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Left to Right: The Honorable Mr. Justice Robert Carr, Winnipeg; Chief Justice Harry Carrico, Virginia; Chief Justice Robert Miller, Kansas; AFCC President Thomas Bishop, Connecticut; The Honorable Mr. Justice George Walsh, Toronto; the Honorable Mr. Justice John Van Duzer, Hamilton.

AFCC Honors Supreme Court Justices

AFCC presented its Distinguished Service Award to Chief Justice Harry Carrico, Virginia; Chief Justice Robert Miller, Kansas; Chief Justice Raymond Ehrlich, Florida; Chief Justice Frank Gordon, Jr., Arizona; Appellate Court Judge Donald King; and Canadian Justices The Honorable Mr. Justice Robert Carr, Winnipeg; The Honorable Mr. Justice John Van Duzer, Hamilton; and the Honorable Mr. Justice George Walsh, Toronto.

These members of the judiciary were honored for their leadership in promoting the use of alternative dispute resolution processes and encouraging the use of these procedures in family court matters.

AFCC was honored to have Justices Carrico, Miller, Carr, Van Duzer and Walsh with us at the Winnipeg conference to receive their awards. T. Ailene Hubert, Jeanne Ames and Russ Schoeneman accepted the awards for Justices Ehrlich, King and Gordon.

Madam Justice Claire L'Heureux Dube' of the Supreme Court of Canada was the banquet speaker. She highlighted the many areas in which Canada has made significant strides to positively respond to divorcing families.

WINNIPEG HAS WINNING COMBINATION

The Canadian and American AFCC link has once again proven itself to be a win/win bond. AFCC's Winnipeg meeting has been acclaimed as an overall success by the 253 conference participants in post-conference questionnaires, letters and verbal feedback. Commenters report a successful balance was struck between efficient registration (thanks to Fay-Lynn Katz and her committee); excellent hotel accommodations (thanks to Russ Schoeneman's negotiations three years ago); an interesting and challenging program (thanks to Lorraine Martin and her committee); and a warm and fun hospitality suite (thanks to Orysia Kostiuk). The Honorable A.C. Hamilton of the Manitoba Unified Family Court is to be credited for his efforts in securing the attendance of a large number of Canadian judges.

Keynote speaker, John Rosemond, challenged our assumptions of what quality parenting is all about. Rosemond attacked the assumption that children need a lot of attention. He suggests that parents have lost

touch with the commonsense side of raising children, relying too much on experts and theory. Instead, he urged parents to give children a chance to figure things out for themselves and to provide a context for discovery of personal competence, rather than "pump" them full of love and attention in order to raise their self esteem.

Dr. Marla Isaacs shared her vast clinical and research experience in helping divorcing or divorced couples and their children grapple with some of the most difficult problems, enabling them to resolve problems and reach agreements. Isaacs emphasized children's well-being and improving parents' problem-solving skills through a reorganization of family relationships. Family therapists need to respect the realities of divorce and be prepared to meet separately with family subgroups to help parents establish boundaries. Adequate preparation, she notes, can help even hostile parents come to workable solutions for their children's wellbeing.



"This Says It All"

My name is Jim Beasley, and I'm an AFCC-aholic. How did I get that way you ask? Well, let me tell you my story.

I have been a Kansas general jurisdiction court judge for almost fifteen years. I have had assignments to all the departments in our judicial district, i.e., criminal, civil, juvenile, and probate. For the past six years, however, I have volunteered to stay as domestic (family court) presiding judge.

The family court is an assignment that carries a high degree of stress for judges. Many lawyers and litigants have wondered what sort of deficiency I have in my personal make-up which would allow me to undergo all the years of family court emotional trauma. I usually respond with something about how a judge who cares about families, children, and change can get personal fulfillment in this area of the judiciary.

Last year, however, the job was starting to wear me down and I told our assignment judge that I was ready to take another assignment and a respite from the family court.

