

2006

PARENTING PLAN CONFERENCE

*A practical course on negotiating, collaborating, and mediating
parenting plans including a multidisciplinary approach*

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FRIDAY MORNING

Presiding Officer Dallas:

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8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

How Did We Get Here:

The History Behind the Use of Parenting Plans and Parenting Coordinators

An examination of the legal origins and theoretical basis of parenting plans in American family law, with a review of current trends and developments in parenting plans and parenting coordinators.

Reginald A. Hirsch, Houston, TX
Harry L. Tindall, Houston, TX (co-author)

9:30 a.m. .50 hr

Collaborative Practice Parenting Plan

Review of essential requirements of a parenting plan which meets the parties' present and future needs, emphasizing how to develop a plan that will meet the unique needs of the individual clients.

Janet Brumley, Dallas, TX

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. 1.00 hr

New Roles and New Players— Who Are These People and What Do They Do and Not Do?

Creative use of parenting planners, mental health professionals, and parenting coordinators will be discussed and practical advice will be provided on how the new players can help create superior parenting plans and satisfied clients.

Moderator: Assoc. Judge Lisa A. Beebe, Ft. Worth, TX
Bradley S. Craig, Bedford, TX
Christina S. Glenn, Ft. Worth, TX
Judge Debra H. Lehrmann, Ft. Worth, TX
Susan Marsh, Houston, TX
Kathryn Zentner, Round Rock, TX

11:15 a.m. .50 hr ethics

The Interdisciplinary Expansion of Family Law: Difficult Cases of Ethics and Rules of Professional Responsibility

An exploration of the current state of the law and how the dramatically different views of confidentiality versus the need for full disclosure are important in the implementation of parenting plans and parenting coordination for Texas families.

William B. Connolly, Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

11:45 p.m. Pick Up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

12:00 p.m. .75 hr

A Family Practitioner's Guide to Effectively Negotiating a Parenting Plan: Tools, Tips and Dynamics

Smart negotiation of a parenting plan requires new skills and insight into understanding the true interests of the client and finding the road to resolution.

Jennifer Tull, Austin, TX

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer Dallas:

Jody Johnson, Dallas, TX

Presiding Officer Houston:

Warren Cole, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m. .75 hr

Parenting Plans in High Conflict Cases

Is parenting coordination a way to keep kids out of the trenches or is there any hope for the case from hell?

IN DALLAS:
Barry Coakley, Dallas, TX
Laurie J. Nowlin, Round Rock, TX

IN HOUSTON:
Sondra J. Kaplan, Houston, TX
Laurie J. Nowlin, Round Rock, TX

1:45 p.m. .50 hr

Using Parenting Plans to Deal with Special Circumstances

Not all cases are cookie-cutter matters. Special circumstances involving the special needs child, medications, educational consultants, and related matters will be addressed.

Harry L. Tindall, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Effective and Cost-Efficient Drafting

Getting to closure is critical. Drafting a parenting plan that the parties understand and is workable is the foundation for an enduring agreement.

Patricia N. Carter, Houston, TX
Hon. Marilea W. Lewis, Dallas, TX
HOUSTON ONLY: Kenneth D. Fuller, Dallas, TX
Charlotte Rainwater, Houston, TX
Robert C. Sullivan, Jr., Dallas, TX

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. .75 hr

Effective Strategies for Reaching Parenting Plan Agreements

When settlement appears impossible, special insight and experience is needed to overcome impasse. Experienced attorneys will share their secrets of reaching agreement.

Stewart W. Gagnon, Houston, Texas
Heather L. King, Ft. Worth, TX

4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Judges Panel

Distinguished family court judges provide invaluable insight into approving or rejecting agreed parenting plans. Panel discussion of concerns of the judiciary in "rubber-stamping" unusual, odd-ball, agreed parenting plans. Not to be missed!

IN DALLAS:
Moderator: Hon. Jeff V. Coen, Dallas, TX
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Hon. Doug Warne, Houston, TX

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In a divorce case, a good parenting plan clearly establishes parents' rights and duties toward their children, as well as procedures for resolution of future disputes. When meeting the unique needs of each party, the process of developing a parenting plan can become complex and time-consuming.

Bringing together family law judges, attorneys, and mental health professionals, this conference will provide practical advice on negotiating, collaborating, and mediating successful parenting plans. Gain new skills and insight into negotiating a plan; get effective strategies for cost and time-efficient drafting and agreement; learn how mental health professionals can help create superior parenting plans; get tips for dealing with high conflict cases and special circumstances; and much more. The program ends with a panel discussion by distinguished family court judges—the judiciary will discuss their concerns in “rubber-stamping” unusual, odd-ball, agreed-upon parenting plans. Gain valuable insight into why judges approve or reject certain parenting plans.

ABOUT THE COVER



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October 13, 2006
CONFERENCE LOCATION



Belo Mansion

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 Dallas, TX 75201
 214-220-0239

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 (self-parking lots
 also available nearby)

Nearby accommodations:
 Fairmont Dallas, 214-720-5290
 Special rate \$199 good through
 Sept. 27, 2006
 (subject to availability)

KEY DATES

Registration & Cancellation

Oct. 4, 2006-5 p.m.

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November 3, 2006
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 713-739-8000

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 713-650-1300 or
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