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Curriculum Vita

LICENSES HELD

Psychologist - State of California, PSY10800

Licensed Psychologist - State of Hawaii, PSY 1373

Marriage and Family Therapist - State of California, MW023203 (Inactive)

EDUCATION & DEGREES

- 9/83 - 1/86 California School of Professional Psychology
San Diego, CA
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: An Exploration of the Construct of Alexithymia from Behavioral, Cognitive and Psychoanalytic Perspectives
- 9/81 - 6/83 California School of Professional Psychology
San Diego, CA
M.A. in Clinical Psychology
- 9/78 - 6/80 University of Minnesota
Institute of Child Development
Minneapolis, MN
M.A. in Child Psychology
Thesis: The Development of Causal Reasoning in the Narrative
- 9/74 - 9/78 University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA
B.A. in Psychology (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)
- 9/71 - 6/74 Ulysses S. Grant High School
Van Nuys, CA

PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1/87 - **Licensed Psychologist**
California and Hawaii
Independent Private Practice of Forensic Psychology,
Forensic Psychology Consulting, Child Custody Evaluation,
Forensic Case Consultation, Expert Witness and Trial
Consultation, Mediation, Collaborative Practice, Teaching,
Writing.
- 1/14 - 1/15 **Faculty**
Trial Advocacy Institute - American Bar Association
Trial College for Family Law
Boulder, CO
- 1/08 - 1/14 **Child Custody Mediator**
National Conflict Resolution Center
San Diego, CA
- 1/99 - 5/02 **Director, Dispute Resolution Services**
Real Solutions Center for Children (Volunteer Position)
San Diego, CA
- 3/86 - 3/87 **Post Doctoral Fellow**
Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital
Child / Adolescent Treatment Program
San Diego, CA
(Duties included group psychotherapy, case consultation,
substance abuse recovery counseling and psychological
testing on a locked inpatient acute care and adolescent unit.)
- 6/85 - 3/86 **Psychology Fellow**
Southwood Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program
Chula Vista, CA
(Duties included group and family psychotherapy, substance
abuse recovery, program planning, and milieu consultation.)

- 9/84 - 6/85 **Predoctoral Psychology Intern**
Veterans Administration Hospital Medical Center
La Jolla, CA
(Duties included outpatient emergency triage, inpatient consultation and assessment, co-therapist in outpatient and inpatient substance abuse recovery groups, diagnostic testing. Major focus in psychological aspects of medical illness, couples and family psychotherapy.)
- 6/83 - 7/86 **Registered Psychological Assistant**
Linda Eaton, Ph.D.
San Diego, CA
Psychotherapy in a private practice setting under the clinical supervision of a licensed psychologist.
- 6/83 - 6/84 **Psychology Intern**
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
San Diego, CA
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy, and psychological testing.)
- 8/82 - 7/83 **Psychology Intern**
California Psychological Services Center
San Diego, CA
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy.)

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Forensic Psychology Consulting in Family Law Matters, Mediation, Collaborative Practice, and Psychological Evaluation

Licensed practice as a Psychologist for 30 years. Expertise focused on the areas of Forensic Psychology as it applies to:

- Family Law Matters
- Forensic Consultation
- Expert Witness
- Case Consultant & Strategist
- Trial Consultation
- Collaborative Practice
- Custody Dispute Resolution
- Custody Evaluation
- Parent Coordination
- Collaborative Practice
- Mediation
- Consultation

In addition, psychotherapy in divorce-related matters.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, *Board of Directors & Member*
- American Psychological Association, *Member*
- Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct of the California Bar Association, *Member*
- Family Court Review, *Editorial Board*
- American Bar Association, *Associate Member*
- Section of Family Law of American Bar Association, *Member*
- San Diego Family Law of Bar Association, *Associate Member*
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, *Associate Member*
- Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego, *Member*
- Awards Committee, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, *Member*
- Development Committee, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, *Member*
- International Association of Collaborative Professionals, *Member*
- Ethics Committee of the California Psychological Association, *Former Member*
- Board of Directors, Kid's Turn of San Diego, *Former Member*
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Child Custody*, *Former Member*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Simon, Robert A. (2012 - present). Forensic Corner: A Monthly Column in the *Newsletter of the Section of Family Law*, American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. (2016). Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations: An Ethically Informed Approach. *Los Angeles County Bar E-news*. April, 2016.

