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# Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation and Settlement

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## Philadelphia

Westin Philadelphia  
September 15-17, 2011



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Join AFCC and AAML for an outstanding program designed for advanced-level family lawyers, mental health professionals, judges and others who work in child custody.

- Learn the latest ***advanced practice skills*** and strategies
- Earn ***continuing education*** credit
- Expand your practice through ***unparalleled networking opportunities***
- An ***interdisciplinary faculty*** of leaders in the field
- The ***latest research*** on children, custody, separation and divorce

## Topics include:

Witness Preparation	Parental Alienation
Direct and Cross Examination	Psychological Testing
Child Development and Attachment	Domestic Abuse
Child Relocation Disputes	Bias and Opinion Formulation
Mental Health Consultation	Ethics: Best Interests or Zealous Advocacy?

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## About the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

AFCC is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children through the resolution of family conflict. Founded in 1963, AFCC now includes more than 4,000 members from over 20 countries. For nearly 50 years, AFCC has served as a leader in family court innovation and reform in areas including parenting coordination, mediation, child custody evaluation, family law education and domestic violence. All AFCC members receive a print and electronic subscription to *Family Court Review*, the world's leading interdisciplinary family law journal, published by Wiley-Blackwell. Learn more about AFCC at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org).

## About the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers was founded in 1962 by highly regarded domestic relations attorneys "To provide leadership that promotes the highest degree of professionalism and excellence in the practice of family law." There are currently more than 1600 Fellows in 50 states. Academy Fellows are highly skilled negotiators and litigators who represent individuals in all facets of family law, including divorce, annulment, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, marital settlement agreements, child custody and visitation, business valuations, property valuations and division, alimony, child support and other family law issues. Learn more about AAML at [www.aaml.org](http://www.aaml.org).

### Sponsoring Organizations

Pennsylvania Chapter of the  
American Academy of  
Matrimonial Lawyers  
  
Hofstra Law School

## Program at a Glance

### Thursday, September 15, 2011

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7:30am-5:00pm	Registration
7:45am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Forum
7:45am-8:45am	Continental Breakfast
8:45am-11:45am	Pre-conference Institutes
11:45am-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00pm-2:30pm	Plenary #1 – Witness Preparation
2:30pm-3:00pm	Break
3:00pm-4:15pm	Concurrent Sessions 1-4
5:00pm-6:00pm	Welcome Reception

### Friday, September 16, 2011

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7:30am-5:00pm	Registration
8:00am-5:00pm	Exhibitor Forum
8:00am-9:00am	Continental Breakfast
9:00am-10:15am	Concurrent Sessions 5-8
10:15am-10:45am	Break
10:45am-12:00pm	Concurrent Sessions 9-12
12:00pm-1:30pm	Luncheon (included)
1:45pm-3:00pm	Plenary #2 – Direct Examination
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-4:45pm	Plenary #3 – Cross Examination
Evening	Taste of Philly

### Saturday, September 17, 2011

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8:00am-12:00pm	Registration
8:00am-12:00pm	Exhibitor Forum
8:00am-9:00am	Continental Breakfast
9:00am-10:15am	Concurrent Sessions 13-16
10:15am-10:45am	Break
10:45am-12:00pm	Concurrent Sessions 17-20
12:00pm	Adjourn

**Note:** All concurrent sessions will be offered twice. Participants will have the opportunity to attend five different concurrent sessions during the course of the conference.

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### **1. What Lawyers Can Teach Mental Health Professionals: Rules of Evidence, Courtroom Procedure and Etiquette, and Terminology**

Designed as a “toolbox” for mental health professionals, this institute will be structured as a dialogue between disciplines with detailed legal, theoretical and practical information meant to clarify aspects of the legal environment that often seem mysterious, arcane, or foolish to forensic experts. Topics covered will include, but not be limited to, evidentiary rules, expert qualification, handling subpoenas and the vagaries of expert testimony.

