
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

William V. Fabricius, Ph.D. received his doctorate from the University of Michigan in Developmental Psychology, and is Associate Professor of Psychology at Arizona State University. His research has been funded by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, including a 10-year longitudinal study of the role of fathers in adolescent development. He has over 50 peer-reviewed publications in the areas of children's cognitive development and divorce. He served on the Domestic Relations Committee at the Arizona State Legislature, in which he was instrumental in the 2013 reforms to the child custody statutes favoring shared parenting.

Patricia Brady, L.M.H.C., is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has been performing forensic child and family evaluations for over twenty-five years and has a long history in Child Welfare, beginning at the Department of Social Services now the Department of Children and Families. For many years in her private practice in Medford, she has served as a Guardian *ad Litem*/Parent Coordinator/Evaluator and Court Investigator. She has earned a Certificate in Child and Family Forensics from William James College. Ms. Brady has spoken at local and national conferences. She is currently the President of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC.

Hon. Patricia Gorman is a graduate of the Boston College School of Law. She was appointed to the Middlesex Probate and Family Court bench as an associate justice in 2011. Prior to that, Judge Gorman was a managing partner in private practice with Gorman & Greenberg, which family law practice included GAL investigations and conciliation, care and protection issues, and probate/estate law. Judge Gorman was also an adjunct professor of law at BC School of Law, working with students representing clients in different areas of the law.

Hon. Christina Harms, (Ret.) is a graduate of Harvard Law School. She is the Director of the Child and Family Psychological Service (CAFES) within the Center of Excellence for Children, Families, and the Law at William James College in Newton. CAFES provides forensic psychological evaluation/consultation to courts, attorneys, and agencies. From 1989-2002, Judge Harms was an Associate Justice in the Probate and Family Court, and from 1983-89, she was General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (D.S.S.), now the Department of

Children and Families. Judge Harms is a past member of the American Psychological Association Ethics Committee.

Ned Holstein, MD, MS, is the founder and Chairman of the Board of National Parents Organization, the largest organization in the United States advocating for science-based reform of the family courts for the benefit of children. In his earlier academic career, he earned a Master's degree in Psychology, then went into medicine and became a nationally recognized expert on workplace and environmental effects on human health. For ten years he was Associate Editor of the American Journal of Industrial Medicine. He has been a consultant to major corporations, cities, counties, states, federal agencies including the EPA and OSHA, Congressional committees, and state legislatures. He remains a Clinical Assistant Professor at Mount Sinai. Dr. Holstein served on the Massachusetts Working Group on Child Centered Family Law, and he previously served on a task force charged with reviewing and revising the state's child support guidelines.

Hon. Robert Langlois (Ret.), is a 1972 graduate of the Boston University School of Law. He is currently of counsel with the Boston firm of Verrill, Dana. Judge Langlois provides private resolution services as well as general representation of family law clients. From 1996-2011, he was a Probate and Family Court judge, including serving as First Justice of both the Middlesex and Norfolk Probate and Family Courts. Before that, he was a principal and founder of the Quincy law firm of Fleming & Langlois.

Mira Levitt, Ph.D., is the Co-Founder of the Co-Parenting Assessment Center in Natick, MA, where she conducts GAL evaluations and offers a range of consultative, therapeutic, and educational services to separated and divorcing families. She has published articles about adolescent risk-taking behavior, child custody issues, eating disorders, and the development of self-understanding. Dr. Levitt has been President of MAGAL, Inc., has chaired its Education Committee, and is currently on its Board of Directors. She also sits on the AFCC Conference Committee and on the AFCC Board of Directors.

Gayle Stone-Turesky, J.D., is a partner in the Boston law firm of Stone, Stone, and Creem. A graduate of the New England School of Law, she has practiced in the field of family and probate law for over 36 years. She is a Category E, Guardian *ad Litem* and recently completed her training for Category V, Parent Coordinator. Ms. Stone-Turesky currently co-chairs the Legislative Committee of the Family Law Section of the Boston Bar Association. She is frequently selected to be one of *Boston Magazine's* Super Lawyers in Family Law. In 2007, Ms. Stone-Turesky was appointed to serve as a member of the Child Support Guidelines Task Force. She has been involved as a faculty member in various lectures and seminars for MCLE, the Boston Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and The Divorce Center.

Robert A. Zibbell, Ph.D., is a psychologist in the part-time private practice of parenting coordination in Natick and on Cape Cod. One of four founding parents of MAGAL, Inc. 25 years ago, he has presented on forensic family issues in local and national venues. He is the co-author (with Dr. Gerry Fuhrman) of *Evaluation of Child Custody* (Oxford, 2012)

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FRIDAY, November 10, 2017

8:00 - 8:30 A.M.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 A.M. **Introduction**
Linda Minkoff, Esq., Committee Co-Chair

8:45 – 10:45 A.M **Keynote Address**
William V. Fabricius, Ph.D.

- The science of interparental conflict
 - o How does it work to harm children?
 - o Long-term, stress-related health outcomes related to parent conflict
 - o Hot conflict versus cold relationships: Does “containing” parent conflict protect children?
- Interparental conflict versus violence: Similar or different effects?
- The science of shared parenting
 - o How does minimal parenting time work to harm children?
 - o Father-child relationships: The “missing link” between parenting time and long-term, stress-related health outcomes
- The “quantity of time” versus “quality of relationship” debate: A strawman dichotomy.

10:45 – 11:00 A.M. **Break**

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **Keynote Address Continued:**
William V. Fabricius, Ph.D.

- What happens when there is shared parenting and high conflict?
 - o Does the bad outweigh the good, does the good outweigh the bad, or does neither outweigh the other?
 - o What is the best approach for these families?
- Applying the research in two contentious contexts:
 - o Infant overnights
 - o Relocation
- Applying the research to child custody statutes: The Arizona experience with a presumption of equal parenting time.

1:00 – 1:45 P.M.
Lunch/Professional Networking/Presidential Remarks

Paula Berg, Esq., President

1:45 – 3:15 P.M. Practitioner Panel Discussion
Types of Inter-Parental Conflict and Implications for GALs and PCs

Patricia Brady, LMHC
Hon. Christina Harms, (Ret.)
Mira Levitt, Ph.D.
Robert A. Zibbell, Ph.D., Moderator

3:15 – 3:30 P.M. **Break**

3:30 – 5:00 P.M. Panel Discussion
Shared Parenting

William V. Fabricius, Ph.D., Commentator
Hon. Patricia Gorman
Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S.
Hon. Robert Langlois (Ret.)
Gayle Stone-Turesky, J.D., Moderator

5:00: Day Ends.

DIRECTIONS

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Rt. 30 East: From Framingham/Natick. Rt. 9 to Rt. 27 North to Rt. 30 East to Wellesley St. on left. Traffic is heavy on Rt. 30 in the morning.

Conference in Rm 202 College Hall

FREE PARKING

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