteers. Appearance on AFCC Conference panels and in Institutes and Workshops should not be deemed an endorsement by any of the foregoing as to the skills, abilities, experience, ideas, or opinions of the presenter.

**COVID-19:** We will follow the City of Costa Mesa’s current COVID guidance, as well as the safety protocols the Hyatt has in place. If you test positive for COVID-19, please do not attend the conference. See the attached registration form for our policy regarding a positive COVID test.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Conference provides up to 12.5 hrs. of continuing education and the Institutes provide an additional 4 hrs. of continuing education for the professional categories listed below.

**Attorneys:** AFCC California is a Multiple Activity Provider with the California State Bar for general and family law specialization continuing legal education credit (MCLE & LSCLE). This program applies to general MCLE and to specialization certification (LSCLE) in the following required topics: dissolution of marriage, mediation, custody of children, psychological & counseling aspects of dissolution, and domestic violence.

**Minor’s Counsel:** The program meets the requirements for continuing education for minor’s counsel under California Rules of Court, Rule 5.242(c).

**Psychologists:** The conference is eligible for up to 16.5 hours of continuing education for psychologists (Conference–12.5 hrs.; Pre-Conf. Institute–4 hrs.). The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts International (AFCC International) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists (currently pending approval). AFCC International maintains responsibility for the program and its content. Psychologists are supplied a certificate of attendance and self report for MCEP. AFCC-CA is also approved by the California Psychological Association to provide continuing professional education for psychologists. AFCC-CA maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**LCSW & MFT:** AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association (CPA) to provide continuing professional education for psychologists. AFCC-CA maintains responsibility for this program and its contents. The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) now recognizes CPA continuing education credit for license renewal for LCSWs and MFTs.

**California Child Custody Evaluators & Mediators:** The courses outlined in the agenda have been approved as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, Rule 5.210, 5.225, 5.518, and 5.215/5.230 (currently pending approval). The views expressed in this training are those of the trainer and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of California.

**Domestic Violence Training\*:** Pre-Conference Institutes I3 (4 hours), and Workshops W5 (2 hours) and W10 (2 hours) are three opportunities to obtain the Domestic Violence Update Training/Spousal or Partner Abuse, pursuant to California Rules of Court 5.215 and 5.230.

BECOME A SPONSOR

The benefits include: Sponsorship at every level will be acknowledged in the Conference Program, both print and digital, and your name will also be listed on Conference eblasts. Sponsorship at the Platinum level will also provide you with special acknowledgment at the Conference. **For sponsorship information, forms or to contribute online visit [www.afcc-ca.org/sponsorship/](http://www.afcc-ca.org/sponsorship/) or contact Peggy Holbrook at [exec.dir@afcc-ca.org](mailto:exec.dir@afcc-ca.org).**

<i>You can contribute at 1 of 5 levels:</i>	<b>1. Platinum – \$5,000</b> Host a Break, Full-Page Ad in Conference Program and all benefits listed above.	<b>3. Silver – \$1,000</b> One-Quarter Page Ad and all benefits listed above.
	<b>2. Gold – \$2,500</b> Half-Page Ad and all benefits listed above.	<b>4. Bronze – \$500</b> Business Card Sized Ad and all benefits listed above.
		<b>5. Copper – \$250</b> Acknowledgment in Program and all benefits listed above.

