



**2019 Annual Meeting Schedule
Loews Chicago Hotel**

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Schedule (all meetings at Loews Chicago except where otherwise noted)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

12:00 pm – 4:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting (*invitation only*)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Foundation Board Meeting (*invitation only*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

9:00 am - 5:00 pm **Registration**
Wright Ballroom Foyer, 1st Floor

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **New Fellows Orientation with Executive Committee & Membership Committee**
Gleacher Center, Room 206, 450 City Front Plaza Dr.

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm **New Fellows Lunch with Membership Committee**
Chicago Athletic Association, The Game Room 12 S. Michigan Ave.

11:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Chapter Leaders Meeting & Lunch**
Gleacher Center, Lobby Lounge, 450 City Front Plaza Dr.

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Hennenhoeffer Council Meeting**
Sullivan A/B, 1st Floor

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Foundation Annual Reception**
University Club, 9th Floor, 76 E. Monroe Ave. (*Trolley transportation provided*)

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm **President & President-Elect’s Hospitality**
Pullman Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

7:00 am – 12:30 pm **Registration**
Wright Ballroom Foyer, 1st Floor

7:00 am – 9:00 am **COMMITTEE BREAKFAST & MEETINGS**
2nd Floor Foyer

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Group Breakfast**
Sullivan Ballroom, 1st Floor

8:50 am – 9:00 am **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
AAML President Peter M. Walzer
CLE Chairs Leigh Baseheart Kahn and JoAl Cannon Sheridan

9:00 am – 12:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Wright Ballroom, 1st Floor

Katharine Maddox, CLE Coordinator

9:00 am – 10:00 am

DISCOVERY BEYOND OUR BORDERS: GATHERING INFORMATION IN INTERNATIONAL CASES

Each panelist will give a brief overview as to the operation of the law in his or her country and how they operate to ensure that the parties give full financial disclosure and enable the court to achieve its overall objective to deal with cases justly, having regard to any welfare issues involved. Each will highlight some of the similarities and differences in financial practice they have experienced between his or her country and the USA.

Presenters:

- **Moderator:** Jorge Cestero, Esq., Sasser, Cestero & Sasser, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL
- Sarah M. Boulby, Esq., Boulby Weinberg LLP, Toronto, Canada
- Rachael Kelsey, Esq., SKO Family Law Specialists, Edinburgh, Scotland
- Jane Keir, Esq., Kingsley Napley Solicitors, London, England
- Mia Marie-Louise Reich-Sjogren, Esq., Goteborg, Sweden
- Alfonso Sepulveda, Esq., Mexico City, Mexico

10:00 am – 11:00 am

CHILD ABDUCTION REMEDIES AND THE HAGUE CONVENTION

Any family can be an “international” family in today’s world. Military families, diplomats, immigrants, or simply high-asset families who travel often and own property overseas. Family lawyers can increasingly expect to work with multi-jurisdictional, cross-border families, and when doing so, should tread carefully through the thick of international treaties, organizations, and practical resources. Panelists will address the laws that family lawyers need in their arsenal, how to find resources and information to prevent and respond to child abductions, and when they should seek outside guidance to help on their cases.

Presenters:

- Preston Findlay, Esq., Counsel, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA
- Melissa Kucinski, Esq., MK Family Law, Washington, DC

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:15 am

JOANNE ROSS WILDER SPEAKER SERIES

Presenter:

Philippe Lortie

First Secretary of the Hague Conference on Private International Law

11:00 am – 12:00 am

SPOUSE/GUEST EVENT (Ticketed Event)

Art Institute of Chicago Modern Wing Tour

- 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm **PRACTICE INTENSIVE WORKSHOP** *(Ticketed Event)*
 Burnham A/B, 2nd Floor
 For family lawyers balancing busy schedules and client demands, a long list of business development “to-dos” quickly becomes overwhelming and often remains unfinished. This workshop will answer the question, “What is the single most effective business development activity you can focus on to build your family law practice?”
Presenter:
- Elizabeth Ferris, Ferris Consulting, Milwaukee, WI
- 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm **FOUNDATION LIFETIME MEMBER LUNCHEON** *(Ticketed Event)*
 Sullivan Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **PRESIDENT’S FAREWELL RECEPTION**
 Harry Caray’s Restaurant and Chicago Sports Museum
 Water Tower Place *(Trolley transportation provided)*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

- 7:00 am - 12:30 pm **REGISTRATION**
 Wright Ballroom Foyer, 1st Floor
- 7:00 am – 9:00 am **COMMITTEE BREAKFAST & MEETINGS**
 2nd Floor Foyer
- 7:00 am – 9:00 am **GROUP BREAKFAST**
 Sullivan Ballroom, 1st Floor
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- 9:00 am – 12:15 pm **PLENARY SESSION**
 Wright Ballroom, 1st Floor
 Alex Caballero, CLE Coordinator
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **THE INTERSECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CUSTODIAL ISSUES**
 This panel will explore the importance of examining specific *behavior* as opposed to relying on psychiatric diagnoses as a more effective and relevant way of assessing and analyzing problematic parenting and its impact on children and co-parenting. The panel will also discuss best practices for attorneys handling custody matters involving problematic parenting behavior and the role of mental health care professionals in those practices.
Presenters:

- Arnold T. Shienvold, Ph.D, Riegler Shienvold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA
- Dawn Smith, Esq., Smith & Lake, Decatur, GA
- Andrea Palash, Esq., Pierson, Coats, Palash & Paul, LLP, San Francisco, CA

10:00 am – 11:00 am

THE INTERSECTION OF ADDICTION AND CUSTODIAL ISSUES

Substance abuse and addiction have dramatic negative impacts on the ability of parents to adequately care for their children. Several recent studies have examined the effects of certain types of drug use on a wide variety of factors related to healthy parenting. Parental addiction and substance abuse result in significant physical and emotional risks to children, changes in how children view their substance-abusing parent, and changes in children’s perception of safety, stability and predictability in their environment.