Simon, Robert A. (2016). 10 Important Elements When Considering Child Custody in Military Families. *Newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*. January, 2016.

Simon, Robert A. (2015). [Therapists as Witnesses](#). *GP/Solo eReport*. American Bar Association. Vol. 4, No. 11.

Simon, R. A. and Willick, D. H. (2016), Therapeutic Privilege and Custody Evaluations: Discovery of Treatment Records. *Family Court Review*, 54: 51–60. doi:10.1111/fcre.12203

Simon, Robert A. (2015). Divorce and Parent Child Boundaries. *The Family Advocate*. Summer, 2015.

Simon, Robert A. (2015). Recognizing Impairment in a High Stakes Profession. *California Bar Journal*. March, 2015.

Simon, Robert A. (2014). Child Custody Evaluations in Military Families. *Family Court Review*. Vol. 52, No. 3, July 2014, p. 440-457.

Simon, Robert A. and Stahl, Philip M. (2014). The Importance of Analysis in Child Custody Evaluations. *Family Law Quarterly*. Vol. 48, No. 1, Spring 2014, p. 35-51.

Stahl, Philip M. and Simon, Robert A. (2013). *Forensic Psychology Consultation in Child Custody Litigation: A Handbook for Work Product Review, Case Preparation and Expert Testimony*. Chicago: American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2013). Irrational Financial Decisions in Divorce. *Family Lawyer*. Winter, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2013). The Emotional Impact of Divorce. *The Morningstar Advisor*. October, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. (2013). Polyparenting - Psychological Perspectives. *The Family Advocate*. Summer, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. (2012). Top 10 Ethical Issues in Forensic Consulting. *Newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*. June, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2012). Money Personality and Bias. *The Morningstar Advisor*. June, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. (2012). Ethical Issues in Forensic Psychology. *The California Psychologist*. May, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2012). Personality: Basic Concepts. *The Morningstar Advisor*. May, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

November, 2016 (upcoming) How Our Brains Fool Us: Keeping Cognitive Bias from Leading You Astray. 12th AFCC Child Custody Symposium. Atlanta, GA.

October, 2016 (upcoming). Behind The Scenes: Family Report Fishbowl. Analyzing The Expert: Critiquing Family Reports. Invited Plenary Lecture. National Family Law Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

October, 2016 (upcoming). Child Development: Basic Foundations for the Family Lawyer. Invited Presentaiton to the Young Lawyers Day Conference of the National Family Law Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

August, 2016 (upcoming). Critical Forensic Issues in Family Law Interventions and Assessments. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Brisbane, Australia.

August, 2016 (upcoming). Domestic Violence, Child Abuse Abduction Risk. Invited full day pre-conference institute. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Brisbane, Australia.

July 2017. Clinicians In The Courtroom: Giving Evidence and Cross Examination. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

July, 2017. Clinical Bias in Family Law Practice. June, 2016. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

July, 2017. Revised Professional Directions – Family Assessments and Reports. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

June, 2016. Testing 1,2,3: The Misuse of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations. 53rd. Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA.

June, 2016. E-discovery and Social Media: A New Challenge For Family Law Professionals. 53rd. Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA. May, 2016.

May, 2016. Child Development and Parenting Plans for Children: Towards an Integrated Approach. Invited Presentation 2016 Idaho Magistrate Judges Conference: The Art of Judicial Decision-Making. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

April, 2016. Special Issues in Court-Connected Psychotherapy in Cases of Disputed Child Custody. Invited Presentation to the Family Law Judiciary, State of Hawaii. Kapolei, O'ahu, Hawaii.

