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EDUCATION

- 1990 to 1995 Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology
Illinois Institute of Technology (APA approved)
Chicago, Illinois
Honors: Summa Cum Laude
- 1986 to 1990 Bachelor of Science in Psychology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Psi Chi, Golden Key National Honor Society,
Deans List (all semesters).

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- November 2013 Conducting Child Custody Evaluations
Two-day training regarding best practices for Custody Evaluation
Chicago, IL
Trainer: Marc Ackerman, PhD
- June 2012 Relocation Disputes: Applying Research to Practice
Full Day Institute presented at the Association for Family and
Conciliation Courts 49th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- September 2011 Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation and Settlement
Three-Day Continuing Education Conference, Cosponsored by the
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, and The American
Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Philadelphia, PA.
- June 2011 Children and Divorce: The Voice of the Child and Interventions When
Children Resist Parental Contact
Sponsored by The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Trainer: Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D.
- June 2010 Parenting Coordination: Helping High Conflict Parents Resolve Disputes
Sponsored by The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Trainer: Joan Kelly, Ph.D.

- May 2008 Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present and Future- Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together.
Three-Day Continuing Education Conference, Cosponsored by the American Psychological Association and the American Bar Association Section of Family Law, Chicago, IL.
- November 2007 Interdisciplinary Collaborative Family Law Training Course
Sponsored by The Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois
Presented by: Collaborative Law Training Associates, Inc., Atlanta, GA
- February 2007 40-Hour Family and Divorce Mediation Training Course
DePaul University, Center For Dispute Resolution
Chicago, IL
Trainer: Lynn Gaffigan, esq.
- October 2006 40 Hour Performance-Based Mediation Skills Training Course
Center For Conflict Resolution (CCR)
Chicago, IL

CLINICAL INTERESTS

Individual, Marital and Family Therapy; Divorce Counseling; Family & Divorce Mediation; Collaborative Law; Parent Training; Custody Evaluation; Substance Abuse Treatment; Behavioral Addiction Counseling; Mood Disorders; Anxiety Disorders and Stress Management.

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005 to present Clinical Psychologist and Mediator
Families In Transition, Inc.
Skokie, IL

Clinical psychology practice offering a full range of clinical, consulting, assessment, and mediation services including: individual therapy for adolescents and adults; marital therapy; family therapy; divorce coaching and counseling; divorce and post-decree mediation; custody evaluation; parent-training; outpatient substance abuse treatment; anger management

- 1993 to 2011 Clinical Psychologist
Behavioral Psychology Associates, P.C.
Schaumburg and Skokie, IL

- 2000 to 2005 Clinical Psychologist and Consultant
Partners for Life: A Couple's Intervention for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction; Joint research project between the Illinois Institute of Technology and Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center, funded by the National Institutes of Health.

1997 to 2005 Owner and Consultant
Health Promotion & Wellness Consulting, Inc.
Evanston, IL

9/94 to 9/95 Clinical Psychology Full Year Internship
Department of Veterans Affairs, Hines Hospital
Hines, Illinois

9/93 to 8/94 Health Psychology Extern, Cardiology and Cardiac Rehabilitation
Lutheran General Hospital
Park Ridge, Illinois

9/92 to 7/93 Clinical Extern, Department of Adult Psychiatry, Divisions of Behavioral
Medicine, and Sex and Marital Therapy
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

March 2015 Life Span Symposium on Custody Evaluation
“Assessing Domestic Violence in the Context of Custody Evaluation”
Chicago, IL

November 2013 The Chicago Bar Association, Domestic Relations Section
“Demystifying the Collaborative Divorce Model”
Chicago, IL

April 2013 The Lilac Tree Divorce University
“*The Emotional Impact of Divorce*”
The Lilac Tree, Evanston, IL

November 2012 Child Representative Continuing Legal Education Seminars
The Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division
“Therapeutic Interventions for High Conflict Families”
Daley Center, Chicago, IL

January 2012 The Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Family Law Matters
“Collaborative Law: Procedures and Roles of Different Collaborative
Professionals”
Chicago, IL

November 2011 to
Present Collaborative Law Interdisciplinary Two-Day Basic Training
Core Faculty Member and Instructor for CLII annual training
Chicago, IL

- September 2010 The Lilac Tree
 “What About the Children: Insights From a Judge, Lawyer, Therapist and Mediator”
 The Lilac Tree, Evanston, IL
- April 2009 The Lilac Tree’s 20th Annual Divorce University
 “Divorce Survival Kit: Tools for Parents Helping Children Cope.”
 The Lilac Tree, Evanston, IL
- December 2008 Illinois State Bar Association Winter CLE Fest
 “Reducing Risks and Managing Mayhem: Recognizing and Managing Clients with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems”
 Chicago, IL
- February 2008 Child Representative Continuing Legal Education Seminars
The Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Relations Division
 “The Entrenched Blame Cycle in High Conflict Divorce: Understanding the Role of Personality Disorders.”
 Daley Center, Chicago, IL
- November 2007 Marriage and Family Counseling Service
State of Illinois, Circuit Court of Cook County
 “Understanding and Managing Substance Abuse and Addiction Issues in Family Mediation”
 Chicago, IL
- April 2007 The Mediation Council of Illinois
 “Divorcing Clients: Understanding and Managing the Communications, the Complexities and the Challenges.”
 Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Psychological Association (APA)
 Association for Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
- Board Member of the Illinois Chapter
- International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)
 Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois (CLII)
- Chair of the Training and Education Committee (2009 to 2012)
 - Core Faculty and Trainer for the Collaborative Law Interdisciplinary Two-Day Basic Training (2011-present)
- Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)