



Family Law Reform Conference

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Welcome

Family Law Reform



Dear Fellow Activists:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this family law reform conference. As we meet outside our nation's capital, I am excited to have so many people from around the country join us as we discuss ways we can address the major problems with our current system of family laws and draft an action plan for reform.

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It is time to reform U.S. Family Laws

November 15-16, 2014



We have activists and groups from all across the country coming together to make plans for real and effective change. This is a momentous first step on the road to reform.

We have scheduled amazing speakers and look forward to fascinating discussions and workshops about the challenging issues we face and how we can make changes. Come early and participate in the Rally on the Capitol Steps on November 14.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Joe Sorge, Director, Divorce Corp

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Registration details can be found here: <http://www.divorcecorp.com/reform-2/>

The conference is at The Westin, Alexandria located at 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314. Details on making reservations can be found here: <http://www.divorcecorp.com/reform-hotel-info/>

Divorce Corp will be posting updates and news about the conference on Facebook and Twitter using **#FamLawConf2014**. We encourage you to post on your social media outlets using this hashtag as you get ready for the conference and while attending in November.

Let's close the loopholes in family law! Reform in November!

Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 15

7:30AM	Conference Check-in	
9:00AM	Do Our Family Laws Reconcile with Modern Social Trends?	Joseph Sorge
9:45AM	Living in 1 versus 2 Homes - Results from Studying 164,000 Children in Sweden	Malin Bergström
10:15AM	Coffee Break	
10:35AM	Discussion Group - The Impact of Domestic Violence on Custody Decisions	David Heleniak, Joyanna Silberg, Craig Childress, moderated by Lisa Y.S. West
11:20AM	Discussion Group - The Rights of Parents and Children	Ron Palmer, James Dwyer, moderated by Dale Cecka
12:05PM	Lunch Break	
1:15PM - 4:00PM	Workshop A: Child Custody/Child Support/Children's Rights	David Delugas, William Comanor
3:00PM	Coffee Break	
1:15PM - 4:00PM	Workshop B: Alimony Reform	Steve Hitner, Alan Frisher
1:15PM - 4:00PM	Workshop C: Mediation vs. Litigation	Stephen Erickson

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Sunday, November 16

8:00AM	Conference Check-in	
9:00 AM	The Economic Cost of Raising Children	William Comanor
9:30AM	Report from the Working Group on Child Custody/Child Support/Children's Rights	David Delugas, William Comanor
10:30AM	Coffee Break	
10:50AM	Report from the Working Group on Alimony Reform	Steve Hitner, Alan Frisher
11:50AM	RICO Suits Against the State Courts	Cole Stuart
12:20PM	Lunch Break	
1:20PM	Report from the Working Group on Mediation vs. Litigation	Stephen Erickson
2:20PM	Judicial Bias and the Political Process	Susan Settenbrino
2:50PM	Money and the Corruption of the Family Courts	Anne Stevenson,
3:20PM	Coffee Break	
3:40PM	The Road to Equality: What We Know and What We Need to Figure Out	Ned Holstein
4:10PM	Closing Remarks	Joseph Sorge



Malin Bergström, PhD

Dr. Bergström is a developmental psychologist with the Division of Reproductive Health at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. She is a child psychologist with 20 years of experience. She has worked extensively with separated parents and witnessed custody struggles.



Professor Dale Margolin Cecka

Professor Cecka is Director of the Richmond School of Law Family Law Clinic and teaches and writes in the area of family law. Professor Cecka's scholarship focuses on child welfare issues, youth aging out of foster care, and the constitutional rights of parents.



Dr. Craig Childress

Dr. Childress is a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in the treatment of parent-child conflict, ADHD-spectrum disorders, and angry-oppositional disorders of childhood.



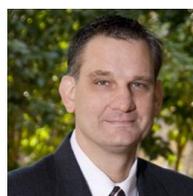
William S. Comanor, PhD

William Comanor is Professor of Economics at UCSB, and Professor of Health Services in the UCLA School of Public Health. He received his PhD in economics from Harvard & was a post-doctoral fellow at the London School of Economics.



David S. DeLugas, Esq.

David DeLugas is a parent and the Founder & Executive Director of the National Association of Parents. He is also a family law attorney, parenting coordinator, mediator and guardian ad litem. He earned his BA from Duke University and his JD from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill.



Professor Jim Dwyer

Professor Dwyer has taught family law at the William & Mary School of Law since 2000, after teaching at the Chicago-Kent and University of Wyoming law schools. He is also the author of a family law textbook, five monographs & dozens of articles on legal issues affecting children.



Stephen Erickson, Esq.

Steve is a full time professional family mediator & founder of Erickson Mediation Institute. He has taught law at the William Mitchell College of Law. He is a licensed attorney who gave up family law practice in 1980 to work full-time as a mediator. He is one of the early pioneers in family & divorce mediation.



Alan Frisher, CDFA™

As the author of his book, "Divorcing the System", Alan is considered an expert by his peers on the laws surrounding alimony, and on the alimony reform movement in Florida. Alan has published numerous articles and his alimony reform efforts have been widely covered in national and local publications.



David Heleniak, Esq.

Mr. Heleniak has been a practicing civil litigation attorney since 1999. He has an MA in Theological & Religious Studies. He is also a writer focusing on constitutional law & judicial behavior and an occasional litigator.



Steve Hitner

Steve Hitner is a businessman and entrepreneur who started the movement for alimony reform in Massachusetts in 2005 following his own divorce and unjust alimony ruling. He was instrumental in getting alimony reforms passed in Massachusetts.



Ned Holstein, MD

Ned Holstein graduated from Harvard & then earned a master's in psychology from MIT before receiving his MD from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in NYC. Ned founded National Parents Organization in 1998 and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. It is now the largest family court reform organization in the world.



Ron B. Palmer

Ron is an author, lecturer, speaker, and constitutional scholar. As Fix Family Court's President, constitutional scholar and visionary, Ron's goal is to create a world where getting divorced doesn't mean losing your child.



Susan Settenbrino, Esq.

An attorney for over 20 years, Ms. Settenbrino is a former appellate trial prosecutor, adjunct Asst. Professor of business law, radio host and author. Ms. Settenbrino specialized in complex litigation including family law matters.



Dr. Joyanna Silberg

Dr. Silberg is President of the Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence and Senior Consultant for childhood trauma at Sheppard Pratt Health System. Her private practice specializes in child sexual abuse & she is the author of *The Child Survivor*.



Anne Stevenson, Investigative Journalist

Anne Stevenson is a nationally acclaimed writer, policy analyst and advisor. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Tufts University and attended Suffolk University School of Law. Her work has appeared in numerous national news outlets and publications including the Huffington Post, Boston Globe & Washington Times.



Colbern C. Stuart, III, J.D.

Mr. Stuart is a parent, lawyer, legal activist, former partner at a large international law firm, and a tireless family court reformer. He established Weightier Matter in 2013 as a resource for family court litigants and domestic dispute industry reform.



Lisa Y.S. West, Esq.

Lisa Y.S. West, Esq. is a family law attorney practicing primarily in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is a principle with and the founding member of The West Firm, PC. Prior to establishing The West Firm, Ms. West was a city court judge in Atlanta .