March, 2016. Effective Direct Examination of Witnesses. Invited presentation to the Annual Meeting of the Family Law Section of the Nevada Bar Association. Ely, Nevada.

February, 2016. How Our Brains Fool Us: Keeping Cognitive Bias from Leading You Astray! Invited Presentation to the USA / Canada Chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Beverly Hills, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

January, 2016. Effective and Ethical Use of Forensic Psychology Consultants in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the Annual Conjoint Meeting of the Arizona Bar Association and the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Phoenix, AZ.

November, 2015. Translating Theory into Practice: The Child's Representative. AFCC Regional Training Conference. Columbus, OH. (with Rebecca M. Stahl, JD, LLM & Kirsten L. Tobin, JD)

November, 2015. Special Considerations for Special Needs Children in Child Custody Determinations. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Chicago, IL.

October, 2015. Fish Bowl or Safe Harbor? Therapy and Health Care Privilege Issues in Custody Litigation. Invited Presentation 37th Annual Child Custody Colloquium of the Los Angeles County Bar Association - Family Law Section. Los Angeles, CA. (with Leslie Shear, CFLS, IAML & The Hon. Harvey Silberman)

October, 2015. The Dark Side: Why Lawyers Do Bad Things - an Encore. Invited Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the California Bar Association. Anaheim, CA. (with the Hon. Catherine Purcell)

October, 2015. Dealing with Difficult Clients in Your Law Practice. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the California Bar Association. Anaheim, CA.

September, 2015. A Trio of Issues: Child Custody Evaluation, Clinicians in

the Courtroom and Case Consultation. Invited Full Day Institute. Alaska State Psychological Association. Anchorage, AK.

August, 2015. Advanced Practice of Forensic Psychological Assessment. Invited presentation to the Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sydney, Australia.

July, 2015. Never Married Parents: Special Considerations for Judicial Officers. 78th Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Austin, TX.

July, 2015. 2015 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D)

May, 2015. Special Issues in Custody Evaluations with Military Families. 52nd Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA.

May, 2015. Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology: Similarities and Differences. Invited presentation to the Idaho Judicial Conference. Boise, ID.

May, 2015. The Conundrum of Never Married Parents. Invited presentation to the Idaho Judicial Conference. Boise, ID.

May, 2015. Shared Parenting: Controversies and Considerations. Invited presentation to the Spring Meeting of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Carlsbad, CA.

April, 2015. The Rising Tide of Shared Parenting. Invited presentation and Featured Speaker at the 1st Annual Conference of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Portland, OR. (with Leslie Drozd, Ph.D. & The Hon. Katherine Tennyson)

March, 2015. Relocation Considerations in the Modern World. Invited presentation to the Section of Family Law, Nevada Bar Association 2015 Family Law Conference. Ely, NV.

March, 2015. Essentials of Depositions of Mental Health Experts. Invited presentation to the Southern California Inns of Court. Beverly Hills, CA.

February, 2015. Public Perception of Attorney Discipline & Volunteer Adjudicators. Invited presentation to the 2015 Annual Meeting of the National

Council of Attorney Disciplinary Boards. Houston, TX.

January, 2015. The Use and Abuse of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations. Invited presentation to the 2015 Law Education Institute Family Law Program. Vail, CO.

November, 2014. The Activities and Roles of Consultants: How Many is Too Many? Plenary Session at the 11th Symposium on Custody Evaluations of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Antonio, TX. (with David Martindale, Ph.D.)

September, 2014. Blogging, Tweeting and the New Frontier of Attorney Advertising: How to Stay Within the Ethical Bounds. Presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with Merri Baldwin, Esq., Jennifer Becker, Esq. & Larry Doyle, Esq.)

September, 2014. Doctor Can You Help Me? - Using Mental Health Professionals Before, During and After Custody Disputes. Presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with Michael Kretezmer, Esq. & Ian Russ, Ph.D., MFT).

