

**6:00pm—8:00pm**

## **Dinner and Presentation**



**Dr. Peter Jaffe**

Dr. Peter Jaffe, internationally acclaimed expert on domestic violence and children and custody, is presenting on the *Impact of Domestic Violence on Children*. Dr. Jaffe is a psychologist and professor of Education at Western University (London, Ontario, Canada) and the Academic Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women & Children.

**8:00am—9:00am**

Registration and Breakfast

**9:00am—9:30am**

Welcome and Remarks

**9:30am—10:30am**

Keynote Address

*“Innovative Domestic Relations Practices”*

**Honorable Kevin Burke**

*Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota*

**10:30am-11:00am**

**Team Collaboration with Facilitator**

**11:15am—12:15pm**

**Sessions 1-5**

## Session 1

### Case Management:

#### Self-Represented Litigants in Case Management

This session will focus on services needed by self-represented litigants (SRLs) to proceed through the court process. Legal information versus legal advice and the use of technology to assist SRLs will be explored.

*John M. Greacen, JD, Court Consultant, New Mexico*

## Session 2

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### High Conflict Parents: 10 Tips for Managing Courtrooms

This session will briefly explain personality problems and brain research regarding high conflict people, with techniques for calming litigants, especially when delivering bad news, and focusing them on problem-solving.

*William A. Eddy, JD, MSW, California*

## Session 3

### Domestic Violence:

#### Custody and Domestic Violence

The session will discuss the safety of victims and children in the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities.

*Peter Jaffe, PhD, Professor, Western University, and Academic Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women & Children, Ontario, Canada*

## Session 4

### Dispute Resolution:

#### Early Neutral Evaluation: Custody and Financial

This session will explore the successes of early neutral evaluation which uses the voices of the litigants to shape decisions about custody and financial issues.

*Honorable Kevin Burke, Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota*

## Session 5

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Custody Evaluation Research

This session will explore the process and outcome research of custody evaluations within an evidence-based framework.

*Michael Saini, PhD, MSW, RSW, Associate Professor, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Canada*

**12:15pm—1:00pm**

Lunch

**1:00pm—2:00pm**

Keynote Address

**"Divorce through Children's Eyes:  
Reducing risk and fostering resilience  
through education programs for children"**

**JoAnne Pedro-Carroll, PhD**

*Founder, Children of Divorce Intervention  
Program; Clinical Psychologist and Child  
Specialist, New York*

**2:10pm—3:10pm · Sessions 6-10**

## Session 6

### Case Management:

#### Procedural Justice

This session will focus on the concept of procedural justice: voice, respect, neutrality, and trust. Procedural justice and the influence it has on public trust and confidence in the judiciary will be discussed.

*Honorable Kevin Burke, Hennepin County  
District Court, Minnesota*

## Session 7

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Alienation and Relocation:

#### Helping Parents Make Decisions

Parents with these issues often display all-or-nothing thinking. This session will provide methods of engaging parents in developing skills to calm themselves, communicate rationally, make proposals and accept decisions – especially in relation to alienation and relocation issues.

*William A. Eddy, JD, MSW, California*

## Session 8

### Domestic Violence:

#### Vicarious Trauma

This session will identify symptoms of vicarious trauma and preventative measures.

*Peter Jaffe, PhD, Professor, Western  
University, and Academic Director of the  
Centre for Research and Education on Violence  
Against Women & Children, London, Ontario,  
Canada*

*Honorable Janice M. Rosa (ret.), 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial  
District, Supreme Court of New York*

## Session 9

### Dispute Resolution:

#### Mediation

This session explores the benefits of incorporating mediation throughout the family law case process.

*Debra K. Carter, PhD, Psychologist, Florida*

## Session 10

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Infant Attachment

This session will review recent research regarding infants and young children with respect to attachment and apply the findings to the difficult task of creating parenting plans that are child-centered.

*Arnold Shienvold, PhD, Pennsylvania*

3:20pm—4:20pm · Sessions 11-15

## Case Management:

### Session 11

#### Self-Represented Litigants in Hearings

This session will provide helpful tips for hearings with appearances by self-represented litigants.

*John M. Greacen, JD, Court Consultant, New Mexico*

### Session 12

#### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Parent Education

Public health research points to parental conflict as the factor that most consistently predicts maladjustment among children whose parents have separated or divorced. Parenting classes help parents and children better manage inter-parental conflict and decrease health risk factors for children. Learn about the curriculum developed by the Ohio State University for families in transition.

*James Bates, PhD, CFLE, Assistant Professor, Extension Field Specialist, Family Wellness, Family and Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University, Ohio*

### Session 13

#### Domestic Violence:

#### Domestic Violence and Homicide

This session investigates the link between domestic violence and homicide. Learn to identify risk factors of lethality.