In the meantime, I availed myself of the AFCC conference in Chicago. Well, let me tell you, after attending the workshops and presentations I became a reborn crusading domestic court judge with so many new approaches to the task of the family court that I cancelled my request to change (to the collective relief of the 23 other judges in our district who stood in line for the involuntary assignment) and excitedly returned to implement some of the innovative ideas I had learned at the AFCC conference.

I can disclose that the conference in Winnipeg also gave me new ideas as have all the AFCC conferences and materials I have received.

So, there you have it. Addicted, yes, but it is great to get high on your job, and I have AFCC to thank for that.

James G. Beasley
District Court Judge
18th Judicial District
Wichita, Kansas

"This is my third AFCC conference. The friendships formed and the feelings of warmth conveyed at these gatherings are wonderful. It makes me want to come back . . ."

Sue Hinckle, ACSW
Cass County Mental Health
and Addiction Services
Cassopolis, Michigan

KANSAS CITY HERE WE COME!

September, 27-29, 1990

Meeting the Challenge: Problems and Solutions for the '90s will be the theme of the North Central Regional Conference, September 27-29, 1990 at the Kansas City, MO Marriott Hotel. The opening plenary "War of the Roses: Defining the Conflicts" will feature Professor Linda Elrod, Washburn University School of Law and David Levy, President, National Council for Children's Rights. Other plenary presenters include Isolina Ricci, Statewide Coordinator for the Administrative Office of the Courts talking about new expectations, new standards and new solutions for divorcing parents and Kansas Congresswoman Jan Meyers discuss-

ing the political implications for families of the '90s. Workshops will include sessions on the expert witness, child custody assessments, sexual abuse allegations, mediator impasse, domestic violence, child support and educational and case management ideas for family court services.

Conference registration materials may be obtained from the AFCC office or by contacting:

Carol Roeder-Esser
10755 Oakmont
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 831-2550

FAMILY MEDIATION CANADA AND AFCC MEET IN HALIFAX

October 21-23, 1990

AFCC's Northeast Regional Conference will be held in conjunction with Family Mediation Canada's annual conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Three pre-conference institutes, one each for judges, child protection staff and beginning mediators, will be held October 19-20. The conference program will include an opening panel of professionals from the bench, the bar and the social sciences discussing how each profession would address various cases and controversial issues. Panel members include Chief Justice Constance Glube, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia; Tom Bishop, AFCC Past-President; Ann Milne, AFCC Executive Director; Attorney Richard McConomy, Montreal; Lorraine Martin, Family Conciliation Services, Winnipeg; and Hon. Frederick Freedman, Chief Administrative Judge, Connecticut.

Other plenary sessions and workshops will focus on spousal abuse and its impact on custody and access, children's adjustment to divorce and separation, negotiation skills, religious issues in custody and access disputes, interviewing children, school mediation and chronic access problems. Presenters include the ever-popular William Hodges, Mary Margaret Golten, Bernie Mayer, Marje Burdine, Judith Ryan, John Kydd, Hugh McIsaac, Robert McWhinney, Ellen Rudd, Barbara Chisholm and others.

For conference information contact the AFCC office (608) 251-4001 or Family Mediation Canada, 123 Woolrich Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3V1, (519) 836-7750 FAX: (519) 836-7204.

Nova Scotia—Canada's Ocean Playground

Shaped like its native delicacy the lobster, no part of Nova Scotia is more than 35 miles from the sea. The province enjoys an international reputation as a popular travel destination. Visitors may arrive by rail, road, air and sea. Two car ferries run from the State of Maine to Yarmouth, one from Bar Harbor, ME, and one from Portland, ME. There is also car ferry service from Saint John, New Brunswick and Woods Island, PEI.

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, (population 114,594) is the focal point of the Atlantic Provinces. It is an old, established community offering youthful contagious enthusiasm. The waterfront is a prime example of this blending of the old and the new. Visitors can stroll along the piers, join a walking tour, visit one of the maritime museums or even hail a rickshaw.

Dining features gourmet treats of fresh fish and shellfish. Mussels, oysters, thick chowders, succulent lobsters and sauteed fresh haddock are but a few examples.

