

Washington Chapter AFCC Newsletter

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Letter from the 2024 Conference Committee

It's Time to Celebrate and Learn Together Again!

We invite all of you to join us at the "Welcome Back" 2024 AFCC WA Annual Conference. The COVID years took a great toll on our networking and connectivity with one another. The AFCC Washington Chapter welcomes you back! Please join us and reconnect in 2024!

Sponsors have generously provided us with a welcome-back lunch, free CEU's and a wonderful social event with live music and snacks. Our 2024 Speakers will provide us with a spectacular educational opportunity and Master class on April 19th. We also planned a Special Seminar & Roundtable for Parenting Coordinators on April 20th from 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Please join us for this 2024 networking reunion!

The family forensic work we all do drains us to the core. Yet our passion for peace-making uplifts our souls, our client families, and our communities. AFCC educational opportunities inspire us to be our best, and to do our best work. Come and re-charge with us!

It is this sharing, connecting, and networking with one another that really rejuvenates us and creates the great

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**FAMILY ASSESSMENTS
From Errors to Excellence**

An AFCC Interdisciplinary Program

9th Annual Conference
on April 19, 2024



**Time to get out of your PJ's and
get back in person!**

Please let us welcome you back in person on April 19th!

Special Event for Parenting Coordinators

April 20th from 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



Seminar & Roundtable 2024
The Parenting Coordination Role
pursuant to the new 2019 AFCC PC
Guidelines

A special seminar and roundtable is planned for Saturday morning after the Annual Conference.

Registration at the conference is required. Join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Seminar from 9:30 a.m.–12:30. p.m.

The Parenting Coordination Seminar & Roundtable is offered by the AFCC WA Chapter Professional Roles and Practice Standards (PRPS) Committee. The purpose of the PRPS Committee is to develop and maintain standards of care for professionals working in the family law arena.

This event is hosted by the Parenting Coordination Sub-Committee.

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inspiration necessary for the work we all do. Networking is what keeps us “family forward” and in full collaboration toward the goals of peace-making for the benefit of these many children and their families. Please let us welcome you back in person on April 19th!

Thanks to the many also who have already registered! We are excited to welcome you all back!

Best,
The Washington AFCC Chapter 2024 Conference Committee,
Dana Dean Doering
Caroline Plummer
Hank Finesilver

Special Event for Parenting Coordinators (Cont...)

Topics include:

- Introduction to the AFCC Parenting Coordination Guidelines (revised in 2019)
- Key elements of a sound Parenting Coordination Order of Appointment
- The Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act—its impact on the Parenting Coordination Order of Appointment in Washington State
- Review the list of appropriate Parenting Coordination tasks to be assigned in a PC Order of Appointment
- Mishaps and pitfalls seen in review of some faulty sample PC Orders

Our Seminar Leaders

Dana Dean Doering ARNP

Parenting Coordinator and Reunification Specialist
National Board Certification: Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health
Dean Doering & Associates: President

Henry (Hank) Finesilver (fka Fields)

Retired: doing professional consulting work

Caitlin R. Burgess, JD, MA, LMFT

Professional Clinical, Legal, and Forensic Services

Paul McVicker

KCBA: Managing Staff Attorney/Kinship Care Solutions Project
Retired from private practice-as a litigator, mediator, and a Collaborative Law attorney.
Chair of the Legislative Committee of the ADR section that proposed the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act and promoted its adoption

***There is still time to register for the 9th Annual Conference
and Special Event for Parenting Coordinators!***
www.wa-afcc.org/training-events/2024-conference



Time to Socialize and Celebrate Together!

Back by popular request! Abby Markson and Jacob Maddy, instrumentalists and songwriters, will serenade us at the social hour.



We are also providing drinks and snacks to encourage networking and the opportunity to linger and for us to get to know one another again!

Congratulations to Abby and Jacob—they are newlyweds!
Excited to have Abby back with us at social hour again!

Time to Celebrate Accomplishments in Publishing!



Highlights on our Annual Conference speaker Chris Mulchay’s new publication!
Please check out this new contribution to our field!

The Family Law Professional’s Field Guide to High-Conflict Litigation

Benjamin D. Garber, Ph.D., Dana Prescott, J.D., L.M.S.W., Ph.D., Chris Mulchay, Ph.D.

Advance praise received from family law experts across the globe for The Family Law Professional’s Field Guide to High-Conflict Litigation!

“In this book, the authors have captured complex dynamics of high-conflict families and their boundary problems, explaining them in readable terms with sensitivity and warmth and forcing the reader to give up either/or, and binary thinking. This book is a must-have resource for lawyers, judges, and all who work in the family court system.”

“This book is about pulling the lens back, shifting the focus of family law assessments and interventions and legal representation from the individual to relationships. It’s about redefining the level of inquiry and resetting the frame so as to capture the social and emotional ecology—the system—within which the child exists rather than the characteristics of the individuals who engage in those relationships.”

There will be a discount code for this book at the conference!

We are happy and excited to acknowledge the accomplishments of our speakers!



Bravo Stacy and Jennifer!

Highlights on Chapter Members—Our members are prolific writers too!

In addition to Chris’s book above, two of our AFCC Chapter members, Stacy Heard & Jennifer Wheeler, also have publishing success! Talk to them about their new book, [Family Law Attorneys and Parenting Evaluators: Improving Professional Collaboration](#), at the conference!

Their book gives attorneys insights and practical guidance on how to improve the collaboration between attorneys and parenting evaluators, and examines all aspects of this collaboration. The book also provides definitions of the roles of mental health professionals in parenting evaluations and the applicable laws and standards for each professional.

We are happy and excited to acknowledge the accomplishments of our Chapter members!

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