



2025 FAMILY LAW MIDYEAR MEETING & CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025
At The Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane

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The 2025 Family Law Midyear will be online and on the east side of the state and at the beautiful Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Spend the weekend with colleagues and enjoy informative sessions full of updates, information and strategies for your practice.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Jonathon Gould as our keynote speaker this year.

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- **Kiona Gallup** - Gilson-Moreau & Associates, P.S., Bellevue
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The Historic Davenport

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DAY 1 > FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

12:00 p.m. > Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Afternoon Refreshments

12:40 p.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

12:55 p.m. > Welcome and Introductions by Program Committee

- **Kiona Gallup** – *Gilson-Moreau & Associates, P.S., Bellevue*
- **Tamara Garrison** – *Dubois Levias Law Group PLLC, Seattle*
- **Kimberly Loges** – *Loges Law PLLC, Seattle*
- **Laura Yelish** – *Yelish Law PLLC, Port Orchard*

1:00 p.m. > Business Valuation in the Context of a Divorce

60 minutes, 1.0 credit Other

This session provides a review of the standards of value, commonly used valuation terminology, recognized valuation approaches, and common errors to keep an eye out for when reviewing opposing expert reports.

- **Miranda Salmeri** – *Alvarez & Marsal LLC, Seattle*

2:00 p.m. > Arbitration Tips for Attorneys

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

Arbitrator/mediator James Shipman will cover common issues that he and other arbitrators encounter and give attorneys practical tips to present their best case, get all of their evidence in, and have a smooth, cost-efficient process.

- **James Shipman** – *Port Gardner Law Group, Inc. P.S., Everett*

3:00 p.m. > BREAK

3:15 p.m. > The Intersection of Family Law and Immigration Law

75 minutes, 1.25 credits L&LP

Understand common immigration issues that come up in family law cases from an attorney who practices in both areas.

- **Katrina Zafiro** – *ZafiroLaw, Seattle*

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DAY 1 > FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

4:30 p.m. > Nobody Can Parent from Prison: Managing an Accused Client's Participation in Family Litigation

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

Parents in family law cases are uncommonly vulnerable to accusations of child abuse. In this presentation, we will look at the guidance an accused parent needs from their family lawyer. We will consider when and how a family lawyer should limit the client's statements and the client's participation in evaluations often used in family court. We will explain the roles of CPS, the police, and prosecutors when child abuse is alleged; we will advise how to deal with those public authorities. We'll also discuss how a family lawyer and a criminal defense lawyer can coordinate their work when the client need help from both.

- **David Marshall** – *Marshall & Saunders PLLC, Seattle*
- **Joshua Saunders** – *Marshall & Saunders PLLC, Seattle*

5:30 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete online evaluations

RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. > KEYNOTE ADDRESS From Clarity to Confusion: Evaluating the Expansion of Harm Concepts in Custody Litigation

45 minutes, .75 credits Other

"Concept creep" refers to the expansion of the meaning of harm-related psychological concepts over time, such that they come to encompass a wider range of phenomena, including less severe, more ambiguous, or qualitatively different cases than those for which they were originally intended. Concept creep can erode specificity, making forensic diagnoses or legal determinations less reliable. It may bias evaluators or courts to interpret normative behavior as pathological, especially under adversarial conditions. Learn the hallmarks of concept creep, how to identify when it is present, the effects it can have on your clients' cases, and how to counter it.

- **Jonathan Gould, PhD** – *Charlotte Psychotherapy and Consultation Group, Charlotte, NC*

DAY 2 > SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

7:30 a.m. > Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Morning Refreshments

7:45 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

8:00 a.m. > Overview of Juvenile Rights in Washington

60 minutes, .5 L&LP, .5 Ethics

Join us as we discuss the rights of youth in juvenile offender and non-offender cases including mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, and access to reproductive healthcare. This session will discuss the role of youth attorneys in juvenile offender and non-offender cases. RCWs and RPCs specific to juvenile offenders as well as general practice will be discussed, including: RCW 13.40.740 (YAC hotline), RCW 2.30.030 (Establishing Therapeutic Courts) as well as RPC 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.6 and 1.14.