September, 2014. The Dark Side: When Good Professionals Make Poor Ethical Choices. Invited presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with The Hon. Catherine Purcell, California Bar Court).

August, 2014. 2014 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

July, 2014. Direct and Cross Examination of Mental Health Experts in Custody Litigation. American Bar Association / National Institute of Trial Advocacy Trial College in Family Law. Boulder, CO.

July, 2014. The Adult Children of Divorce: Short and Long Term Effects. National Family Law Program of Canada. Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

June, 2014. Dealing with Difficult Clients While Maintaining Your Professional Responsibility. California Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Summit. Newport Beach, CA.

May, 2014. Issues in Parent-Child Observations in Child Custody

Evaluations. 51st Annual Meeting of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada.

May, 2014. Parallel Parenting in High Conflict Divorce. Invited presentation to the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Hamilton, Bermuda.

May, 2014. Discovery Versus Privacy: Medical Records and Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Southern California Chapter. Santa Barbara, CA. (with Daniel Willick, Esq.)

May, 2014. Use of Forensic Psychologists as Trial Consultants. Invited presentation to the Annual Symposium of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Napa, CA.

March, 2014. Attachment and Child Custody: Myths and Realities. Invited presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Maui Bar Association. Wailuku, Maui, HI.

March, 2014. Considerations in Child Custody Decisions with Never Married Parents. Invited presentation to the Annual Meetings of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Monterey, CA.

March, 2014. Recent Developments in Child Custody. Invited presentation to the Annual Meetings of the Family Law Section, Nevada Bar Association. Ely, NV.

February, 2014. Child Custody Update: Developmentally Appropriate Parenting Plans and Domestic Violence. Invited presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Maui Bar Association. Wailuku, Maui, HI.

February, 2014. Rebuttal Experts in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the Southern California Inns of Court, Family Law Division. Century City, CA.

February, 2014. Ethical Issues in the Use of Consultants in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation for San Bernardino Bar Association. Ontario, CA.

February, 2014. Understanding Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluation. Webinar for the California Bar Association.

November, 2013. Fundamental Differences Between Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology. Webinar for the California Bar Association.

November 2013. When is Enough Enough? Realistic Bases for Custody Report Critiques. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference. Kansas City, MO. (with Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.)

October, 2013. Psychotherapist-Patient Privileges vs. Best Interest of the Child in Custody Cases. Annual Minor's Counsel Training Program. Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA. (with Christine Gille, Esq., CFLS & Daniel Willick, Esq.)

August, 2013. 2013 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. & Michael Kretzmer, Esq.)

June, 2013. Collaborative Divorce Team Practice. An invited two-day training for the Collaborative Practice Group of Hawaii. Honolulu, HI.

June, 2013. Advanced Issues in Forensic Psychology Consulting. Invited presentation to "The Study Group" of Attorneys. Beverly Hills, CA.

June, 2013. The Clash Between 'Best Interests' vs. Parental Treatment Confidentiality. 50th Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Los Angeles, CA. (with Lynette Berg Robe, Esq., Christine Gille, Esq. & Daniel Willick, Esq.)

May, 2013. Family Law Day: Child Custody Evaluation Update - Focus on Attachment, The Use of Consultants and Evaluation of Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Evaluations. Vermont Bar Association. Essex, VT.

May, 2013. Direct and Cross Examination of Mental Health Experts: Attachment At Issue. Annual Seminar - Certified Family Law Specialists. North County Bar Association. Del Mar, CA.

April, 2013. New Theories in Child Custody - The Science and Sorcery of Attachment. Spring Meetings of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Anchorage, AK.

April, 2013. Forensic Psychology Consulting: Advanced Issues. Invited presentation to the Spring Meeting of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Anchorage, AK. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

April, 2013. Child Custody Evaluation: Best Practices and Advanced Topics – Relocation, Alienation, Domestic Violence. Invited full day presentation to Alaska State Court Child Custody Investigators. Anchorage, AK.

