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Summary

2.01 Based on Education, Training, and Experience:

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.

Totality of education, training, and experience:

Education

Clinical/Community Psychology (1985)
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Work Experience

Licensed Psychologist in Private Practice - Providing general psychological services to Children, Couples and Families, specializing in Child and Family Forensic Psychology 1990-present

2.01 Violations:

- Attachment Pathology: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of attachment pathology
- Delusional Thought Disorders: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment of delusional thought disorders.
- Complex Trauma: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of complex trauma
- Personality Disorders: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of personality disorder pathology (narcissistic-borderline-dark)

Education:

A.B. Human Biology (1978)
Stanford University, Stanford, California

Ph.D. Clinical/Community Psychology (1985)
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Education Review:

He's been in the field a long time (nearly 50 years).

Stanford undergraduate degree in biology (not psychology). His Ph.D. doctorate is from University Maryland in Community/Clinical psychology: his doctoral education 40 years ago was split between clinical psychology, research methodology, and community psychology.

Note: Dr. Childress (this reviewer) has a Master's degree in Community/Clinical Psychology so understands what the Community Psychology domain entails.

Honors:

Honors Review:

Not relevant for documenting education, training, and experience received.

Beginning with "Honors" is not typical. Usually Work Experience follows Education. He may be trying to pad his vita to look stronger than it actually is.

The "Honors" listed are exceptionally weak (especially for such prominent placement on a vita). Three from pre-2000, and focused on "Honors" in court-involved practice.

National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship, 1980-1981. Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Certificate of Recognition, in acknowledgement of contributions to the National Council of Juvenile and **Family Court Judges** Meritorious Service Award to Santa Clara County Family Court, 1994.

Certificate of Appreciation, in acknowledgement of "exceptional work contributed on behalf of the families and children in **Superior Court**", Family Court Services, Santa Clara County, 1995

The Joseph Drown Award Recipient, for "Outstanding Services to Children", the highest honor for an **Association of Family and Conciliation Court** (AFCC) California chapter member, 2012

Jefferson Cup Award, for **Service on** the American Psychological Association **Ethics Committee, 2018-2020.**

President's Award, **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** International Organization (AFCC), 2023. The Tim Salus President's Award is presented annually by the current president to an AFCC member who has provided exemplary **service to the association.**

Meyer Elkin **Essay Award**, 2024. The Meyer Elkin Essay Award is presented to the author(s) of the article judged as the best of those published in **Family Court Review** for each volume. The winning article was, "The Use of **Parental Alienation**

Constructs by Family Justice System Professionals: A Survey of Belief Systems and Practice Implications”, co-authored with Marsha Kline-Pruett, Janet Johnston, Michael Saini, and Peter Salem, Family Court Review, vol. 61 PP.372-394 (April 2023) <https://doi.org/10.1111/fcre.12716>

Positions:

Licensed Psychologist in Private Practice - Providing psychological services to Children, Couples and Families, specializing in Child and Family Forensic Psychology 1990-present.

Work Experience Review:

Private practice for 35 years as a forensic custody evaluator. That is the entirety of his work experience

Appointments to “task force committees” is not relevant to education, training, and experience received.

Appointments to AFCC committees is professionally ‘incestuous’

Appointment to three task forces commissioned by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) on practice guidelines for Parenting Coordinators and Special Masters, 2001, re-appointed, 2003, re-appointed, 2017.

Appointment to represent the American Psychological Association (APA) to the APA/American Bar Association Collaborative Working Group on Psychological and Legal Interventions with Parents, Children and Families, January, 2007.

Appointment to Co-Chair the Task Force commissioned by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts on the Professional Practice guidelines for court-involved therapists, June, 2008.

Consultant – American Psychological Association Parenting Coordination Program in Washington, D.C. 2008-2011.

Appointment to Task Force commissioned by the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) to develop ethical and training guidelines for the practice of Eldercare Coordination, 2013-2015

Founder/Owner: California Coparenting Clinic – a clinic providing low-cost co-parenting services to clients and training to professionals, 2014-2016

Began a business for two years to financially profit from providing mental health services in the family courts – failed after two years.

Associate Member: American Psychological Association Ethics Committee, 2017- 2019.

Experience on the APA Ethics Committee: Dr. Sullivan should be fully knowledgeable about requirements under Standards 2.01, 2.04, 9.01, and 3.04.