Pre- and post conference traveling affords visitors the opportunity to see the outstanding scenery and to enjoy the warm hospitality of Nova Scotia. Nestled among the hills and dales of rural Nova Scotia are the province's Farm and Country Vacation Homes, each offering a unique experience to travelers seeking a change of pace. Bed and Breakfast homes and Country Inns are located throughout the mainland and Cape Breton Island. For further travel information contact the Department of Tourism and Culture, P.O. Box 456, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2R5.

Message From the President

Upon my return from AFCC's excellent meeting in Winnipeg, I have been thinking about the conference theme, "Challenging Our Assumptions" and the coming challenges for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Looking back over past AFCC conferences demonstrates the myriad of family issues that have become our challenges over the years. The 1967 program of the Conference of Conciliation Courts, as we were called 23 years ago, focused on the "Dynamics of Marital Disintegration." In 1969, conference topics included "Exploring Frontiers of Court Counseling." Ten years later in 1979, custody evaluations joined court-connected counseling as a conference topic. Mediation first appeared on the 1980 program with our Executive Director, Ann Milne, moderating a panel of such "heavy hitters" as John Haynes, Jim Coogler, Jay Folberg and Lois Gold. Mediation has continued to be a conference topic to the present.

Most recently, the areas of domestic violence, child support enforcement, access and supervision have taken their place as conference topics and new challenges for court-connected services.

This new decade, the last of the century, offers great promise for AFCC. As an association, we must take an active, leadership

role in defining our future. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Hugh McIsaac, has begun to examine issues important to the growth and development of the association and to its members.

What's next for AFCC? There are no limits. It's up to us. AFCC is an organization of professionals committed to working with all types of families. It's time to become more visible and to impact on the public by advancing public policy issues and increasing publicity about our services and our products.

I encourage each of you to "spread the AFCC word" and enlist the help of at least one new member during the coming year. Your participation and involvement is most important. You can help with conference planning or become active in one of AFCC's many committees. Your participation is the life of the Association and vital to help further the AFCC's becoming a positive, pro-active contributor to the public and the communities we serve.

George Bernard Shaw said "A codfish lays 10,000 eggs a day, silently. A hen lays one egg and cackles. Nobody eats codfish eggs; everybody eats hens' eggs." Let's start "cackling" about our eggs. The time has come for AFCC to actively speak out in an innovative way and to emerge as a leader as we face the challenges of the future.



Russell Schoeneman

Reviewing AFCC President Russell Schoeneman's past through his resume provides the reader with a picture of an individual well-suited to serving as AFCC's new president. He has worked as a psychology professor, psychologist, consultant, AFCC conference planner and Association Treasurer. Reflective of AFCC's multi-disciplinary membership, he has worked with a diversity of groups including counselors, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, college students, juvenile offenders and U.S. government officials. His interest in organizational psychology propelled him toward his present position as Director of the Maricopa County (Phoenix) Conciliation Services. He says that working with clients in the court system is an opportunity and a challenge. For many people it's a last chance to keep the marital relationship together or to dissolve the marriage with dignity.

Russ grew up in Iowa and later moved to Arizona by way of the University of South Dakota. He received his BA, MA (English) and PhD (Psychology) degrees from Arizona State University. Prior to returning for his PhD, Russ taught high school English literature. Following obtaining his doctorate, Russ worked as a conciliation court counselor in Maricopa County and spent 3 years in Wyoming working as a psychologist at a mental health center and adjunct faculty member at the University of Wyoming, prior to returning to Phoenix to become Director of Maricopa County Conciliation Services eight years ago.

Russ has been involved in AFCC since 1970. He served as co-chair of AFCC's 1984 winter conference in Phoenix, AFCC treasurer, vice-president and president-elect, prior to becoming President.

Russ and his wife, Dianne, have two children—Geoff (a psychology graduate) and Terri (a 5th year microbiology student). His leisure time is taken up in listening to classical and blue grass music, skiing, bicycling, jogging and enjoying the outdoors.

