

CHILD CUSTODY AND SHARED PARENTING



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You know that the divorce process is a stressful and emotional time for all parties involved - especially the children. When the social, emotional and developmental needs of children are not taken into account, it can cause significant problems for children and parents alike. In order for you to successfully practice in the area of divorce and custody, you need more than a basic knowledge of the issues involved.

This straightforward seminar is filled with real-life information provided by professionals involved in divorce and parenting procedures. You'll learn about the essential role of the psychologist as well as the positive impact of shared parenting plans. Our seasoned faculty will share their skill and experience in child custody and shared parenting matters, offering you practical and meaningful advice for handling these important cases.

Your understanding of these issues is of paramount importance:

- Get a crucial update on federal and international parental rights laws
- Learn how children's developmental needs must be addressed during a divorce
- Find out how to develop an effective parenting plan
- Understand the impact of child support on a parenting plan
- Take an in-depth look at custody modification proceedings
- Target the effects of parental misconduct and alienation on modification issues
- Gain insight into difficult divorce cases from the child psychologist's perspective
- Find out what to do about children who refuse to go along with the parenting plan
- Review attorney contact with children and other ethical issues
- Explore common trial issues, like court services recommendations and witnesses

Important Details

June 5 - ATLANTA - Sheraton Buckhead Hotel Atlanta

3405 Lenox Road NE, Atlanta GA 30326 404-261-9250

Time: Registration is from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Complimentary snacks and refreshments are provided. Lunch is on your own. Pre-Registration is encouraged.

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What You Will Learn

I. FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW GOVERNING PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Brett A. Schroyer, 9:00 - 10:00

- A. Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act
- B. Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act
- C. The Hague Convention

II. DEALING WITH DIFFICULT DIVORCE CASES FROM A CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE & THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT IN DETERMINING CHILDREN'S NEEDS IN DIVORCE

Andrew M. Gothard, 10:15 - 11:45

- A. Making the Impossible Possible
- B. Parents Who Break Agreements
- C. Children Who Refuse to Go Along With Parenting Plan
- D. Abuse Accusations and Aftermath
- E. Parental Alienation & Coaching
- F. How to Make Shared Parenting Plans Work
- G. Helping Parents Understand Their Children's Changing Developmental Needs
- H. Adjusting to Changes in Development
- I. Parents' Changing Roles as Development Proceeds

III. DEVELOPMENT OF PARENTING PLANS

Brett A. Schroyer, 12:45 - 1:45

- A. Statutory Requirements
- B. Third Party Involvement
- C. Making the Plan Workable
- D. Enforcement
- E. Child Support Impact

IV. CUSTODY MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS

Randall M. Kessler, 1:45 - 2:30

- A. Applicable Burden of Proof
- B. The Effect of Children's Desires on the Threshold Issue of Change in Circumstance
- C. Effect of Parental Misconduct, Alienation, on Modification Issues

V. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Louis J. Tesser, 2:45 - 3:45

- A. Fee Arrangements
- B. The Right of an Attorney to Withdraw From Representation
- C. Attorney Contact With the Children
- D. Special Considerations for Guardians Ad Litem Who are Attorneys and for Attorneys for Children

VI. TRIAL ISSUES

Randall M. Kessler, 3:45 - 4:30

- A. Court Services Recommendations
- B. Witnesses
- C. Evidence Considerations

Who'll be there...

This is an **intermediate level program** designed for attorneys, psychologists, social workers, counselors, paralegals and others involved in child custody and visitation.

* If needed, the above agenda may be changed to best accommodate all our attendees.

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Who Will Teach You

ANDREW M. GOTHARD is a Georgia licensed psychologist. He received his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology (GSPP) after graduating summa cum laude from Georgia State University (GSU). He has over 14 years of psychotherapy and assessment experience in a range of settings. He also has extensive experience in program development, practice administration, expert testimony and forensic consultation. Dr. Gothard has served as adjunct faculty and/or guest lecturer at GSPP, GSU and John Marshall Law School. In addition, he has been a frequent lecturer in the areas of substance abuse and recovery, anger management, stress management and custody evaluations. A substantial portion of Dr. Gothard's practice is forensic, including custody and fitness for parenting evaluations. Other areas of forensic expertise include independent medical evaluations, disability and personal injury (including workers' compensation), neuropsychological evaluations, competency and criminal insanity evaluations, substance abuse evaluations and treatment, domestic violence evaluation and treatment.

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By: Honorable Gary M. Alembik and Randall M. Kessler. 64 Pages © October 2006
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By: Sheri T. Donaldson, Tamar Oberman Faulhaber, Sherri L. S. Holder, Randall M. Kessler, Seth P. Murphy and Paul A. Tigner. 162 Pages © December 2006
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