Note: He was on the APA Ethics Committee that received the Petition to the APA in 2018 that was signed by 20,000 parents.

Faculty Appointments:

Lecturer/Assistant Professor - Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, 1991-1998

Clinical Instructor - Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University School of Medicine, 1992-1998

Faculty Review

Low-level faculty appointments 30 years ago. One low-level appointment (Lecturer) in the mid-1990s at a lower-level professional school – courses taught not listed. One a “Clinical Instructor” position in the mid-1990s

Teaching without research (“lecturer”) is not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience received.

Professional Licenses:

Licensed Psychologist, April 1987 – Present California Board of Medical Quality Assurance, License Number: PSY10214

Vermont Board of Psychology, 2014-2016 # 048.0101834

Licenses

Not relevant to education, training, and experience received.

Note: CA Board of Medical Quality Assurance is renamed as the CA Board of Psychology.

5.01 Avoidance of False or Deceptive Statements

(a) Public statements include but are not limited to paid or unpaid advertising, product endorsements, grant applications, licensing applications, other credentialing applications, brochures, printed matter, directory listings, personal resumes or **curricula vitae**, or comments for use in media such as print or electronic transmission, statements in legal proceedings, lectures and public oral presentations, and published materials. Psychologists do not knowingly make public statements that are **false, deceptive**, or fraudulent concerning their research, practice, or other work activities or those of persons or organizations

with which they are affiliated.

Expired Vermont license held for two years 10 years ago is not relevant to current practice.

Professional Organizations:

Member: American Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
California Psychological Association

Professional Organizations Review:

Professional Organizations are not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience received.

Editorial Boards:

Editor: Journal of Child Custody, 2003-2013
Family Court Review, 2022-present

Editorial Board Review

Editorial Board participation is not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience received.

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Organizational Boards:

Director: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts International Board of Directors, appointed 2009; Conference committee chair, 2013 to 2018, Treasurer, 2014-16; Secretary, 2016, Vice President, 2017, President-Elect, 2018, President, 2019-2020, Past-President, 2020-2021; Executive Committee, 2014 to 2021. www.afccnet.org.

Director: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter Board of Directors, 2012-2016

Organizational Boards Review:

Organizational Board participation is not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience received.

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Founder, Overcoming Barriers, a non-profit organization providing innovative programs for high-conflict post-divorce families, Board President 2012- 14; Advisory Board member 2014-present. www.overcomingbarriers.org.

Belmont Report Violation – Experimental Treatment

- Created an experimental 4-day intensive treatment for severe attachment pathology with a vulnerable population without IRB review, without a risk-benefit analysis, and without protections for a vulnerable population. The parents and children bore all the risks of this experimental treatment while the psychologists accrued all the benefits (financial and career status).
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Publications:

Publications Review:

Publications of opinion articles (i.e., not research) are not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience

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Books: _____

Overcoming the Co-Parenting Trap: Essential Parenting Skills When a Child Resists a Parent, John Moran, Tyler Sullivan and Matthew Sullivan, 2015.

Overcoming the [Alienation](#) Crisis: 33 Coparenting Solutions, John Moran, Matthew Sullivan and Shawn McCall, 2020.

Articles:

"[Parental Alienation](#) Processes in Post-Divorce Cases," [Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Newsletter](#), Volume 16, 1997.

"The Role of the Special Master", [Family Advocate](#), a publication of the American Bar Association, Vol. 21, no. 1, 1998

"Legal and Psychological Management of Cases with an [Alienated Child](#)" with Joan Kelly, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 39 No. 3, pp. 299-315 July 2001

"Parenting Coordination: Implementation Issues" co-authored with [Association of Family and Conciliation Courts task force](#), [Family Court Review](#), November, 2003

"Parenting Coordination for High-Conflict Families", co-authored with Christine Coates, Robin Deutsch, Hon. Hugh Starnes and Bealysa Sydlik, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 1-17, April 2004

"[Ethical](#), Legal and Professional Practice Issues involved in Acting as a Psychologist Parent Coordinator in Child Custody Cases" [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 41, No. 3, July 2004

"Guidelines for Parenting Coordination", co-authored with [Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Task Force](#) on Parenting Coordination, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 44 No. 1, pp. 164-181, January, 2006

"Parenting Coordination Practice: A Survey of Experienced Professionals", co-authored with Karl Kirkland, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 46 No. 4, pp.622-636, 2008

"Coparenting and the Parenting Coordination Process" [Journal of Child Custody](#), Vol. 5, Nos. 1/2. Sullivan (Ed.), July, 2008.

