



Multi-Jurisdictional Parenting Coordination Conference: Practice, Research, and the Interface Between Psychology and Law

June 20, 2009
DC Superior Court Office of the Parenting Coordinator
 510 4th Street, NW
 Building B -Second Floor
 Washington, D.C. 20001
 9:00AM – 5:00PM
 (7 hours CE)



The American Psychological Association Practice Organization and the Maryland Psychological Association, in partnership with the District of Columbia Psychological Association, the Virginia Psychological Association, the Family Law Section of the DC Bar, and Argosy University, Washington DC, invite you to an all-day conference offering Parenting Coordination training for lawyers, judges, psychologists and other mental health professionals. The conference will feature experts in parenting coordination discussing the fundamentals of parenting coordination from a practice, legal and judicial perspective.

The keynote speaker and honoree will be **Robin Deutsch, PhD.** Dr. Deutsch is the Director of Forensic Services of the Children and the Law Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School, and the President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

The conference will include an awards luncheon honoring individuals for their contributions in establishing the first Office of the Parenting Coordinator in the DC Superior Court.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop offers a valuable opportunity for psychologists and other professionals working with high-conflict families to learn about the emerging field of parenting coordination (PC). Participants will learn the basic skills needed for PC work. Interventions to reduce conflict, mediation skills, and ethical considerations will be presented. Relevant research will be reviewed. The intersection between psychology, law and the courts will be discussed. Participants will also learn the basics of setting up a PC practice.

Instructional Level: Introductory to Intermediate.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Explain the role of the parenting coordinator in working with families going through divorce;
2. List and describe the skills that a parenting coordinator uses;
3. Describe several ethical issues that are relevant to parenting coordination work;
4. List a variety of care-giving constellations and describe cultural, socio-economic and diversity issues relating to parenting coordination;
5. Create a plan for beginning or expanding a parenting coordination practice;
6. List and describe mediation techniques that can be used by parenting coordinators;
7. List several interventions helpful to reduce conflict among caregivers and/or children.

PRESENTERS

- Shirley Ann Higuchi, J.D.**, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC
- Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D.**, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- Paul Berman, Ph.D.**, Maryland Psychological Association, Columbia, MD
- Giselle Hass, Ph.D.**, Argosy University, Washington, DC
- Jan D. Hembree, Ph.D.**, Independent Practice, Virginia Beach, VA
- Roberta Eisen, M.Ed., LPC**, Independent Practice, Washington, DC
- Judge Judith Bartnoff**, Washington DC Superior Court
- Margaret J. McKinney, J.D.**, Delaney McKinney LLP, Chevy Chase, MD
- Joan Strand, J.D.**, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Alan Nessman, J.D.**, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC

COST

Register by May 20th for Advance Rate. Deadline for registration at the Regular Rate is June 14.

Members of APA, DCPA, VPA, MPA and the Family Law Section of the DC Bar are eligible for Member Rate.

	Advance	Regular
Member:	\$210	\$245
Nonmember:	\$245	\$310
Student:	\$125	\$155

CE CREDIT

A Certificate for 7 hours of Continuing Education will be granted to participants with documented attendance and a completed evaluation sheet for this event. Attendance is monitored. Credit will not be granted to registrants who are more than 15 minutes late, are absent for more than 15 minutes during a session, or depart more than 15 minutes early from a session. Credit will not be granted to registrants who do not submit a completed evaluation form at the end of the event. It is the responsibility of registrants to comply with these requirements. CE Certificates will be available at the conclusion of the event and after submission of your completed evaluation form. Please note that CE credit is for psychologists.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the American Psychological Association Practice Organization and the Maryland Psychological Association. The Maryland Psychological Association is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Maryland Psychological Association maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

CANCELLATION

Registration fees will be refunded in full until June 14. After this date 50% of the registration fee will be refunded.

ACCOMMODATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS

Please call the MPA office (410) 992-4258 at least 2 weeks in advance if you require any special accommodations to fully participate in this workshop.

CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

SCHEDULE

9:00-11:00	Shirley Ann Higuchi, J.D. – Chair/Moderator – Welcoming Remarks and the Interface between Psychology, the Law and the Courts Robin Deutsch, Ph.D. - Keynote Speaker – Research, Practice and Ethics Issues in Parenting Coordination
11:00-Noon	Multi-Jurisdictional PC Practice Panel: Paul Berman, Ph.D.; Giselle Hass, Psy.D.; Jan Hembree, Ph.D.
Noon-1:00	Awards Luncheon Presenter: Katherine Nordal, Ph.D., Executive Director for Professional Practice, APA
1:00-3:00	Paul Berman, Ph.D. - Creating Effective PC Work Plans Roberta Eisen, .Ed, LPC, NCC – Mediation for PCs
3:00-	Judge Judith Bartnoff, Margaret J. McKinney, J.D. Joan Strand, J.D. - A View from the Bench and the Bar Moderator: Alan Nessman, J.D.



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