

## WEEKLY UPDATE

Wednesday, May 4, 2022



Dear Massimo,

Join us for these upcoming webinars from AFCC! Past attendees have shared their appreciation for these convenient opportunities to learn more about specific topics relevant to their work. Register for the webinars below to see if you agree!

Visit the [AFCC webinars page](#), now updated with all monthly webinars through June 2023! Hope to see you online for an AFCC webinar soon!

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### Authentication Issues with Digital Evidence in Child Custody Cases

*Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD and Moderator: Larry Braunstein, JD*

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

**Registration will close on May 18, 2022 at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.**

Technology is a significant part of everyday life. Most everyone has an email address, a cell phone, and access to social media. Cell phones are the epicenter of communication – and often primary storage for voicemail, email, text messages, audio and video recordings and photos. In family court matters, digital evidence is relied upon for a variety of reasons, including as proofs of allegations in custody cases. However, not all digital evidence is reliable and not all digital evidence is legitimate. Through this webinar, an attorney and expert in digital evidence, computer forensics, and fraud will explore important considerations for reviewing and authenticating data that tells a story before relying on it and presenting it to the court.

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**Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD**, has 30 years of experience in fraud investigations, computer forensics, and law. He is the President/CEO of The NGH Group, Inc., specializing in complex investigations, digital forensics, e-Discovery, cryptocurrency and blockchain forensics, and cyber security. Mr. Himonidis is an attorney, Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Computer Forensic Specialist (CCFS), Certified Cryptocurrency Forensic Investigator (CCFI), and licensed Private Investigator. Mr. Himonidis has conducted and supervised forensic investigations in numerous high profile matrimonial and custody matters. He has also been appointed by the Supreme Court in multiple New York counties as a computer forensic expert and as a cryptocurrency expert.



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## **Refuse and Resist Cases: Making the Case to the Court**

*Larry Braunstein, JD*

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

1:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

**Registration will close on June 20, 2022, at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.**

Custody cases are particularly challenging as family court professionals' endeavor to separate fact from allegation. When children present with resistance to spending time with one parent, lawyers, custody evaluators, and courts look for the reasons why and then try to find solutions for the family. For litigators, it can be a matter of proving to the court that one parent has undermined the relationship of the other with their child. Through this webinar, participants will learn more about the complex aspects of refuse/resist dynamics and how to develop strategies to present to the court to best meet the needs of the families embroiled in litigation.

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**Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD** is a partner in the law firm of Braunstein & Zuckerman, Esqs., in White Plains, New York where he practices Matrimonial, Family and Collaborative Law and related civil and criminal litigation, with an expertise in child custody litigation and litigation involving allegations of child sexual and physical abuse. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York where he teaches Child Abuse and Neglect, Collaborative Family Law and Modern Divorce Advocacy. He is a member of the AFCC Board of Directors.



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## Integrating Diversity Considerations with the New Guidelines in Parenting Time Evaluations

*April Harris-Britt, PhD, Andrea Jones, MSW, RSW*

**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

4:00pm-6:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

**Registration will close on July 6, 2022, at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.**

***The presentation is free***, as an initiative of the AFCC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and includes a certificate of attendance. You **must** register to attend. The program will include one hour of panel discussion, followed by one hour of discussion by all participants.

Families are often not homogeneous, and each parent will bring aspects of their own distinct cultures to their relationship and to the parenting process. In fact, it is not uncommon for each parent to represent the intersection of multiple cultural identities. Intersectionality within a family can spark debate about competing values in areas ranging from gender roles to discipline to the very definition of family. Parenting Plan Evaluators must approach each new appointment with sensitivity to diversity and a willingness to learn what is important to each parent and how that will impact the children from a cultural perspective. During this workshop, presenters will review the infusion of diversity and cultural considerations into the most updated revision to the AFCC Guidelines for Conducting Parenting Plan Evaluations. They will provide strategies to enhance the skill level and knowledge needed for evaluators to adequately integrate nuances of diversity into each evaluation, to more completely benefit the families experiencing the evaluation process.

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