"New Services for Families in the Divorce Transition" [Studies and Comments 8, Interventions for the Best Interest of the Child in Family Law Procedures](#), Hofling, S. (ed.) pp.101-112, 2009

"Overcoming Barriers Family Camp: A Program for High Conflict Divorced Families where a Child is Resisting Contact with a Parent", co-authored with Peggie Ward and Robin Deutsch, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 48, No. 1, pp.116-135, 2010.

"Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy: A best practice approach for mental health professionals", co-authored with Hon. Linda Fidnick, Kelly Koch, and Lyn Greenberg, [Family Court Review](#), Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 557-563, 2011.

"Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy", co-authored with the [Association of](#)

Family and Conciliation Courts Task Force on Court Involved Therapy, Family Court Review, Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 564-581, 2011

“Parenting Coordinator and Therapist Collaboration in High Conflict Shared Custody Cases”, co-authored with Lyn Greenberg, Journal of Child Custody, vol. 9, No.1-2, 2012.

“Parenting Coordination: Coming of Age?” Family Court Review, Vol. 51 No. 1, pp.56-62, January, 2013.

“Coparenting: A Lifelong Partnership” Family Advocate, American Bar Association, Vol. 36, no. 1, 2013.

“Reunification Family Therapy: A Treatment Manual by Jan Faust,” Book Review for Family Court Review, Vol. 57, no. 1, 2019.

“Beyond the Guidelines: The use of Mental Health Experts in Determining Appropriate Levels of Child Support for Affluent Families” co-authored with Jacqueline Singer, Belinda Hanson & Jane Taylor, Journal of the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers, Vol. 32 No. 1, 2019, pp. 145-191.

“**Parental Alienation**: In Search of Common Ground for a More Differentiated Theory”, with Janet Johnston, Family Court Review, Vol. 58 No 2 pp. 270-292 (2020).

“New AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Coordination (2019) , co-authored with the PC Task Force, Family Court Review, Vol.58 No. 3, 644-657.

“**Parent-child contact problems**- concepts, controversies and conundrums”, Magistrate, August/September, 2020. United Kingdom.

“The Creative Disruption of the Covid-19 Pandemic Impacts Courts, Unified Family Court Connections, Fall, 2020.

“The Use of **Parental Alienation** Constructs by Family Justice System Professionals: A Survey of Belief Systems and Practice Implications”, co-authored with Marsha Kline-Pruett, Janet Johnston, Michael Saini and Peter Salem, Family Court Review, vol. 61 PP.372-394 (April 2023)
<https://doi.org/10.1111/fcre.12716>

“**Parent Child Contact Problems**: Family Violence and Parental **Alienating Behaviors** Either/or, Neither/nor, both/and, one in the same?”, co-authored with Marsha Kline-Pruett and Janet, Johnston, Family Court Review, Vol. 61, (January, 2024).

Book Chapters:

“Family Systems”, co-authored with Jamie McHale, The Handbook of Clinical Psychology Vol. II, Chapter 7, Hersen & Gross (Ed.), Wiley, 2008

“Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases”, co-authored with Elena Hobbs-Minor, Innovations in Interventions with High Conflict Families, Chapter 5, Fieldstone & Coates (Eds.), AFCC, 2008.

“Parenting Coordination for High Conflict Families”, co-authored with Coates,

Deutsch, Starnes and Sydlik, Resolving Family Conflicts, Singer, J. & Murphy, J. (Eds.) Agate, London (2008).

“Parenting Coordination Practice” (Chapter 6) and “Keeping on Track or Getting Derailed” (Chapter 8), in Handbook of Parenting Coordination Practice, Lally, S. and Higuchi, S. Editors, American Psychological Association, 2013.

“Overview of the **Overcoming Barriers** approach” (chapter 6); “West Group: Group interventions for rejected parents” (chapter 9); “ Co-parenting, parenting and child-focused interventions” (chapter 11) in Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-based interventions for resistance, rejection and alienation, edited by Abigail M. Judge and Robin Deutsch, Oxford Press, 2016.