Member News

Hon. James Beasley, Sedgwick County, Kansas and **Hon. Francis X. Hennessey**, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of Connecticut, received the Chief Justice Warren E. Burger award for "healers" at the fourth annual conference of the National Council for Children's Rights. Judge Beasley was cited for his support of mediation and education programs for families of divorce. Judge Hennessey was cited for his work as co-chair of the Task Force on Gender Justice and the Courts.

Rebecca Greenlee, AFCC Newsletter Co-editor, has been appointed to the Wisconsin State Bar Association ADR Committee. This new Bar Committee plans to cover topics including ADR legislation, standards of practice and professional responsibility and community and professional education. Committee members include representatives from the judiciary, law schools and the Bar.

Maricopa County Conciliation Court Services, Phoenix, AZ, received a 1990 NACO Achievement Award for its mediation and conciliation services. NACO awards are given to counties which offer innovative programs and enhance the delivery of services.

Linda Fisher, Co-ordinator of Training & Research for the Community Justice Centers of Australia, recently completed an extended tour of the U.S. She met with a number of

AFCC members and visited court programs across the country. Linda is the 1990 recipient of the New South Wales Law Foundation Fellowship.

AFCC Begins Long Range Planning

AFCC's Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Hugh McIsaac, met during the Winnipeg meeting to begin to formulate the Association's goals and objectives for the next 5-10 years. The committee was assisted by facilitators Mary Margaret Golten and Bernie Meyer from CDR and Associates, Boulder, CO. Areas to be examined include membership development, publications, training and technical assistance, regional and national conferences, international development, administrative structure, public policy and interprofessional relationships. Individual committee members volunteered to provide oversight and direction to each of these topic areas. Long range planning efforts will be expanded to include the Board of Directors and AFCC members. AFCC members will be receiving a planning questionnaire following the Kansas City conference. Anyone wishing further information may contact Hugh McIsaac, Los Angeles Conciliation Court, 111 N. Hill St., Rm. 241, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-5531.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Mediation Orientation Program

A client's introduction to the mediation process sets the stage for engaging the client in the process. Court-connected mediation programs across the country have created a variety of models to equip the client with sufficient information to decide whether or not to take full advantage of the mediation opportunity. Many programs use group orientation sessions to begin the process. Others begin with a meeting between only the mediator and the parties. Court-connected programs are increasing their use of videotapes to provide information about mediation to the participants. The next few issues of the Newsletter will spotlight some of the ways in which mediation programs introduce the process to their clients. In this issue the spotlight is on the programs of Clark County, (Las Vegas), Nevada, Child Custody Division, and Los Angeles County Family Court Services/Conciliation Court.

The Clark County, (Las Vegas) Nevada program uses videotapes to introduce the process of mediation to incoming clients, according to supervisor, Ruth Pearson Urban. A major goal of the program is to get parents in the mind set that they are the ones who should take control of making the decisions in their children's lives. The videotapes significantly aid in that effort.

Incoming clients spend the first fifty minutes of their mediation appointment viewing two videotapes before meeting with the mediator. Court personnel will remain in the room if tension or violence exists in the rela-

tionship. Parents are asked if they feel they can watch the videos together without disrupting each other. In the first video, Clark County Domestic Court Referees discuss why it is in the children's best interest to resolve the controversy before a referee has to make a decision. The tape also features a conversation between California Judge Donald King and Judith Wallerstein on what the research says about the effects of divorce on children. The second video, "Don't Forget The Children," developed by the Dallas Young Lawyers Association, provides information about children's needs from experts in mental health and the legal systems. Ms. Pearson Urban notes that surveys of their clients reveal that this is not "too much" video—the messages are different and both are good and necessary.

After the videos, parties are given written materials on the mediation, process, suggestions for coping with the new family structure, services offered through the Child Custody Division and an overview of Nevada law. The brochure also lists community resources and book to help parents through the process.