March, 2013. Critiques of Child Sexual Abuse Assessments. Lecture to the 6th Annual World Congress on Children and Families. Sydney, Australia.

February, 2013. Advance Issues in Child Custody. Invited mandatory presentation to the Family Law Judicial Officers, State of Hawaii. Kapolei, HI.

February, 2013. Special Issues in Child Custody Evaluation. Invited Full-Day Training for the Bench and the Bar. Maui County, Wailuku, Maui, HI.

December, 2012. Effective Use of Experts in Family Law Litigation. Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. Winter Seminar. San Diego, CA.

December, 2012. The Effective Use of Forensic Psychology Consulting in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation as a part of “Experts in Family Law Proceedings: Effective Strategies and Best Practices”. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Toronto, Canada.

December, 2012. Mental Health Expert Roles: Issues and Ethical Dilemmas. Moderated Roundtable Discussion as part of “Experts in Family Law Proceedings: Effective Strategies and Best Practices”. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Toronto, Canada.

November, 2012. Writing the Analysis: A Critical Element in Custody Reports. 10th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

November, 2012. How are Custody Evaluation Reports Used? 10th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (with the Hon Harvey Silberman, Jordan Steinberg, Esq., CLF-S & Susan Dwyer, Ph.D.)

October, 2012. Ethical Advice for the Changing World of Technology. Invited presentation at the Meetings of the California Bar Association. Monterey, CA. (with The Hon. Catherine Purcell, Cal Bar Court)

October, 2012. Trial Advocacy Institute - Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. San Francisco, CA.

August, 2012. 2012 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. & Jennifer Kresge, Ph.D.)

June, 2012. Do Family Law Professionals Have Privacy Rights? 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (with The Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, The Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, & Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D.).

June, 2012. My Client Did What? 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (with Mary Ferriter, Esq.)

April, 2012. The Tango of the Custody Experts: Evidence Code 730 Evaluations vs. Evidence Code 733 Rebuttals. Orange County Chapter of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Orange, CA. (with Russell Johnson, Ph.D.)

March, 2012. Co-Chair, "The New Era in Child Custody" - Children's Testimony, Sponsored by the California Psychological Association and the North County Certified Family Law Specialists. San Diego, CA. (Featuring Sandra Joan Morris, Esq., The Hon Thomas Trent Lewis, Katherine Kuehnle, Ph.D. & Stephen Sparta, Ph.D.)

February, 2012. Fundamental Differences Between Forensic and Clinical Psychology. Los Angeles Family Law Attorney Study Group. Los Angeles, CA.

February, 2012. Deconstructing Child Custody Evaluations. Study Group of Certified Family Law Specialists. Encino, CA.

November, 2011. Guiding the Lives of Children of Divorce and Separation: Listening to the Voice of the Child in Family Court: Are AB1050 & Elkins Good for Children? 7th Annual Seminar of the San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA.

October, 2011. Assessing Risk of Violence On Family Law Professionals: Knowing When We Need Be Afraid. The Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference. Indianapolis, IN. (with Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.)

October, 2011. Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers in the 21st Century. Pre-Conference Institute at The Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

June, 2011. Working With Experts. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

May, 2011. Forensic Work Product Review and Family Law Litigation Consultation: Emerging Trends and Best Practices. 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Orlando, FL.

April, 2011. A Primer on Behavioral Finance for the Collaborative Professional. 6th Annual Conference of Collaborative Practice - California. San Diego, CA.

April, 2011. Forensic Psychology in Family Law Litigation: Emerging and Enduring Concepts. American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Southern California Chapter. Newport Beach, CA.

March, 2011. It's About The Evidence: Forensic Psychology in the Family Law Courtroom. Foothills Bar Association. El Cajon, CA.

February, 2011. A Primer on Behavioral Finance With Pragmatics. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - California Chapter. San Francisco, CA.

November, 2010. The Role of Mental Health Professionals and Levels of Input in Family Law Litigation. California Western School of Law. San Diego, CA.