Belmont Report Violation – Experimental Treatment

- Created an experimental 4-day intensive treatment for severe attachment pathology with a vulnerable population without IRB review, without a risk-benefit analysis, and without protections for a vulnerable population. The parents and children bore all the risks of this experimental treatment while the psychologists accrued all the benefits (financial and career status).
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“Building and Managing Collaborative Teams” (Chapter 14); Evidence-Informed Interventions for Court-Involved Families: Promoting Healthy Coping and Development, Greenberg, Fidler & Saini, eds., Oxford U Press, 2019.

“Interventions to Manage Intractable Coparenting Conflict in Shared Parenting Arrangements” co-authored with Robin Deutsch, Ph.D. ABPP. in Family Dispute Resolution: Process and Practice, Salem, P. & Browe-Olson, K., Ed. Oxford University Press, 2024.

Invited Presentations and Trainings (selected as of 1995):

Invited Presentations Review:

Presentations are not relevant to 2.01 education, training, and experience received
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Has interest in the experimental role of “parenting coordinator” found only in the family courts.

Special Masters Revisited, presented to the **Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts**, California Chapter, Annual Conference, January, 1995

Nightmare Cases: **Parental Alienation**, Presented to the Family Law and Procedure Institute, California Judges Association, March, 1995

Rethinking **Alienation**, Pre-conference institute for the 37th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 2000

Custody Evaluations and the Alienated Child, Pre-Symposium Institute presented at the Fourth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, South Carolina, November, 2000

Special Mastering and **Alienation** Dynamics, presentations at the Custody and Visitation Symposium sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, North Carolina, June 2001

Psychological Aspects of Child Support in High Income Family Law Cases and Interventions in Child Alienation, presented at the NFLS Seminar, October, 2001

Legal, Economic and Psychological Dimensions of Child Support in Extraordinarily High-Income Cases, presented at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Northern California Symposium, April, 2002

Research and Trends in Children's Adjustment Following Divorce, Presented at the Regional Training Institute of the California Administrative Office of the Courts, October, 2002

Understanding and Working with High Conflict Families, invited series of Presentations and workshops to the Munich Family Courts, Munich, Germany, November, 2002

The Use of Parent Coordinators in High Conflict Custody Cases, Presented at a Symposium sponsored by the Center for Psychiatry and the Law, Stanford University Medical Center, January, 2003

Parenting Coordination: The Challenges of Being Coach and Decision-Maker and Parent Coordination Forum, presented at the 40th Anniversary **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** Conference, Ottawa, Canada, May 2003

Parenting Coordination in the United States, Seminar presented at the GWG Institute, Munich, Germany, September, 2005

The Parenting Coordination Process, full-day institute presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Colorado, September, 2005

Symposium on Parent Coordination, co-presenter with the President of the American Psychological Association, annual conference, August 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana

Reuniting Parents and **Alienated** Children, Keynote Address at the 28th Annual Los Angeles Child Custody Colloquium, Los Angeles, September 2006

The Presumption for Equal Shared Parenting: Pros and Cons Plenary Session, **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** California Annual Conference, February, 2007, San Francisco.

Parenting Coordination: Does one model fit all? Pre-conference institute and

Complexities of Child Alienation: From assessment to options for

intervention, presented at the AFCC annual conference, Washington, D.C. May 2007

Symposium on Parenting Coordination, co-presenter with the Immediate Past President of the American Psychological Association and current **Ethics Committee Chair**, annual conference, San Francisco, California, August 2007

High Conflict Divorcing Families: Practical Strategies to Prevent and Intervene in **Alienation** Cases, One-day solo presentation to the Custody Consortium, Toronto, Canada, November, 2007

New Ways to Support Divorced and Separated Parents, presented at Interventions for the Best Interests of Children in Family Law Procedures, sponsored by the German Government, Munich, Germany, April 2008

Advanced Topics in Parenting Coordination, a full-day continuation education program presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Diego, August, 2010.

Ethical and Professional Practice Issues for Court-Involved Therapists, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts regional conference, Cambridge, Mass, November 2010.

Parenting Coordination: Advanced Practice Issues, a two-day training sponsored by the Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD, December, 2010.

Advanced Topics in Parenting Coordination, a two-day program presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. August , 2011.

A Lawyer's Guide to the DSM-IV and Psychological Testing in Child Custody Litigation, an institute presented at the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and AFCC conference, Philadelphia, September, 2011.