The mediator completes the second phase of the two-hour orientation process, meeting with the parties to go over goals and guidelines for mediation, the parenting plan—what it looks like, and what happens if a plan is reached or not. The mediator continues to help the parties understand how the process works and some of the factors that

influence its success. Additional brochures, including those available through AFCC, are distributed to further help the parties get the information they need to make the best decisions for their children.

Los Angeles County Family Court Services/Conciliation Court began a group mediation orientation process when the numbers became too great to meet privately with divorcing parents within three weeks of referral. Now, says Director Hugh McIsaac, he wouldn't do it any other way. The 2½-hour group process includes 10 to 20 families, most of whom have been referred by the court. Participants view the videotape, "You're Still Mum and Dad," developed by the Family Courts Association of New Zealand and distributed by AFCC, and then hear about parenting following dissolution, children's needs at different developmental stages, and parenting plan options. Information on conflict resolution gives parents experience in resolving disputes and a chance to put the skills to work through exercises—teaching participants to be their own mediator. According to Mr. McIsaac, this exercise better prepares clients to be active participants in the mediation session.

Let us know how your program sets the stage for mediation. We will be featuring other mediation orientation programs in the next issue of the Newsletter. Send your information to Ann Milne/Rebecca Greenlee, Newsletter Editors, 329 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703.

Orientation Videos

Several videos useful for showing at mediation orientation sessions, including the video "You're Still MUM and DAD, are available through AFCC. Check the publication order form or contact the AFCC office at (608) 251-4001 for more information. "Don't Forget the Children," developed by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, is available from DAYL c/o Atty. Dawn Fowler, 3316 Oak Grove Ave. Ste. 100, Dallas, TX 75204.

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Board Nominations

The Nominations Committee is seeking names of individuals to serve on AFCC's Board of Directors. If you or someone you know is interested, please forward their name and resume to Nominations Committee chairperson Hon. Betty Barteau, City-County Bldg., Room 406, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 236-4223. Nominations should be made prior to March 1, 1991 in order to be considered by the committee prior to the elections at the Pittsburgh conference.

The AFCC Newsletter is published four times a year in January, April, July and October. News items should be sent by the 15th of the month preceding publication to Newsletter Editor, Ann L. Milne, 329 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703, (608) 251-4001.

POST-CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXCHANGES

SWEDEN MAY 18-25, 1991

This travel/study tour is being led by AFCC's Vice-President, Bob Tompkins. Members will depart AFCC's Pittsburgh conference for Stockholm, Sweden. Joint meetings will be held with Scandinavian colleagues on May 21-22, 1991. Presenters will discuss the status of dispute resolution in Scandinavia and recent research results. Ample time will be provided for sight-seeing and enjoying the beautiful scenery of Sweden. Tour dates may be extended to meet added travel interests.

The final tour price has not been established but will be approximately \$1400. This will include roundtrip airfare, 6 nights' lodging in a first-class hotel (double occupancy), ground transportation, escorted tour of Stockholm, boat tour of archipelagoes, conference registration, taxes and gratuities.

For further information contact:

Bob Tompkins
Family Division-Superior Court
28 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 566-7973
FAX (203) 566-8804

NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA MAY 1992

This will be AFCC's second trip to beautiful New Zealand and Australia. This meeting will be sponsored by AFCC's Southwest region. All AFCC members and others are invited to participate in this exciting opportunity to meet with colleagues from the Pacific Rim. New Zealand's blend of Polynesian and Western culture and traditions will provide the background to examining new procedures to assist family decision making. Conference topics will include New Zealand's role in international custody cases, the care and protection of children in the event of alleged sexual abuse, maintenance collections and paternity cases.

Although travel plans are not complete, it is anticipated that participants will depart from AFCC's San Diego conference and arrive in Auckland, New Zealand and travel north to meet in the Bay of Islands. Travel plans include further meetings in Rotorua on the North Island and Christchurch and Queenstown on the South Island. Tour extensions can include Australia, Tahiti, Fiji and Hawaii.