*Gary L. Nickelson, Esq., AAML Past President, Fort Worth, TX*

*Jeffrey P. Wittmann, Ph.D., Author, Custody Chaos, Personal Peace, Albany, NY*

### **2. Advanced Mental Health Concepts: A Lawyers' Guide to the DSM-IV-R and the Use and the Misuse of Psychological Evaluations in Litigation**

Which sections of the DSM-IV-R are most relevant to family law cases and why? What are the pros and cons of having your client undergo a psychological evaluation? This session will provide a primer to the DSM for attorneys, highlighting those sections most applicable to a client's parenting and co-parenting. Particular emphasis will be placed on the DSM Axis II (personality disorders) clients, who predominate high conflict custody cases. Procedural guidelines for psychological evaluation will be provided to increase its potential utility in a litigated child custody case.

*Kenneth P. Altsbuler, Esq., AAML President-Elect, Portland, ME*

*Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, Palo Alto, CA*

- 11:45am-1:00pm    Lunch (on your own)

## 1:00pm-2:30pm      Opening Plenary

*Welcome: Linda Lea M. Viken, Esq., AAML President*

*Linda B. Fieldstone, M.Ed., AFCC President*

### Plenary Sessions

This program's three plenary sessions will enhance courtroom skills for evaluators and lawyers through demonstration and analysis. The first session will demonstrate how a custody evaluator and lawyer work together to prepare for trial, including the evaluator's review of any relevant literature. The second session will feature a demonstration of a direct examination; it will focus on how to address potential weaknesses in the evaluation report and suggest preemptive techniques for defusing cross examination. The final session will feature a demonstration of a cross examination. Presenters will go in and out of character to provide analysis of what worked, what didn't work, and why.

### Plenary Session #1—Preparing the Expert Witness

*Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA*

*Ken H. Lester, Esq., Lester & Hendrix, Columbia, SC*

## 2:30pm-3:00pm      Break

## 3:00pm-4:15pm      Concurrent Sessions 1-4

### 1. Understanding and Responding to Parental Alienation

There is much debate and controversy over parental alienation—how to identify it and how to intervene effectively, both therapeutically and through the courts. Children may resist or reject a parent for many reasons. In this session the presenters will summarize the consequences of alienation and discuss how to differentiate alienation from other types of parent-child contact problems, including justified rejection. Highlighting the essential role of the court, the presenters will provide an overview of mental health interventions for mild, moderate and severe cases as well as the legal responses and remedies available.

*Barbara J. Fidler, Ph.D., Co-author, Challenging Issues in Child Custody Disputes, Toronto, ON, Canada*

*Catherine H. Petersen, Esq., AAML Parliamentarian, Norman, OK*

## 2. Parenting Coordination

The hybrid mental health/legal role of the parenting coordinator (PC) is becoming increasingly utilized in custody cases where high conflict continues post decree, thus elevating children's risk of stress and adjustment issues. This session will focus on the development and current status of the PC role, as well as a conceptual framework for understanding its effectiveness in these challenging cases. Discussion of the different skill sets and approaches that attorneys and mental health professionals bring to the PC role will provide useful insights for those considering a PC practice or referring to and supporting clients during the PC process.

*Kenneth P. Altshuler, Esq., AAML President-Elect, Portland, ME*

*Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, Palo Alto, CA*

## 3. Child Development and Attachment

Attorneys and mental health professionals generally accept that children's differing developmental stages require parenting plans that address the age-specific needs of each stage. However, different psychological theoretical stances often lead to different recommendations. It is important to balance children's location and relationship stability with the transitions needed to maintain important relationships with both parents, and this poses challenges to families and professionals alike. Presenters in this session will briefly review widely held parenting plan recommendations, with emphasis on the latest research and the controversy surrounding overnights for infants and toddlers. Implications for attorneys working with and without mental health professionals will be discussed.

*Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., M.S.L., Smith College for Social Work, Co-author, Partnership Parenting, Northampton, MA*

*Ronald R. Tweel, Esq., MichieHamlett, Charlottesville, VA*

## 4. Psychological Testing in Family Law Litigation

Psychological tests are perhaps the most scientifically-based methodology used in child custody evaluations and often appear cloaked in mystery and misunderstanding. While these tests can be helpful, they can also be misleading and, at times, harmful if not properly understood. Presenters in this session will focus on several commonly used tests, including the MMPI-2, MCMI-III, PAI, Parenting Stress Index and Bricklin Scales. Participants will learn about the appropriate and inappropriate use of psychological testing in family law litigation along with common problems with the use of these tests. The competence of evaluators to interpret the tests will also be considered. This presentation assumes a basic familiarity with the use of testing in family law cases.

