

WEEKLY UPDATE

Tuesday, March 8, 2022



Dear Massimo,

AFCC offers family law professionals a monthly opportunity to learn, and potentially earn continuing education credit, by attending a short, focused presentation by an experienced practitioner. Presenters tackle important, timely topics such as online dispute resolution, presenting your client's case in family court, and diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.

Join us for the webinars below and visit the [AFCC Webinars page](#) on our website to mark your calendar for future monthly webinars. You can find information on free DE&I programs, including information on the next one (on April 7th) and recordings of past presentations, on [this page](#). We hope to see you at an AFCC webinar soon!

Moving Family Disputes Online

Bernie Mayer, PhD and Colin Rule

Thursday, March 10, 2022

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

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

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) is growing quickly in family dispute resolution and family courts, primarily as a result of the pandemic. But what are the ramifications of moving family disputes online? Presenters in this webinar will discuss some of the opportunities and challenges in resolving family disputes online, including: How do online processes change the dynamics in a dispute? Can online resolutions truly address the psychological needs of the parties? And what are some of the ethical dilemmas that emerge from online practice?

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Bernie Mayer, PhD is an icon in the world of conflict resolution. With over a quarter century of experience in the field, he was a founding partner at CDR Associates, the internationally recognized mediation and conflict resolution organization, and originally trained as a psychotherapist. A true scholar as well as leading practitioner in the field, Dr. Mayer is the author of many works including the book *Beyond Neutrality: Confronting the Crisis in Conflict Resolution*, and has taught courses for Harvard, University of Missouri, University of Colorado, Antioch University, the Budapest College of Economics, University of Warsaw, and Colorado State University, among others. He earned his Ph.D. in Social Work with an emphasis on conflict resolution.



Colin Rule is CEO of Mediate.com. In 2011 Colin co-founded Modria.com, an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) provider based in Silicon Valley, which was acquired by Tyler Technologies in 2017. From 2017 to 2020 Colin served as Vice President of ODR at Tyler. From 2003 to 2011 Colin was Director of ODR for eBay and PayPal. Colin is the author of *Online Dispute Resolution for Business* and co-author of *The New Handshake: ODR and the Future of Consumer Protection*. He co-founded Online Resolution, in 1999 and served as its CEO and President. Colin also worked with the National Institute for Dispute Resolution in Washington, DC and the Consensus Building Institute in Cambridge, MA.



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Clients and “-Isms”: Recognizing and Addressing Discriminatory Behavior

Chioma Ajoku, JD, PhD, ABPP; Kelly Browe Olson, JD, LL.M.; Jaqueline Font-Guzmán, PhD; and Hon. Linda Fidnick

Thursday, April 7, 2022
4:00pm-6:00pm Eastern Time (US/Canada)

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

This program will include one hour of panel discussion, followed by one hour of discussion by all participants.

In today's filter optional world, some family law and dispute resolution clients may display racist, antisemitic, sexist, homophobic, or other objectionable sentiments. How do family law professionals react? Should they? Can they remain neutral in such circumstances? Are there effective ways to continue working with these clients? Join this panel of family law experts for a discussion about how to address these challenges in multiple arenas.

*The presentation is free and includes a certificate of attendance, but you **must** register.*

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What Do Judges Want?

Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman and Hon. Herman Walker, Jr.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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

Registration will close on April 11, 2022, at 9:00am Eastern Time US/Canada.

Apart from statutory requirements, what do judges REALLY want when they decide child custody cases? What is helpful and NOT helpful to the Court? Two family court judges discuss the most essential information to provide the Court to best get your points across, and the best ways to make your point, whether you are an attorney, child custody evaluator or other participant providing information to a family court.

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Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman sits in a dedicated family trial court in Los Angeles. She was appointed to the court in 2010, having practiced family law for 25 years. She is a Judicial Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



Hon. Herman G. Walker, Jr. sits in Superior Court in Anchorage, Alaska; a general jurisdiction court. He was appointed to the court in 2015. He was a trial attorney that litigated family law, criminal defense and personal injury cases. He is a Judicial Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and is a Board member of AFCC.



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