FULL PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.AFCC-CA.ORG](http://WWW.AFCC-CA.ORG)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025			SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025			SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025		
<b>12:30 pm – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>12:30 pm – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>10:45 am – 12:15 pm</b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>10:45 am – 12:45 pm</b>	
<b>i1 Institute (1)</b>	<b>i4 Institute (4)</b>	<b>p2 Plenary (2)</b>	<b>w2 Workshop (2)</b>	<b>p3 Plenary (3)</b>	<b>w7 Workshop (7)</b>	<b>p4 Plenary (4)</b>	<b>w11 Workshop (11)</b>	
Side-Stepping the Adversarial Paradigm of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes in the Neuro-Diverse and Able-Diverse World • Ethan Marcus, CFLS • Joshua Feder, MD • Cynthia LaBrie Norall, Ph.D., BCBA-D • Karyn Searcy, MA, CCC-SLP	What Have We Learned About “Parental Alienation” and Parent-Child Contact Problems? An Historical Perspective • Robert Kaufman, Ph.D., ABPP • Steven Friedlander, Ph.D. • Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., ABPP • Hon. Marjorie Slabach, (Ret)	A Family Law “Charrette”: How Would Stakeholders Design Our Family Courts? A Conversation • Hon. Sharon Kalemkarian • Hon. Monica Wiley • Mark Minyard, JD • Senator Tom Umberg • Susan Rempel, Ph.D., LMFT	Demystifying Asian Parenting: An Essential Workshop for Court Involved Providers • Maria Young, LMFT	Sunrise Solutions: Incremental Trust Building to Reduce Family Conflict • Michael Saini, MSW, Ph.D.	Teamwork is Dream Work: Parenting Plan Coordinators and Mental Health Therapists Working Together • Robin Sax, JD, LCSW • Hon. Scott Gordon (ret) • Mary Lund, Ph.D.	“No One Will Touch These Cases.” How Did We Get Here? What Can We Do to Fix it? • Hon. Diane Goodman • Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman • Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., ABPP • Ashley Lauren Reyes, LMFT	Parental Child Abduction: From Abduction to Recovery and Treatment • Carlos Olivares, JD, Minor’s Counsel • Hon. Maria Puente-Porras • Mesha Ellis, Ph.D.	
<b>i2 Institute (2)</b>	<b>5:45 pm – 7:45 pm</b>		<b>w3 Workshop (3)</b>	<b>3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</b>	<b>w8 Workshop (8)</b>	<b>10:45 am – 12:45 pm</b>		
Adjudicating Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse When Custody is In Dispute • Seth Goldstein, JD • Hon. Scott Gordon, (Ret) • Hon. Joanne Brown, (Ret) JD, MSW	<b>p1 Plenary (1)</b> Intergenerational Translation: The Art of Creating Effective Communication Across Generations • Sacha Joseph-Mathews, Ph.D.		Conflict, Communication, Courtesy, and Culture: Establishing Fluency • GITU Bhatia, PsyD • Linda Bortell, PsyD • Mesha Ellis, Ph.D.	Cyber Shadows: Unveiling Domestic Violence, Harassment, and Intimidation Through Social Media and AI Under the DVPA • Susan Rempel, Ph.D., LMFT • Angelina Ray, JD, CFLS • Hon. Firdaus Dordi • Jennifer Mouzis, JD	Intergenerational Trauma in Chronic Conflict Families • Leslie Drozd, Ph.D. • Jennifer Harrison, PsyD, ABPP, ATR-BC	<b>w9 Workshop (9)</b> Embracing Emotions To Build Brighter Futures For Families • Kathy Campbell, JD, CFLS • Carol Hughes, Ph.D., LMFT		
<b>i3* Institute (3)</b> Domestic Violence Institute: Annual Update for Family Court Judges, Attorneys, and Custody Professionals • Jessica Dayton, JD, CFLS • Mindy Mechanic, Ph.D. • Hon. Tara Flanagan	<b>7:45 pm – 9:00 pm</b> <b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>		<b>w4 Workshop (4)</b> Bridging Hearts: Fostering Connection in Family Mediation • Avigail Ward, Ph.D., LMFT • Jacquetta Adewole, LMFT	<b>w6 Workshop (6)</b> Parenting Plan Evaluation Reports: How Can They Provide a Roadmap for Healthier Family Functioning? • Daniel Pickar, Ph.D., ABPP • Erin Dominguez, Esq. • Hon. Monica Wiley • Robert Kaufman, Ph.D., ABPP		<b>w10* Workshop (10)</b> Truth and Consequences: Assessing Witness Truthfulness, Credibility and Reliability in Family Law • Michael Kretzmer, CFLS, AAML • Hon. Mark Juhas • Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., ABPP • Albert Gibbs, Ph.D.		
		<b>10:45 am – 12:15 pm</b> <b>w1 Workshop (1)</b> Meeting the Needs of Immigrant Youth • Deborah Wald, CFLS • Merlyn Hernandez, CFLS • Tiffany Markee, JD, CBLS	<b>12:30 pm – 1:30 pm</b> <b>LUNCHEON &amp; DROWN AWARD</b>			<b>w12 Workshop (12)</b> Solving the Complex and Ever-changing Custodial Puzzle: An Exercise in Humility • Mindy Dirks, Ph.D. • Hon. Susan Greenberg • Andrea Palash, JD		



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