*Maria P. Cognetti, Esq., AAML Vice President, Camp Hill, PA*

*James R. Flens, Psy.D., ABPP, Clinical Psychologist, Brandon, FL*

5:00pm-6:00pm      Welcome Reception

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- 8:00am-9:00am      Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am-10:15am    Concurrent Sessions 5-8

### 5. Domestic Abuse in Separation and Divorce: Implications for Legal and Mental Health Professionals

If your client has been coping with domestic abuse or coercive controlling behaviors, including forced sex, would you even know it? Many abuse victims intentionally mask the violence in their relationship in the hopes of reducing the potential conflict during the divorce process. But unidentified domestic abuse can have significant negative implications for the litigation and evaluation process, so it is imperative that lawyers and evaluators understand these dynamics. Very recent research has led to the development of new tools for practitioners to use in screening for and assessing the impact of such abuse. Participants attending this interactive workshop will learn to better screen and assess the significance of the different kinds of abuse that occur in intimate relationships and develop effective strategies that will lead to safer and more effective practice.

*Loretta Frederick, Esq., Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Battered Women's Justice Project, Winona, MN*

*John S. Slowiaczek, Esq., AAML Vice President, Omaha, NE*

### 6. Legal and Psychological Perspectives on Child Relocation

Child relocation issues remain one of the most challenging, controversial and heart wrenching situations for lawyers, therapists, mediators, custody evaluators and judges. While the stress on an intact family having to relocate can be significant, the stress on a separated or divorced family where relocation is being disputed is magnified a thousand times over. This session will explore current trends from legal and behavioral perspectives as well as the myriad risk and protective factors involved in relocation that must be assessed and balanced in the context of determining the "best interests of the child." Special focus will be given to helping attorneys and mental health professionals recognize the relevant risk and protective factors associated with relocation cases, helping attorneys consider relevant dynamics to help advocate for their clients, and helping all professionals provide the court with relevant information for a judicial decision.

*Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP, Author, Conducting Child Custody Evaluations: A Comprehensive Guide, Queen Creek, AZ*

*Mary Vidas, Esq., Blank Rome, Philadelphia, PA*

## 7. Lawyer's Use of Mental Health Professionals in Non-Testimonial Roles

Attorneys often invite mental health professionals to consult on child custody matters in a variety of roles. The presenters will describe the role and function of the trial consultant and they will discuss the need for attorneys to have a range of mental health expertise available to assist in various aspects of a custody case. Presenters will also explore various roles that a non-testifying mental health professional may play and shed light on some of the controversies over roles that may blur distinctions between appropriate and inappropriate trial consultation.

**Jonathan W. Gould, Ph.D., ABPP**, *Co-author*, *The Art and Science of Child Custody Evaluations*, Charlotte, NC

**Cheryl Lynn Hepfer, Esq.**, *AAML Past President*, Rockville, MD

## 8. Biases and Opinion Formulation in Child Custody Disputes

This session will focus on the manner in which biases adversely affect the decision-making process for professionals in child custody and access disputes. Distinctions will be made between cognitive and attitudinal biases, between transient and enduring biases, and between individual and shared biases. Using illustrative examples taken from actual cases, the biases discussed will include the *Primacy and Recency Effects*, *Confirmatory Bias*, *Jiminy Cricket Bias*, *Troxelological Bias*, *Neuman Bias*, *Imperium Curia Bias*, *UPAE (Unfortunate Past As Excuse) Bias*, *Intervention Bias*, *Coniectura Interdictum (prohibited influence) Bias*, *Associative Bias*, *Empathy Bias*, *Marital Mind-set Bias*, and *Parental Needs Bias*.