Utilizing Research in Practice: Family Law's Catch-22, opening Plenary at the 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Phoenix AZ, November, 2012

Behind the Curtain: Mental Health Consultation in child custody cases, Keynote presented at the AFCC Massachusetts annual conference, Boston, March, 2013.

Custody and Related Issues: Tips for Regulators, a keynote presentation for Association of State and Provincial Psychological Boards Annual conference, October, 2013, Las Vegas.

Visitation Resistance/Parental Rejection: What it is, what to do? presented at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers midyear meeting, March 2014, Cancun, Mexico.

Mediation: Getting to Yes! workshop presented at the **AFCC** annual conference, May, 2014, Toronto, Canada.

The United States Experience of Coparenting, keynote presented at the Family Symposium: Divorce and Coparenting October, 2014 Hong Kong

Working with High Conflict Coparents and Children in Divorced Families, 2-day training for the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, October, 2014, Hong Kong

Psychological Aspects of Child Support in High Income Cases, Seminar for “Attorney’s Briefcase”: Beyond the Basics, November, 2014. www.atybriefcase.com

Practical applications of intensive interventions for children who resist contact with a parent, Institute presented at the AFCC-CA annual conference, February, 2015.

Parenting Coordination: Foundations, a two-day training for family law professionals, Vancouver, British Columbia, February, 2015.

How to Obtain and Use Alcohol and Drug Test Results, Pre-symposium institute, AAML Northern California Symposium, Napa, Ca, May, 2016.

Eldercare Coordination: Train-the-Trainer in the use of Technology, presented at the Association for Conflict Resolution Eldercare Training, Columbus, Ohio, 2015

Preferences and Voices of Children, Plenary Panel presented to the American Bar Association Family Law Section Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, 2015.

Parenting Coordination 2-day Training, presented to the Alaska Family Courts, Anchorage, AK, December, 2015.

Strategic tips for Child Custody Evaluators and those examining their work product at depositions and trial, presented at the AFCC-CA conference, San Francisco, 2016

Parenting Coordination: Practice Foundations, 2-Day training sponsored by the AFCC, Chicago, Ill, March 2016

Examining Attorney-Expert Relationships: Ethics and Choices, workshop presented at the AFCC annual conference, Seattle, WA, June 2016

Parent-child contact problems: News you can use, general session at the AFCC child custody symposium, Atlanta Georgia, November, 2016.

Parenting Coordination: Foundations: 3-day training for the Hong Kong Law Society, Hong Kong, China, November, 2016.

Parenting Coordination Foundations: 2-day training sponsored by the AFCC, Chicago, Illinois, March, 2017.

Overcoming Parent-Child Contact problems: one-day training for family law professionals, ½ day training for Judges, Honolulu, HI, March, 2017

Child Participation in Court Proceedings, Session Chair. 7th World Congress of Family Law and Children’s Rights, Dublin, Ireland, June 2017.

Ten Years Later: Research and Practice-informed work with High Conflict families, workshop presented at the AFCC Annual Conference, Boston, June 2107.

Alienation and Estrangement Remedies and Mental Health Consultation to clients undergoing a Custody and Access Evaluation, presented at the 11th Biennial Conference on Family Law, Vancouver, Canada, July 2017.

Hot Topics and Diversity Hot Topics, presented by the APA Ethics Committee Members, American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., August 2107.

Using Mental Health Professionals as Consultants, Plenary presentation; Examining Expert/Attorney Relationships, Workshop presentation for the AAML-AFCC Joint

Conference, San Diego, September, 2017.

Daubert Hearing Regarding **Parental Alienation**: Do or Die; co-presented workshop for the **AFCC** Regional Conference, Milwaukee, WI., November, 2017.

When Resistance is Justified; workshop presented at the California **AFCC** Chapter Annual Meeting, February, 2018, San Francisco.

Parenting Coordination: Working in the trenches with high conflict coparents; two day training co-sponsored by the **AFCC** and Loyola Law school, Chicago, Ill. March 2018.

Supporting co-parenting in high conflict family law cases; presented at the Children Now International Symposium on best practices in dealing with high conflict families. Montreal, Canada, May, 2018.

Parenting Coordination: Work in the Trenches with high conflict coparents; one-day training for the Indiana Bar Association, Indianapolis, October, 2018.