October, 2010. Mental Health-Attorney Consultation in Child Custody Cases: From Expert Witness Support to Testimony. Pre-conference Symposium at the Association of Family and Conciliation Court's 9th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Cambridge, MA. (with The Hon. William Fee, The Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman & Sam Ferrara, Esq.)

October, 2010. Behavioral Finance: A Primer with Pragmatics. 10th Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference. Houston, TX.

October, 2010. Strategies for Effective Expert Testimony in Court. 10th Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference. Houston, TX.

August, 2010. Brief / Focused Evaluations: A Primer. Symposium presented to the Family Law Section, North County Bar Association. Vista, CA.

August, 2010. Trial Consultation in High Conflict Custody Cases. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. San Diego, CA. (with Richard Gould-Saltman, Esq, CLS-F & Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D.)

June, 2010. Doing Less With More - Brief / Focused Custody Evaluations. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (with The Honorable Jeannie Lowe)

April, 2010. The Efficacy of Parent Education Programs and Reunification Therapy in Litigated Child Custody Dispute. Certified Family Law Specialists Spring Seminar. San Diego, CA.

March, 2010. An Overview of Behavioral Finance: Overcoming Obstacles to Financial Settlement in Dissolution Proceedings. Financial Planning Association of California. San Jose, CA.

February, 2010. Predictors of Positive Adjustment and Adaptation in Children of Divorce. University of San Diego, School of Law. San Diego, CA.

February, 2010. Between Psychologist and Attorney: Issues in Objective Review of Child Custody Evaluations. Annual Conference of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Santa Monica, CA.

October, 2009. Representing Problem People. Certified Family Law Specialists, Fall Seminar. San Diego, CA.

August, 2009. Overview of Issues in Child Custody - The Psychologist's Perspective. California Western School of Law. San Diego, CA.

May, 2009. Collaboration in Litigation - Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Consulting in Litigated Cases. 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA. (with Jonathan W. Gould, Ph.D., ABPP & Dianna Gould-Saltman, Esq, C-FLS)

March, 2009. 3-day Training - Interdisciplinary Team Model of Collaborative Divorce. Collaborative Divorce Team Trainings. Phoenix, AZ.

February, 2009. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Procedure and Ethics In Objective Child Custody Evaluation Review Work. The Family Law Staff of Selzer, Caplan, McMahon & Vitek. San Diego, CA.

October, 2008. A Demonstration of Team Process in a Full Team Collaborative Divorce Case. 7th Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, LA.

September, 2008. Conducting Reviews and Being Reviewed. 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Albuquerque, NM.

May, 2008. Effective Courtroom Technique for the Expert Witness. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute. 45th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Co-Sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). Vancouver, Canada.

April, 2008. What Neuropsychology Tells Us About How People Change and About Collaborative Coaching. 2nd Annual European Collaborative Conference. Cork, Ireland.

May, 2007. Expert Testimony - Strategies for Witnesses. 44th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (Co-presented with the Hon. Arlene Rotman (ret) & Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

October, 2006. Expert Testimony and Cross-Examination. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute. 7th Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (Co-presented with Philip Stahl, Ph.D., The Hon. W. Dennis Duggan & R. John Harper LL.B.

June, 2006. Growing Up In Dual Households - How Do I Know If My Kid Needs Counseling. Guiding The Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce. San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA. (with Isolina Ricci, Ph.D.)

May, 2006. Effective Communication Styles for Reducing Conflict During Collaborative Divorce and Couples Communication.” Retreat of the Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, CA.

January, 2006. Emotional Recovery from Divorce. Presentation to the Second Saturday program, Women’s Institute for Financial Education, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, CA.

July, 2005. Panel Discussant, Children of Divorce: Long Term Implications: Theory and Practice. Guiding the Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce. San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA. (with Constance Ahrons, Ph.D.)

May, 2005. The Use and Misuse of Psychological Testing in Forensic Custody Evaluations. Invited presentation to the Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

July, 2004. Modified Custody Evaluations: Indications, Contraindications and Frontiers. Invited In-service Presentation to Family Court Services, Superior Court, County of San Diego. San Diego, CA.