**David A. Martindale, Ph.D., ABPP**, *Co-author*, *The Art and Science of Child Custody Evaluations*, St. Petersburg, FL

**Timothy M. Tippins, Esq.**, *Co-author*, *Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations*, Albany, NY

10:15am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:00pm Concurrent Sessions 9-12

## 9. Ethical Issues: Zealous Advocacy vs. Best Interests

Ethical dilemmas can arise when the duty of zealous client advocacy meets the determination of a child's best interests. What are the rules, considerations, and practical approaches to be employed when it happens? This session will focus on a series of cases derived from the practice of both experienced family law attorneys and psychologists. This discussion will be presented in a "town hall" format and involve the input of those in attendance, in addition to that of a multi-disciplinary panel, whose commentary on these dilemmas will come from perspectives informed by their professional disciplines—legal ethics education, forensic psychology, and litigation.

**Cary J. Mogergerman, Esq.**, *Zerman Mogergerman*, St. Louis, MO

**Prof. Andrew I. Shepard**, *Hofstra Law School*, *Author*, *Children, Courts and Custody*, Hempstead, NY

**Jeffrey P. Wittmann, Ph.D.**, *Author*, *Custody Chaos, Personal Peace*, Albany, NY

## 10. How Children Tell What They Know: Improving Your Interviews with Children

This session, intended for evaluators, lawyers, therapists and judges, will focus on strategies for improving the reliability and accuracy of interviews with children. Participants will learn about conducting developmentally appropriate and sensitive interviews through the use of language that children can understand. Interviewing children requires flexibility in protocols as “one size does not fit all.” This workshop will assist participants in understanding children’s answers to questions, reasons for apparent inconsistencies in children’s answers, and current research on children’s vulnerability to suggestion. The impact of children’s linguistic and cognitive development on their ability to provide information will be discussed. Practical exercises will help participants practice new skills for effective interviewing.

*Mindy Mitnick, Ed.M., M.A., Licensed Psychologist, Minneapolis, MN*

*Louise T. Truax, Esq., Lax & Truax, Fairfield, CT*

## 11. Child Development and Attachment - *Previously offered as session #3*

## 12. Understanding and Responding to Parental Alienation -

*Previously offered as session #1*

12:00pm-1:30pm Luncheon (included)

1:45pm-3:00pm **Plenary Session #2 – Direct Examination**

*Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA*

*Ken H. Lester, Esq., Lester & Hendrix, Columbia, SC*

*Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA*

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*Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA*

*Gaetano (“Guy”) Ferro, Esq., AAML Past President, New Canaan, CT*

*Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA*

Evening

Taste of Philly

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8:00am-12:00pm Registration

8:00am-12:00pm Exhibitor Forum

8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast

9:00am-10:15am Concurrent Sessions 13-16

**13. Lawyer's Use of Mental Health Professionals in Non-Testimonial Roles** - *Previously offered as session #7*

**14. Domestic Abuse in Separation and Divorce: Implications for Legal and Mental Health Professionals** - *Previously offered as session #5*

**15. Ethical Issues: Zealous Advocacy vs. Best Interests** - *Previously offered as session #9*

**16. Psychological Testing in Family Law Litigation** - *Previously offered as session #4*

10:15am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:00pm Concurrent Sessions 17-20

**17. How Children Tell What They Know: Improving Your Interviews with Children** - *Previously offered as session #10*

**18. Biases and Opinion Formulation in Child Custody Disputes** - *Previously offered as session #8*

**19. Parenting Coordination** - *Previously offered as session #2*

**20. Legal and Psychological Perspectives on Child Relocation** - *Previously offered as session #6*

12:00pm Adjourn



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## Join AFCC Today!

AFCC is the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to the resolution of family conflict. AFCC members include judges, lawyers, mediators, psychologists, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, social workers, parent educators, researchers and others.

### **AFCC Member Benefits Include:**

- Subscription to *Family Court Review*, AFCC's quarterly academic and research journal in print and electronic format with full access to the online archives.
- Online Membership Directory of over 4,000 colleagues worldwide in a searchable format.
- Free Online Conference Audio of plenary sessions in the Member Center of the AFCC website.
- *AFCC eNEWS*, a monthly electronic newsletter that delivers the latest news in the field straight to your inbox.
- Parenting Coordination Network Listserv, AFCC members who share techniques, referrals and network with others who serve as PCs or are interested in this role.
- Member Discounts on conferences, training programs, AFCC publications, Wiley-Blackwell publications and insurance through Complete Equity Markets, Inc.