Judges and attorneys are often uninformed regarding which testing methods, appropriate to the specific circumstances of the case, should be ordered.

This session will address the psychological ramifications of substance abuse and addiction on a variety of factors affecting healthy parenting, identification of appropriate tests to order that assess and address the specific substances and appropriate applications for attorneys to make to the court to ensure valid test results.

Presenters:

- Lawrence J. Braunstein, Esq., Braunstein & Zuckerman, White Plains, NY
- Jonathan Gould, Ph.D., Charlotte Psychotherapy & Consultation Group, Charlotte, NC
- Jim Turnage, Brandon, MS

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12: 15 pm

THE INTERSECTION OF ALIENATION AND CUSTODIAL ISSUES

The term parental alienation raises strong beliefs and emotions when it is used in the courtroom. How it is defined often varies among professionals. Is it actually a syndrome? Does it solely occur due to one parent poisoning a child’s relationship with another parent? What happens when other players are involved, such as, grandparents and step-parents? What role do the children themselves, particularly teens, have? We’ve seen a paradigm shift from calling it alienation at all times to being referred to as to as resist/refusal dynamic. Proponents of the “alienation” model often view it as a useful construct to assist courts in determining the children’s best interests in custody cases. Opponents claim it oversimplifies the underlying cause of the relationship breakdown, lacks a scientific foundation, is misused and is misrepresented in Court and believe that testimony regarding it as a diagnosis or construct should be inadmissible.

The panel, including a family court judge, forensic psychologist, and litigator, will explore these questions. These presenters adjudicate, treat, advise and advocate through these challenging issues on behalf of both the parents and the children who children refuse or resist custodial time. They will discuss whether parental alienation should be considered a diagnosis, whether that matters, how to assess and elicit evidence about alienating behaviors and harms to children in court and during investigations. The panel will further share creative ways to address this construct of behaviors through psychological treatment and judicial dispute resolution.

Presenters:

- Hon. Emily Miskel, 470th District Court, McKinney, TX
- Sol Rappaport, Ph.D., ABPP, Libertyville, IL
- Donald G. Tye, Esq., Prince Lobel Tye LLP, Boston, MA

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sullivan Ballroom, 1st Floor

2:45 pm – 4:30 pm

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Sullivan Ballroom, 1st Floor

6:45 pm – 11:00 pm

ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL DINNER DANCE *(Ticketed Event)*

Galactic Gala

Wright Ballroom, 1st Floor

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

7:00 am - 12:30 pm

REGISTRATION

Wright Ballroom Foyer, 1st Floor

7:00 am – 9:00 am

COMMITTEE BREAKFAST & MEETINGS

2nd Floor Foyer

7:00 am – 9:00 am

GROUP BREAKFAST

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TOP TEN TAX TIPS FOR MAKING DIVORCE LESS TAXING

Recent tax reform could make divorce a whole lot more taxing and understanding the tax implications of divorce may be extremely helpful

to family law practitioners. Whether it is child tax credits, transfers of securities, dividing retirement accounts or determining spousal support, there are essential tax tips that can assist every practitioner. This program will provide advisors with a checklist that can be utilized in simple to complex divorce cases to assist clients with key tax issues.

Presenter:

- Justin Miller, BNY Mellon Wealth Management

10:00 am – 11:00 am

OPTIMIZING VALUE IN DIVORCE: SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVING BUSINESS OWNERSHIP CONFLICTS

This presentation focuses on getting to a win-win resolution in divorce settlements that involve complex property disputes, including significant community investments in private companies. Many property settlements involve “liquidity issues” where there are insufficient liquid assets available to fund the purchase of a spousal interest in a private company investment. This presentation therefore discusses the “kick the can down the road” approach to liquidity problems, as well as other creative strategies designed to facilitate a resolution of property ownership conflicts.

Presenter:

- Ladd Hirsch, Esq., Winstead PC, Dallas, TX

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

CROSS BORDER DIVORCE: MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, INFINITE COMPLICATIONS

In our globalized world, with the number of cross border marriages and consequently cross border divorces growing rapidly, it is increasingly likely that family law practitioners will encounter clients with families, assets and /or entities in disparate countries. Although there are some surprising commonalities in family law principles and processes across most jurisdictions, there are an equal number of differences. Following a brief discussion on choice jurisdiction, this session explores variations on maintenance, and property settlements, as well as challenges in discovery, enforcement, and collection. Key cases from around the world provide insights into some fast-moving trends.

Presenter:

- Joan Crain, BNY Mellon Wealth Management