For further information contact:

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201 W. Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003
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FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS REVIEW

**Now Published Quarterly
By Sage Publications, Inc.**

Beginning with the January 1991 issue, AFCC's journal, the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, will be distributed quarterly by Sage Publications, Inc. Members will receive four issues a year at no additional membership fee. Nonmembers may subscribe to the journal for \$37/year (Individual) or \$75/year (Institutional).

The *Review* features articles on family court services, divorce-related research and new techniques to help family members resolve conflict. Contributors reflect the international and interdisciplinary membership of the Association. Articles submitted for publication are blind reviewed by the Editorial Board. Authors will be provided a Contributor's Guide upon request. Articles and questions should be directed to:

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Family and Conciliation Courts Review
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1991 MEYER ELKIN ESSAY CONTEST

- Gender Bias in the Courts ■
- Support Enforcement ■
 - Children at Risk ■
 - Family Violence ■
- Language of Divorce ■
- The Court of the Future ■

The 3rd annual Meyer Elkin Essay Award will be presented at AFCC's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, May 1991. The winner will receive a \$250 cash prize and the engraved Meyer Elkin Essay Award. The winning article will be published in the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*. Articles should address any of the themes listed above. Articles must be received by March 1, 1991. Entries should be submitted to Review Co-editors Stanley Cohen and Hugh McIsaac, Family and Conciliation Courts Review, 111 N. Hill Street, Room 241, Los Angeles, CA 90012 USA, (213) 974-5524.

AFCC Creates New Video Committee . . .

The Video Committee, co-chaired by Stan Cohen and F. Nolan Jones, has been spun off from the Publications Committee, chaired by Phil Bushard. The increasing number of AFCC video resources and publications has created too much work for one committee.

According to video committee co-chairs Cohen and Jones, the committee hopes to consider developing videos on marital mediation and step-family issues. Target audiences for the education/training tapes

include AFCC constituents—attorneys, judges and mental health professionals.

Co-chair Stan Cohen requests that AFCC members:

- Send ideas for training or educational films.
- Send ideas for funding of videotapes.
- Send existing videotapes for AFCC review and possible distribution. Videotapes can become part of the AFCC interdisciplinary library.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee or wish to share your ideas, contact:

Stanley N. Cohen, Ph.D., co-chair
F. Nolan Jones, Ed.D., co-chair
Family Court Service
704 South Main Street, Suite 200
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 655-8415

. . . and Child Support Committee

Joel Banks, Director of the Maricopa Family Support Center and Commissioner Stephen Gaddis, Seattle, have been appointed co-chairpersons of AFCC's new committee on child support. By creating this new committee, AFCC President Dr. Russ Schoeneman called attention to the significant role that child support (amount, compliance, use) plays in family disputes and access problems. Committee objectives include:

- Developing model standards for Family Court Child Support Services to assist in the resolution of family disputes. These services may encompass mediation/arbitration, evaluation, and enforcement services, among others.

- Surveying and evaluating alternative child support guidelines as they apply to custodial arrangements and visitation expenses and developing model guidelines for addressing these considerations.

- Studying the comparative impact of rules/policies regarding the segregation of support from custody/access matters in dispute resolution programs and proposing model rules or policies if supported by such study.

Anyone interested in serving on the Child Support Committee should contact the co-chairs and include suggestions as to committee objectives and projects.

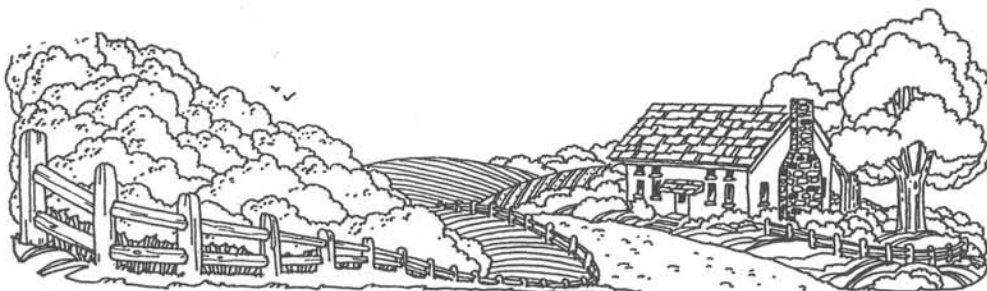
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(602) 256-5724