Parenting time refusal: What Now? One-day training for the Illinois chapter of AFCC, Chicago, Ill, October, 2018.

The long and winding road: How to recognize the first signs of trouble on the path to the rejection of a parent—and then what?, workshop presented at the **AFCC** Arizona annual conference, Sedona, AZ, January 2019.

Parenting Coordination/Coparent Counseling: Working in the Trenches with High Conflict Coparents, 2-day training, California, April, 2019.

Ethical Issues in Parenting Coordination, symposium presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2019

Beyond the Guidelines: The use of Mental Health Experts in Determining Appropriate Levels of Child Support for Affluent Families. Workshop presented at the AAML/**AFCC** Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody, San Diego, September, 2019.

Parent-Child Contact Problems: How to We Understand Them? What Can We Do about Them? Workshop presented at the AAML/**AFCC** Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody, San Diego, September, 2019.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration in High Conflict Shared Custody, Keynote Presentation at the **AFCC** Indiana Chapter Annual Conference, Indianapolis, October, 2019.

Parental Alienation: In Search of Common Ground, Keynote Presentation at the Colorado AFCC Chapter Annual Conference, Breckenridge, October, 2019.

Working with Diversity: Techniques and Interventions to motivate and inspire collaboration, Workshop presented with Maria Young, **AFCC**-CA annual conference, January, 2020.

Parent-Child contact problems: How do we understand them? What can we do about them? MAGAL, Boston, Mass, January, 2020.

Contact Refuse dynamics after separation. Interventions and good practices. Keynote presentation at the Conference of the College of psychology of Catalonia, Barcelona, February, 2020.

Challenges of Working with Children who **resist and refuse** contact with a parent.

Presentation to the Nuffeld Foundation, London, UK, February, 2020.

Supporting Parents and Children through Family Conflict, seminar presented to Shared Parenting Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland, February, 2020.

Parenting Coordination: Practice Foundations, 2-day training at the Catholic University of Milan, Italy, February, 2020.

What Alberta can learn from Parenting Coordination Policies & Practices from across North America? Keynote address to the AFCC-Alberta annual chapter conference, March, 2020.

Parental Alienation: In search of common ground for a more differentiated theory, webinar presentation for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May, 2020.

Effective Use of Parenting Coordination: Considerations for Legal and Mental Health Professionals, with Annette Burns, JD, AFCC, August, 2020.

Domestic Violence considerations in conducting Child Custody Evaluations. California Rule of Court 5.225 Domestic Violence Update 4-hour Webinar Training, sponsored by the Steve Frankel Group, October 9, 2020.

Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to do When the World Goes Haywire, Plenary session co-presented at the AFCC 14th Symposium on Child Custody, November, 2020.

Online Dispute Resolution, Teletherapy and Remote -Child Custody Evaluations in the Age of COVID-19 and Beyond, Institute co-presented at the AFCC 14th Symposium on Child Custody, November 2020.

Ethics, Diversity and Technology, a 2-hour presentation as part of the AFCC's Training on the Fundamentals of Parenting Coordination, November 2020.

Parent-Child Contact Problems, a 2-hour presentation as part of the AFCC's Training on Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals, December 2020.

High Conflict Shared Custody in the Family Courts: Perspectives from the United States, presented to the Family Lawyers Association of Ireland, December, 2020.

Domestic Violence Training for California Rule of Court, a 4-hour webinar produced by The Steve Frankel Group www.sfrankelgroup.com. December, 2020.

Personality Disorders: Effects on Kids & Parenting Schedules: Parent's Behaving Badly 2021 Arizona Family Law Institute (virtual), January, 2021.

Parent-child contact problems: How do we understand them? What can we do? Training (virtual) for the Psychological Society of Italy, March, 2021.

Parenting Coordination 6-hour training (virtual) Catholic University of Milan, Italy; March, 2021.

Intractable Conflict: Phases, Manifestations and Interventions. (virtual) Ohio AFCC annual conference Keynote, April, 2021.

Parental Alienation, presentation (virtual) at the New Jersey Family Division and Domestic Violence Judicial Education Conference, April 2021

The Nexus of Family Justice Disputes and Seemingly intractable Community Conflict, Opening Plenary for the AFCC Annual Conference (virtual) June 2021

Integrating Technology into your practice: Opportunities and Challenges, Institute co-presented at the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and AFCC, September, 2021, Washington, DC.