September, 2003. Focused Psychological Custody Evaluations. Seminar Provided to the Family Law Section, San Diego Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (Co-presented with the Hon. James R. Milliken - Presiding Judge, Penny Angel Levy, MSW, Timothy Smith, Esq. & Janet Bowermaster, Esq.)

November, 2002. Making Custody Evaluations More Efficient and Cost-Effective. Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tuscon, AZ. (Co-presented with the Hon. H. Ronald Domnitz - Superior Court of California & Nancy Stassinopolous CFLS.)

November, 2002. California Custody Evaluators Supplemental Session. Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tuscon, AZ. (This session offered as part of the mandated 40-hour training for California Child Custody Evaluations).

June, 2002. Building Resilience in Alienated Children. 39th Annual Conference. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Waikoloa, HI.

February, 2001. Understanding Psychological Tests in Child Custody Evaluations. Brown Bag presentation - Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

June, 2000. The Mini/Modified Psychological Evaluation. The Eighteenth Annual Summer Seminar - Selected Issues in Family Law Practice and Procedure - The Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAININGS ATTENDED

July, 2016. Family Consultant National Conference. Werribee, Australia.

June, 2016. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2016. Spring meeting of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. Nassau, Bahamas.

February, 2016. California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference. (11 MCEP Hours)

November, 2015. Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Regional Training Conference. Columbus, OH. (12 MCEP Hours)

August, 2015. AFCC Australia Conference. Sydney, Australia. (12 MCEP Hours)

July, 2015. 2015 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230 with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. San Ramon, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2014. 51st Annual Meeting of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2014. Spring Meetings - Section of Family Law of the American Bar Association. Hamilton, Bermuda. (12 MCEP Hours)

January, 2014. 21st Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Newport Beach, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. 35th Annual Child Custody Colloquium: The Real Families of Los Angeles - How Can We Best Serve Them? Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Universal City, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. Fall Meetings - Section of Family Law of the American Bar Association. Deer Valley, UT. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. The Use and Abuse of Experts. Fall Seminar - San Diego Family Law Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

August, 2013. Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, HI. (14 MCEP Hours)

June, 2013. Summer Seminar - Certified Family Law Specialists of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (5 MCEP Hours)

May, 2013. 50th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Los Angeles, CA. (16 MCEP Hours)

January, 2013. 20th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Newport Beach, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2012. 30th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

November, 2012. 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (16 MCEP Hours)

October, 2012. Annual Meetings of the California Bar Association. Monterey, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

August, 2012. 2012 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230 with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. San Ramon, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. 49th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. 36th Annual Symposium of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Modus Operandi: Emerging Trends in Family Law Theory, Practice and Procedure. Napa, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. Houston Family Law Trial Institute at South Texas College of Law

- Advanced Program in Child Custody. Houston, TX. (32 MCEP Hours)

March, 2012. Co-Chair, The New Era in Child Custody - Children's Testimony, Sponsored by the California Psychological Association and the North County Certified Family Law Specialists Featuring Sandra Joan Morris, Esq., The Hon Thomas Trent Lewis, Katherine Kuehnle, Ph.D. & Stephen Sparta, Ph.D. San Diego, CA. (6.5 MCEP Hours)

February, 2012. The New Frontier. Annual Conference of the California Chapter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Santa Monica, CA. (20.5 MCEP Hours)

January, 2012. 19th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. San Diego, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2011. 29th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

October, 2011. Regional Training Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Indianapolis, IN. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2011. September, 2011 First AAML / AFCC Joint Conference: Advanced Topics. Philadelphia, PA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2011. 48th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Orlando, FL. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2011. 43rd Annual Family Law Symposium - Family Law 2011 - The New Realities. Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA. (6.25 MCEP Hours)

April, 2011. Just The Facts: An Advanced Course in Family Law Evidence: Discover, Obtain, Admit and Exclude it. Association of Certified Family Law Specialists 19th Annual Spring Seminar. Indian Wells, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