Honorable Stephen Gaddis
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AFCC Presents Domestic Violence Workshop at AFM Conference

AFCC members Diane Bryner, Co-chair of AFCC's Mediation Committee, and Linda Girdner, Dennis Marthaler, Jane Orbeton, Tim Salius and Ann Milne discussed policies and approaches to mediation in cases involving domestic abuse. This workshop was a follow-up to the Symposium on Mediation and Domestic Abuse convened by AFCC in Chicago last year. The next issue of AFM's

journal, *Mediation Quarterly*, guest edited by Linda Girdner, will focus on domestic abuse. AFCC's Mediation Committee will be conducting a survey of court programs and compiling information about practices and procedures in this area. A workshop on mediation and domestic abuse is planned for the Pittsburgh conference.



Calendar of Events

August 18-21, 1990—Chicago

Mediation Training

Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeta
Contact: Darlene Knick
1875 Dempster St. Suite 365
Park Ridge, IL 60068
(708) 696-6023

Sept. 6-9, 1990—San Francisco

Oct. 4-7, 1990—Washington, DC

Mediation Training

John Lemmon
Contact: Lemmon Mediation Institute
5248 Boyd Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618
(415) 547-8089

September 27-29, 1990—Kansas City
AFCC Northcentral Conference and

Midyear Board Meeting

Contact: Carol Roeder-Esser
10755 Oakmont
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 831-2550

October 21-24, 1990—Halifax, NS

AFCC Northeast Regional Conference and Family Mediation Canada

Contact: Hon. R. James Williams
Family Court
P.O. Box 12543
Dartmouth, NS Canada B2Y 3B9
or Paul Young
(519) 836-7750

January 10-12, 1991—Boulder, CO

AFCC Southcentral Regional Conference

Contact: Byrnee Gluckstern
1050 S. Monoco #16
Denver, CO 80224
(303) 730-7227

May 15-18, 1991—Pittsburgh PA

AFCC Annual Meeting

Contact: Hon. Lawrence Kaplan
Family Division
604 City-County Bldg.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 355-7127

September 4-7, 1991—Albuquerque, NM

AFCC Southwest Regional and Midyear Board Meeting

Contact: Debra Miller
Court Clinic
415 Tijeras, Northwest
Room G-03
Albuquerque, NM 87103
(505) 841-7409

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Fall 1991—Minneapolis area

AFCC North Central Regional Conference

Contact: Hon. Mary Winter
County Government Bldg.
Rm. 559
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-7782

Fall 1991—Vancouver, BC

AFCC Northwest Regional Conference

Contact: Gary Burda
Multnomah County Family Services
1021 S.W. 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204
(503) 248-3189

March 29–April 3, 1992—Jerusalem

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Divorce

Contact: Israel Association for Marital and
Family Therapy
P.O. Box 29313
61292 Tel Aviv, Israel
FAX: 972-3-660604

May 8–10, 1992—San Diego

AFCC Annual Conference

Contact: Murray Bloom
1501 6th Ave.
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 557-2125

October 21–24, 1992—Lubbock, TX

AFCC Southcentral Regional Conference

Contact: Gene Valentini
P.O. Box 3730
Lubbock, TX 79452
(806) 762-8721

Fall 1992—Hamilton, Ont.

AFCC Northcentral Regional Conference

Contact: Gerald McNeilly
Unified Family Court
55 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ont CANADA L8P 1H4
(416) 525-1550

May 1993 (Tentative)—Quebec City

AFCC Annual Conference

Contact: Tim Salius
Family Division Superior Court
28 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 566-7973

May 1994—Maui, Hawaii

AFCC Annual Conference

Contact: Hon. Douglas McNish
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