- **Todd Dowell** – *Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office, Port Orchard*
- **Laura Yelish** – *Yelish Law PLLC, Port Orchard*

9:00 a.m. > From Findings to Fit: The Legal Consequences of Misusing Psychological Evaluations in Custody Disputes

90 minutes, 1.5 credit L&LP

Distinguishing among evaluations is critically important to the court because each serves a different legal purpose, answers a different question, and requires a different standard of interpretation and admissibility. Accurate role identification preserves clarity, fairness, and admissibility in proceedings. Understand these different evaluations, when to (or NOT) to use each and how to advise your clients. Also, learn strategies for cross-examining witnesses presenting these evaluations.

- **Jonathan Gould, PhD** – *Charlotte Psychotherapy and Consultation Group, Charlotte, NC*

10:30 a.m. > BREAK

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DAY 2 > SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

10:45 a.m. > Systems that Work: Tools, Tactics, and Tech for Better Case Management & Optimization

75 minutes, 1.25 credits Other

This session will offer practical strategies to help attorneys manage their cases from start to finish in an effective manner. Family law cases can be complex, but staying organized doesn't have to be. The presentation will cover organization systems, useful tech tools, and emerging AI resources to integrate into everyday practice. Attorneys will take away actionable ways to streamline their practice, stay on top of their workload, and keep cases moving forward efficiently and effectively.

- **Margeaux Green** - *Washington State Bar Association, Seattle*
- **Jordyn Sifferman** - *Dubois Levais Law Group PLLC, Seattle*
- **Karamvir Dhaliwal** - *Dubois Levias Law Group PLLC, Seattle*

12:00 p.m. > AWARDS LUNCHEON (hosted)

1:30 p.m. > High-Conflict Cases

60 minutes, 1.0 credits Other

While vicarious trauma is getting a lot of (well-deserved) attention these days, it is not the only ramification experienced by legal professionals who work with traumatized clients: traumatized clients can be aggressive, hostile, difficult and/or unhelpful. Sometimes, a client simply has needs that are beyond your ability to understand or meet. Understanding the ways in which trauma has impacted or will likely impact a client is crucial to working effectively in high conflict cases to achieve a favorable outcome and to manage your own mental health.

- **Christy McKinley** - *The Village Firm, Tacoma*

2:30 p.m. > Writing to Win: Making Your Point in Family Law

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

In this session, Commissioner Lack will discuss strategies for drafting written pleadings. He will focus on how to ensure that you clearly and concisely convey relevant information to the court on behalf of your clients.

- **Commissioner Jonathon Lack** - *King County Superior Court, Seattle*

3:30 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

DAY 3 > SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

7:30 a.m. > Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Morning Refreshments

7:45 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

**8:00 a.m. > Telling a Story with Numbers:
Forensic Accounting Comes Alive**

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

This session will focus on several vignettes representing real-life ways in which forensic accounting matters in trust and estate work. Emphasis will be placed on how to tell a story about accounting malfeasance with a few simple illustrations and plain language appropriate for the courtroom and even a jury setting. We will also examine the interconnection between lawyer and accountant in developing legally defensible economic solutions to complex problems.

- **Lorraine Barrick** – *Lorraine Barrick LLC, Seattle*

9:00 a.m. > 2025 Legislative Update

60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP

What happened in the Washington State Legislature in 2025? There were numerous bills affecting Family Law practitioners. What passed? What didn't?

- **Commissioner Barbara McInville** – *Pierce County Superior Court, Tacoma*
- **Elizabeth Hendren** – *Sexual Violence Law Center, Seattle*
- **Dawn Sydney** – *Law Offices of Dawn Sydney, PLLC, Seattle*

10:30 a.m. > BREAK

10:15 a.m. > Case Law Update

90 minutes, 1.5 credits L&LP

The always-popular case law update is presented by Chris Meserve and Chuck Szurszewski. They will discuss cases affecting family law that were decided this year by the appellate courts. In addition, they will discuss the six cases every family law practitioner should know.

- **Christina Meserve** – *Connolly Tacon & Meserve, Tacoma*
- **Charles Szurszewski** – *Connolly Tacon & Meserve, Tacoma*

11:45 a.m. > Raffles and Closing Remarks

12:00 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete online evaluations

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