Parent-Child Contact Problems: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) working towards common ground (webinar) presented with the Honorable Ramona Gonzales, president of the NCJFCJ, November 2021.

Parenting Coordination Training: The Fundamentals and Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals, (webinar) co-presented a training sponsored by the AFCC, December, 2021.

Parenting Coordination: Practice Foundations, 4-hour training for the Catholic University of Milan, Italy (virtual), February, 2022.

Moving Beyond Intractability: Working Successfully with Entrenched Litigants, Presented at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Northern California Symposium, May 2022.

Integrating Technology into Your Parenting Coordination Practice: Opportunities and Challenges, Pre-conference Institute co-presented at the AFCC Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill. May 2022.

Parent-Child Contact Problems in Domestic Violence Cases, 3-hour Domestic violence training for the Santa Clara County Psychological Association, July 2022.

Parenting Coordination 2-day training, British Columbia Parenting Coordination Association, Vancouver, B.C. September 2022.

The United States Experience of Parenting Coordination, Keynote presented virtually to the 1st Italian Parenting Coordination Congress, Rome, Italy, November, 2022.

Is It Just a Word Game? The Dangers of Concept Creep in Family Law, Plenary Presentation to the 15th Symposium on Child Custody, Las Vegas, November, 2022.

Parenting Coordination Training: The Fundamentals and Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals, (webinar) co-presented 8-hour trainingsponsored by the AFCC, December, 2022

Stop Intractable Conflict: Early Interventions for Coparents, workshop presented with Robin Deutsch at the AFCC-California conference, January, 2023, Los Angeles.

The Burr under the Saddle: How Unresolved Issues Fester in the Divorce Process, Plenary presentation to California Collaborative Law Professionals annual conference, April, 2023.

Parent-Child Contact Problems: The Intersection of Policy and Practice, institute co-presented at the 60th Annual AFCC conference, Los Angeles, CA, June, 2023.

Parent-Child Contact Problems: How do we understand them, What can we do about them, one-day training to the Catalonian Psychological Assn., Barcelona, Spain, Sept, 2023.

Parenting Coordination: Work in the Trenches with High Conflict Coparents, one-day training for the Psicologa Psicoteraputa Institute, Milan Italy, September, 2023.

Perspectives on High-Conflict Shared Parenting, Keynote presented at the Legal Aid Society of Ireland’s annual conference, Dublin, Ireland, September, 2023.

Family Justice Reform: Values, Service and Science in a Politicized Environment, Plenary co- presented at the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers/AFCC conference, Washington, D.C. September, 2023.

Current Controversies in Understanding and Intervening with **Parent-Child Contact Problems**, Workshop presented at the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers/AFCC conference, Washington, D.C. September, 2023.

Family Violence and **Parental Alienation** Either/or, Neither/nor, Both/and, One in the Same? Keynote, Workshop presented at the AFCC-Utah annual conference, October, 2023.

Everything Lawyers Ever Wanted to Know About High Conflict Divorce but are afraid to ask, pre-institute co-presented at the AFCC fall virtual conference, November, 2023.

Parenting Coordination Training: The Fundamentals and Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals, (webinar) co-presented 8-hour training sponsored by the AFCC, December, 2023.

Court-Involved Therapy, Advanced training (online) for family court professionals by the AFCC, January, 2024.

Strategies for Assessing and Intervening in DV and **Alienation** Allegations in Parenting Disputes in Family Court, AFCC Judicial Officers’ Institute, Boston, June 2024.

The PC role in “stable” and “unstable” high-conflict shared parenting arrangements. Keynote at 2nd National Parental Coordination Conference, Florence, Italy, June 2024.

Understanding and Intervening with **Parent-Child Contact Problems**, Virtual seminar presented to the Italian Parenting Coordinator’s Association, September, 2024.

2.01 Based on Education, Training, and Experience:

Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.

Totality of education, training, and experience:

Education

Clinical/Community Psychology (1985)
University of Maryland, College Park,
Maryland

Work Experience

Licensed Psychologist in Private Practice - Providing general psychological services to Children, Couples and Families, specializing in Child and Family Forensic Psychology 1990-present

2.01 Violations:

- Attachment Pathology: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of attachment pathology
- Delusional Thought Disorders: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment of delusional thought disorders.
- Complex Trauma: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of complex trauma
- Personality Disorders: No education, training, or experience in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of personality disorder pathology (narcissistic-borderline-dark).

