

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Richard Warshak, Ph.D. is a clinical, research, and consulting psychologist and a clinical professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He is the author of *Divorce Poison: How to Protect Your Family from Badmouthing and Brainwashing*, a book that gives parents powerful strategies to preserve and repair loving relationships with their children. He is also the co-writer with Dr. Mark Otis of *Welcome Back, Pluto*, a professionally-produced DVD designed to help children and teenagers see family problems from another perspective and avoid taking sides with one parent against the other.

Dr. Warshak is an internationally renowned lecturer and authority on divorce, custody, and the psychology of alienated children. He has provided consultation services to the White House, and courts, legislatures. Social scientists throughout the world cite his studies. Dr. Warshak is the author of two popular books, a contributor to 10 other professional books, and the author of more than 40 articles, including in AFCC's *Family Court Review*. He is one of the world's most respected voices on the impact of divorce on children and on the psychology of alienated children.

FACULTY.

David Eppley, J.D. is a 2000 graduate of Boston University School of Law. Since 2006, he has practiced family law with the Boston firm of Rackemann, Sawyer, & Brewster. He concentrates his practice in family law, gay and lesbian family issues, and probate litigation, handling cases at the trial and appellate levels, and negotiating equitable settlements outside of court. Before that he worked for four years as an associate at Witmer, Karp, Warner, & Ryan LLP, a boutique family law firm in Boston. Following graduation from law school, David served for two years as a law clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court.

Donna Feinberg, LICSW has been a probation officer at the Norfolk Probate and Family Court since 1997. She also volunteers at the *Overcoming Barriers* Camp program, an intensive therapeutic program that works with families with high conflict and alienation issues.

David Medoff, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in private practice specializing in forensic psychological assessment. He also holds dual academic appointments at Suffolk University and at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Medoff is a Designated Forensic Psychologist and is a Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Mentor I and II. Dr. Medoff is the President of Massachusetts AFCC.

Frances Giordano, J.D. is a 1990 graduate of the Suffolk University School of Law. Since 2005, she has been an Equity Partner at Rubin and Rudman LLP in Boston, where she specializes in all aspects of domestic relations litigation. Before that, Ms. Giordano was an associate and then member of White & Inker, P.C. where she practiced in the area of family law for sixteen years. She also formerly worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County. Ms. Giordano has been recognized in *Boston Magazine* as a *Massachusetts Super Lawyer*. She is co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Family Law Section and has been a guest lecturer at MCLE, Boston College Law School, and Suffolk University Law School.

Lesley Goldsmith, J.D. is an Assistant Judicial Case Manager at the Norfolk Probate and Family Court. A 1997 graduate of New England Law|Boston, she previously held the same position in Suffolk Probate and Family Court and served as a law clerk to the Justices of the Probate and Family Court. Prior to entering law school, she was a residential social worker.

Honorable Gail Perlman is the First Justice of the Hampshire Probate and Family Court. Before her appointment to the bench in 1998, she was a lawyer and mediator practicing in the area of family law. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work and taught for many years at the Smith College School for Social Work. Judge Perlman is a member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution and a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC.

Honorable Susan Ricci is an associate justice of the Worcester Probate and Family Court. Before her appointment to the bench in 1993, Judge Ricci was in private practice for ten years with an emphasis on family law. Judge Ricci received her J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law in 1984. Judge Ricci is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association, the Inns of Courts, and the Supreme Judicial Court's mental health legal advisory board and Judicial Conduct Commission.

Jeff Stein, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in a group practice based in Salem and Worcester, where he conducts a wide range of forensic evaluations for proceedings in the District, Probate and Family, and Juvenile Courts in Massachusetts.

Peggie Ward, Ph.D. is a forensic psychologist and Co-Founder of the Co-Parenting Assessment Center in Natick, MA. She previously worked in the Children and the Law Program and held an appointment at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ward has served on the MA Committee to develop GAL Standards, the Shared Parenting Plan Committee, and the MA Parenting Plan Committee as well as the current committee to review GAL education requirements. She is a frequent speaker for AFCC, MCLE, and other groups. Dr. Ward practices as a GAL, parenting coordinator, parenting consultant, and reunification therapist. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC and is Chair of its conference committee.



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Friday, April 15, 2011

Regis College
Wellesley Street
Weston, Massachusetts

Keynote Speaker:

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FRIDAY, April 15, 2011

8:00 AM
Registration and Continental Breakfast8:20 AM
Introductory remarks
David Medoff, Ph.D. President
Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC*Peggie Ward, Ph.D.*
Conference Chair8:30 – 10:15 AM
Parental Alienation
*Richard Warshak Ph.D.*10:15 – 10:30 AM
Break with refreshments10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Parental Alienation (cont.)
*Richard Warshak, Ph.D.*12:00-1:00 PM
Lunch is provided
Comments:
David Medoff, Ph.D., President
Lesley Goldsmith, J.D., President-Elect
Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC1:00 - 3:00 PM
Watching a case evolve:
Attorney interviews with parties*
Fran Giordano, J.D.
David Eppley, J.D.
*played by:
Donna Feinberg, L.I.C.S.W.
*Jeff Stein, Ph.D.*GAL interviews with parties
*Peggie Ward, Ph.D.*Pre-trial conference
Hon Susan Ricci
Fran Giordano, J.D.
*David Eppley, J.D.*3:00 – 3:15 PM
Break with refreshments3: 15 – 5:00 PM
Commentary on the case
Hon. Gail Perlman
Richard Warshak, Ph.D.
David Eppley, J.D.
Fran Giordano, J.D.
*Peggie Ward, Ph.D.*5:00 PM
Conference Ends**DIRECTIONS****Regis College**
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Rt. 30 East from Framingham/Natick. Rt. 9 to Rt. 27 North to Rt. 30 east to Wellesley Street on left. Traffic is heavy on Rt. 30 in the morning.

FREE PARKING

The conference will be held in room 202 of College Hall, the building at the head of the drive at the main entrance.

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