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AAML ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 6 - 9, 2019
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Dear Fellows,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the details of our 2019 Annual Meeting in Chicago. The Meeting will officially begin on **Thursday, November 7th** and conclude on **Saturday, November 9th**, with the third day of our Legal Education Program. The meeting will be at the beautiful **Loews Chicago Hotel**, conveniently located at **455 N. Park Drive, Chicago**. Enjoy the lake view, the lobby lounge and bar, and, weather permitting, the Roof Top Bar -- and, of course, as always, the many cultural, entertainment, and shopping experiences that Chicago has to offer.

The Academy's Annual Meeting is an opportunity to participate in the highest quality Legal Education, wonderful social events, and productive meetings. You will meet and greet the best family law practitioners in the country. Register early, book your hotel room, and make your travel arrangements! Come and learn while you enjoy!

The Annual Meeting will open on **Wednesday** with **Orientation for New Fellows (admitted within the last three years and who have not previously participated in the orientation)**. It is scheduled from **9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** with lunch and games! (Our New Fellows' significant others are welcome to attend.) New Fellows will need to arrive in Chicago on **Tuesday, November 5th**, to attend the half-day very informative orientation on Wednesday. New Fellows will meet the Executive Committee and the Membership Committee, and learn more about the operations, benefits and opportunities that the Academy provides to our Fellows.

LEGAL EDUCATION

THE CLE WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8:50 A.M. AND CONCLUDE AT 12:15 P.M. EACH DAY

Our CLE Chairs, **Leigh Baseheart Kahn** and **JoAl Cannon Sheridan**, along with the CLE Committee members **Jonathan Bates, Alexander Caballero, Helen Davis, Anne Lamkin Durward, Stephen Naylor, Katharine Maddox, Renee Ross, and Bruce Steinfield** have worked very hard to develop informative, unique and fascinating programs for our Fellows, as follows:

Thursday [Our AAML Professionalism Award will be given before our CLE begins]

- Moderator **Jorge Cestero** leads a stellar group of international experts to discuss how to gather information in international cases. The speakers on this panel are **Sarah Boulby**, Canada; **Rachael Kelsey**, Scotland; **Jane Keir**, England, **Mia Marie-Louise Reich-Sjögren**, Sweden; and **Alfonso Sepulveda**, Mexico.
- This session will be followed by **Preston Findlay** and **Melissa Kucinski** discussing how the "international" family is evolving and how to work with multi-jurisdictional families when dealing with custody issues under the Hague Convention on child abduction remedies.
- The **Joanne Ross Wilder** Speaker Series will host Philippe Lortie, First Secretary of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Friday

- **Dr. Arnold Shienvold, Dawn Smith and Andrea Palash** will explore the importance of addressing specific parental behavior on children, co-parenting when problematic parenting behavior is present due to mental health issues, and the role mental health care professionals can play in such matters to assist with such issues.
- **Lawrence Braunstein, Dr. Jonathan Gould and Jim Turnage** will discuss the dramatic impact that addiction has on custody rights. The speakers will summarize the most recent research and that can be used to win your case and will address testing procedures that can be utilized to monitor a parent with substance issues.
- **Hon. Emily Miskel, Dr. Sol Rappaport and Donald Tye** will talk about the effect of parental alienation on custodial issues. Parental Alienation is a hot button issue. Even the term itself is controversial. The panel will look at creative ways to settle and litigate cases where one parent is obstructing the other parent's rights.

Saturday

- **Justin Miller** will present the top ten tips on how to minimize tax burdens during a divorce. Justin will provide us with a checklist that we can use in our cases.
- **Ladd Hirsch** will present creative strategies for resolving business valuation issues in marital dissolutions. Ladd will discuss ways to generate cash to make equalization payments and address property settlements with respect to liquidity problems. He will also discuss the pro and cons of co-ownership and how co-ownership can be effectively structured.
- **Joan Crain** will address the issues surrounding the evolving multinational divorce. The presentation will explore challenges in discovery, enforcement, and collection, as well as variations in the manner in which different jurisdictions address issues in these cases.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday

The **Foundation's Annual Reception** will again be held at the **University Club** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Your support of our Foundation is greatly appreciated. The Foundation Reception is made possible, in part, by the very generous support of **Aronson, Mayefsky & Sloan, LLP, BNY Mellon Wealth Management and Financial Research Associates.**

Chicago is a city that enjoys its food! Enjoy a free night to explore one of the many top restaurants in the city. (Make your reservations NOW.) Whether or not you are dining out after the **Foundation Reception**, please be sure to join us for the **President and President-Elect's Hospitality** in the Boardroom on the Second Floor from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to top off a great evening with dessert, after-dinner drinks and warm hospitality.

Thursday

We are pleased to offer a very special **Spouse and Guest Event**. This year we will have a private tour of the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern Wing. After the tour, enjoy the many fine pieces in the museum's permanent collection. In November, the Andy Warhol exhibit will be featured!

This year, the **Practice Intensive Workshop** for managing partners will feature **Elizabeth Ferris** who will speak on *The Single Most Effective Activity for Building Your Family Law Practice*. It will be held from **12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The **President's Farewell Reception** will be held from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Harry Carey's Restaurant and Chicago Sports Museum, 33 W. Kinzie (in the Water Tower). It will be an opportunity to thank you and bid farewell. Delicious food, great music, and a great view!

Friday

The theme of this year's Friday night event is **A Galactic Gala**, when Susan Myres will be sworn in as our new President. Dress is **space costume** or **black tie** optional. This will be an out of this world experience with dining, dancing and an intergalactic themed casino. You do not want to miss this fun celebration with all your friends. I will also present our annual **Fellow of the Year Award** and the **AAML Public Service Award**.

Saturday

We are continuing the tradition of the **Past Presidents Breakfast** from **7:30 to 8:40 a.m.** We look forward to the Past Presidents sharing their experiences and wisdom regarding the Academy.

MEETINGS

- The **Executive Committee** will meet **Tuesday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, with lunch provided.
- The **Chapters Leaders** will meet on **Wednesday** from **12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** with lunch provided.
- The **Hennenhoefer Council** will meet on **Wednesday** from **2:30 p.m. to 5:00p.m.**
- The **Open Membership Meeting** will take place **Friday** from **2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**
- The **Board of Governors** will meet **Friday** afternoon from **2:15 to 4:30 p.m.** immediately following the **Open Meeting.**
- All **Committee Meetings** will, as usual, take place from **7:30 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday** mornings.

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It has been such a pleasure planning yet another fabulous Annual Meeting of the AAML. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Walzer
President