Competence on a Vita

Attachment Pathology

This is what competence in attachment pathology (i.e., a child rejecting a parent) looks like on a vita:

Dr. Childress Vita: Competence in Attachment Pathology

Initial Training:

I received training in Early Childhood Mental Health (attachment pathology) from Dr. Marie Pouslen's Early Childhood program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

9/00 – 4/02 Postdoctoral Fellow

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Two-year post-doctoral fellowship. Specialty focus: ADHD; spina bifida; early childhood mental health

9/99 - 9/00 Predoctoral Psychology Intern – APA Accredited

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Rotations: spina bifida, early childhood preschool consultation

Additional Diagnostic Training

I am trained in two additional early childhood diagnostic systems, the DMIC which is stronger in diagnosing autism-spectrum pathology, and the DC:0-3 which is stronger in diagnosing attachment pathology.

Early Childhood Diagnostic System: *DC:0-3R Diagnostic Criteria*: Orange County Early Childhood Mental Health Collaborative.

Early Childhood Diagnostic System: *DMIC: Diagnostic Manual for Infancy and Early Childhood*. Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders: assessment, diagnosis, and intervention for developmental and emotional disorders,

autistic spectrum disorders, multisystem developmental disorders, regulatory disorders involving attention, learning and behavioral problems, cognitive, language, motor, and sensory disturbances.

Additional Attachment Treatment Training

I am trained in two early childhood attachment treatments, Watch, Wait, and Wonder for infants and Circle of Security for preschool-age children

Early Childhood Treatment Intervention: *Watch, Wait, and Wonder*: Nancy Cohen, Ph.D. Hincks-Dellcrest Centre & the University of Toronto.

Early Childhood Treatment Intervention: *Circle of Security*: Glen Cooper, MFT, Center for Clinical Intervention, Marycliff Institute, Spokane, Washington.

Additional Infant Mental Health Certification

I am Certified in Parent-Infant Mental Health (attachment pathology) through Fielding Graduate Institute.

Certificate Program: Parent-Infant Mental Health: Fielding Graduate University, 1/14/08; 1/15/08.

Clinical Experience

I served as the Clinical Director for a three-university assessment and treatment center for children ages zero-to-five in foster care, Child Protective Services was our primary referral source.

10/06 - 6/08: Clinical Director

START Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Assessment and Treatment Center

California State University, San Bernardino

Institute of Child Development and Family Relations

Clinical Director for an early childhood assessment and treatment center providing comprehensive developmental assessment and psychotherapy services to children ages 0-5 years old in foster care. The primary referral source for the clinic was Child Protective Services. Directed the clinical operations, clinical staff, and the provision of comprehensive psychological assessment and treatment services across clinic-based, home-based, and school-based services. The clinic was a three-university collaboration, with speech and language faculty and services through the University of Redlands, occupational therapy faculty and services through Loma Linda University, and psychology faculty and clinical staff through Calif. State University, San Bernardino

Competence on a Vita

Diagnostic Assessment of Thought Disorders

Dr. Childress Vita: Competence in Assessing Delusional Thought Disorders

This is what competence in competence in the diagnostic assessment of delusional thought disorders looks like on a vita:

Training: I received 12 years of annual training in the diagnostic assessment of delusional thought disorders using the *Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale* (BPRS), “one of the oldest, most widely used scales to measure psychotic symptoms” (Wikipedia BPRS) to $r=.90$ diagnostic reliability with the Co-Directors of the Diagnostic Unit at the Brentwood-UCLA VA, Dr Ventura and Dr. Lukoff, in my role with a major NIMH clinical research project on schizophrenia (PI: Keith Nuechterlein, Ph.D.). BPRS item 11 Unusual Thought Content is the rating for delusional thought disorders.

Dr. Nuechterlein, Dr. Ventura, and Dr. Lukoff are the co-authors of the Expanded BPRS.

9/85 - 9/98 Research Associate

UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute

Principle Investigator: Keith Nuechterlein, Ph.D.

Area: Longitudinal study of initial-onset schizophrenia. Received annual training to research and clinical reliability in the rating of psychotic symptoms using the Brief Psychiatric