*Honorable Susan B. Carbon, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family Division, New Hampshire*

### Session 14

#### Dispute Resolution:

#### Parenting Coordination

This session will showcase the new concept of parent coordination and which parents are appropriate candidates for the appointment of a parent coordinator.

*Debra K. Carter, PhD, Psychologist, Florida*

### Session 15

#### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Putting Children First

This session discusses integrating children's developmental needs into resilience-promoting parenting plans.

*JoAnne Pedro-Carroll, PhD, Founder, Children of Divorce Intervention Program; Clinical Psychologist and Child Specialist, New York*

4:30pm—5:00pm

Team Collaboration with Facilitator

8:00am—9:15am  
Roundtables by Discipline

9:30am—10:30am · Sessions 16-20

## Session 16

### Case Management:

#### The Key to Effective, Innovative Case Management

This session will focus on exploring outcomes and the effects on case management. Judge Kreeger will discuss the case management lessons learned during 17 years of experience in Miami, Florida.

*Honorable Judith L. Kreeger (ret.), Miami-Dade County Circuit Court, Family Division, Florida*

## Session 17

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Research and Parent Education

Learn how to reduce parental conflict with cutting-edge instructional design for a parenting course. Explore the research behind the Children in Between program from the Center for Divorce Education located in Athens, Ohio. This program is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

*Donald Gordon, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Divorce Education, Oregon*

## Session 18

### Domestic Violence:

#### Parenting with Domestic Violence

This session will discuss and present the most recent research on batterers as parents. This session will provide practical tips for courts and justice partners on ensuring the safety of the non-offending parents and their children in custody and visitation cases where domestic violence is or has been a factor.

*David Adams, EdD, Massachusetts*

## Session 19

### Dispute Resolution:

#### Dispute Resolution outside the Courthouse: Negotiation, Collaborative Law, and Mediation

This session explains the different strategies for lawyers to use to assist in a smooth transition for families. Hear about the collaborative law movement in Ohio which was codified in 2013.

*Terrence Wheeler, JD, Adjunct Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Dispute Resolution, Capital University Law School, Ohio*

*Thomas J. Addesa, JD, Ohio*

## Session 20

### Child-Centered Decision-Making:

#### Voice of the Child

This session will center on making allocation of parental rights and responsibilities decisions and include the voices of the children in a safe and appropriate context.

*Benjamin D. Garber, PhD, Psychologist, New Hampshire*

10:45am—11:45am · Sessions 21-25

## Session 21

### Case Management:

#### **CourTools Performance Measures**

The ten *CourTools* performance measures were designed by the National Center for State Courts as realistic performance measures that are practical to implement and use. This session will focus on *CourTools* Performance Measures 1, Access and Fairness Survey, and 5, Trial Date Certainty. Learn to administer the survey to determine a baseline data of the court's accessibility and its treatment of customers in terms of fairness, equality, and respect. Assess if your court's calendaring and continuance policy are working for your court.

*Mary T. Sammon (ret.), National Center for State Courts, Virginia*

## Session 22

### Domestic Violence:

#### **Supervised Visitation**

This session will discuss the appropriate referrals for supervised visitation involving substance abuse or domestic violence issues. Effective protocols for operating a supervised visitation center will be discussed.

*Honorable Janice M. Rosa (ret.), 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Supreme Court of New York*

## Session 23

### Domestic Violence:

#### **Informed Decision Making in Domestic Violence Cases**

This session will spotlight recent work to develop a framework to understand the dynamics of domestic violence in the context of custody disputes. The importance of properly discerning domestic violence in allocating parental rights and responsibilities will be featured.

*Gabrielle Davis, JD, Legal & Policy Advisor, Battered Women's Justice Project, Minnesota*

## Session 24

### Dispute Resolution:

#### **Technology Resources to Support Parental Communication to Minimize Conflict**

This session will explore the resources available to minimize conflict and assist families in transition. This session will feature a panel.

*Moderator, Peter Salem, MA, Executive Director, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Wisconsin*

## Session 25

### Case Management:

#### **Triage for Domestic Relations Cases**

Domestic relations cases can be slow, expensive for litigants involved, and unnecessarily disruptive of families' lives. This session focuses on new ways to manage and resolve these difficult cases.

*Alicia Davis, JD, National Center for State Courts, Colorado*

*Michael Saini, PhD, MSW, RSW, Associate Professor, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Canada*

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Keynote Address

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Best Psychological Interests of the Child”*

***Benjamin D. Garber, PhD***

*Psychologist*

*New Hampshire*

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**Closing Remarks**