March, 2011. The Child Custody and Parenting Plan Seminar - Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. California Psychological Association and the North County Bar Association - Family Law Section. Carlsbad, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

February, 2011. Annual Conference of the California Chapter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Francisco, CA. (16 MCEP Hours)

January, 2011. Evidence for Forensic Psychologists. American Academy of Forensic Psychology. San Diego, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

January, 2011. 18th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Santa Monica, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2010. 28th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

November, 2010. San Diego Family Law Council for Children's 6th Annual Seminar. San Diego, CA. (3 MCEP Hours)

October, 2010. 9th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Cambridge, MA. (18 MCEP Hours)

October, 2010. Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Houston, TX. (12 MCEP Hours)

September, 2010. Annual Child Custody Colloquium of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Santa Monica, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2010. 47th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Denver, CO. (16 MCEP Hours)

February, 2010. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California Chapter. Santa Monica, CA. (14 MCEP Hours)

November, 2009. Regional Training Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Reno, NV. (12 MCEP Hours)

September, 2009. Controversies in Parental Alienation. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar. San Diego, CA.

June, 2009. Summer Seminar of the Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

May, 2009. The 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA. (18 MCEP Hours)

April 2009. 4th Annual CP-CAL (Collaborative Practice, California) Celebration. Long Beach, CA. (10 MCEP Hours)

March, 2009. Spring Seminar of the Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

February 2009. New Ways for Families. An Intervention Program for High Conflict Families in the Court System. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

December, 2008. Winter Seminar of the Family Law Section. San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

October, 2008. 7th Annual Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, LA. (16 MCEP Hours)

September, 2008. 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Albuquerque, NM. (14 MCEP Hours)

June, 2008. Parent Coordination Training offered by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, taught by Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. Loyola Law Center. Chicago, IL. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2008. 45th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Vancouver. British Columbia, Canada. (18 MCEP Hours)

February, 2008. Mediation Skills Training. National Center for Conflict Resolution. San Diego, CA. (32 MCEP Hours)

November, 2007. Training the Trainers. 24 hour Training in Training Others to Become Collaborative Practitioners. Phoenix, AZ. (24 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. 6th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (14 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. California Update on Child Custody Evaluations. San Diego, CA. (8 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Regional Training Conference on Family Violence and Alienation. Columbus, OH. (14 MCEP Hours)

May, 2007. 44th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (18 MCEP Hours)

March, 2007. First Annual European Conference on Collaborative Practice. Vienna, Austria.

December, 2006. Training In Parent Coordination. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Baltimore, MD. (14 MCEP Hours)

December, 2006. Ethics and Risk Management for Psychologists. American Psychological Association Insurance Trust. San Diego, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2006. 7th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (14 MCEP Hours)

October, 2006. 5th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. San Diego, CA. (13 MCEP Hours)

June, 2006. 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tampa, FL. (17 MCEP Hours)

May, 2006. Retreat - Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

September, 2005. Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law. Scottsdale, AZ. (24 MCEP Hours)

May, 2005. 42nd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA. (16.25 MCEP Hours)

November, 2004. Therapists at Risk, Part II: Dual Relationships, Countertransference & the Legal and Ethical Considerations. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2004. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 6th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Nashville, TN. (17 MCEP Hours)

May, 2004. 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Antonio, TX. (17 MCEP Hours)

March, 2004. Therapists at Risk (Part I) Risks & the Changing Face of Psychotherapy. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates. (6 MCEP Hours)

January, 2004. Domestic Violence: Assessment and Treatment. Psycho-Legal Associates. San Diego, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2003. 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Ottawa, Canada. (16.25 MCEP Hours)

November, 2002. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 5th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Tucson, AZ. (13.5 MCEP Hours)

June, 2002. 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Kona, HI. (18 MCEP Hours)

November, 2001. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 4th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Kiawah Island, SC. (13.5 MCEP Hours)