



2021 Joseph Drown Award Recipient

Michael J. Kretzmer

Over the course of the last 38 years, Mike's practice has been largely focused on child custody and child abuse matters. He has represented thousands of parents and children in Juvenile Dependency and Family Law matters. His concern has always been for the protection, health and well-being of children and for the repair of family relationships. Mike has tried hundreds of high-conflict cases in family law, Juvenile Dependency and guardianship matters.

He has been a member of AFCC since 2007; he was a member and officer of the State Bar of California's Family Law Executive Committee; he is a Certified Family Law Specialist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Mike has served as the President of AFCC California and has been the chair of the annual AFCC California Conference on numerous occasions. He has been a frequent speaker and writer on child custody and abuse issues, trial tactics and other related matters over the course of the last 20 years.

Mike wants you all to know that none of what he has been able to accomplish in his career for children or families would have been possible without AFCC. The mission of AFCC in California and internationally has been a constant inspiration. The dedication of AFCC members and the friends and colleagues Mike has made though AFCC have left an indelible impression on him. There is nothing more important to Mike professionally than the continued success of AFCC and its efforts to improve the lives of families, children and our communities.