### **Are You a Member Yet?**

Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a one-year membership for only \$140—a \$10 discount—and register at the AFCC member rate. See the Registration Information section on page 14 for more details.

[www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org)

## Travel and Lodging Information

### Hotel Information

The Westin Philadelphia  
99 South 17th Street at Liberty Place  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

This award-winning hotel offers the perfect blend of modern elegance and stylish surroundings in the heart of Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square District. The Westin Philadelphia is just steps from upscale shopping, world-renowned restaurants and exciting attractions. You'll be able to relax and unwind within reach of the landmarks of America's early democracy, including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Constitution Center.

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and will receive the special rate of \$225.00 per night for single or double occupancy. Suites are available at \$325.00 per night. Rooms are subject to availability and a limited number of rooms have been reserved at the special rate; therefore, *early reservations are encouraged*. Please make your reservations by calling the toll-free reservation number at (888) 627-8153. You must identify yourself with AFCC-AAML when you make your reservation in order to receive the special rate. You may also make hotel reservations online at: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/afccaaml>. On Friday, August 26, any non-reserved rooms remaining in the block will be released to the public for general sale and the special group rate may not be available after that date.

### Airline Travel

The Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is served by all major commercial carriers. Airline clubs located at the airport include American Airlines Admirals Club, British Airways Lounge, United Red Carpet Club, US Airways Club and US Airways Envoy Lounge.

### Ground Transportation

Philadelphia International Airport is located 7.2 miles southwest of central Philadelphia, where the Westin Philadelphia is located. After picking up your luggage at baggage claim, visit the Ground Transportation Information desk located in each baggage claim area, where representatives will assist you. They cannot recommend specific services; however, they will provide instructions on how to contact the provider of your choice and alert you once your provider arrives to pick you up. All taxi rates are based per trip, not per person, and most taxis can accommodate up to three passengers. Taxi service from the airport to the Westin Philadelphia is a flat rate of \$28.50 each way. Lady Liberty provides a shuttle service to central Philadelphia for \$10 per person and will drop you off at the Westin Philadelphia.

### Rental Car Information

Information phones are available at all baggage claim areas for each of the on-airport car rental agencies: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz and National. To pick up your vehicle from the airport, proceed to Zone 2 outside the baggage claim area. Phone numbers and websites for each of the rental car companies can be found on the airport's website: [www.phl.org/rental\\_cars.html](http://www.phl.org/rental_cars.html).

## Parking

The Westin Philadelphia offers valet parking with in-and-out privileges for \$47 per night. A self-parking garage is next door to the Westin and charges \$35 per night with no in-and-out privileges.

## Climate

Average daytime temperatures in Philadelphia in September will be in the mid-70s, dropping to the lower 60s in the evening. Be sure to take a light jacket or sweater for evenings and indoors, as meeting rooms and restaurants may be slightly cool.

# Important Conference Information

## Continuing Education Credits

A certificate of attendance will be provided to all conference participants. *The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant's accrediting institution.* A complete list of conference sessions eligible for continuing education credits will be available at the conference registration desk.

**Lawyers:** Approval for CLE credit will be submitted through The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania CLE Board and the Commission on CLE of the Supreme Court of Delaware. New York attorneys may count credit earned through participation in out-of-state programs accredited by a New York Approved Jurisdiction towards their New York CLE requirement. Both Delaware and Pennsylvania are New York Approved Jurisdictions. New Jersey attorneys who take courses approved in another state will receive credit for courses approved in that jurisdiction through reciprocity; however, attorneys must ensure that they are also meeting the requirements of New Jersey's program (e.g., New Jersey requires that four credits be taken in courses related to ethics and/or professionalism). An application will be submitted to The Law Society of Upper Canada to accredit the educational program content for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for lawyers. For all other states and provinces, a Uniform Certificate of Attendance will be provided.

**Psychologists:** AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program and its content. The program offers up to 13 continuing education credit hours for psychologists.

**Mental Health Professionals:** Continuing education approval from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will be submitted; however, individuals will need to verify approval with their credentialing or licensing boards. The conference program meets the qualifications for continuing education credit for LCSW's and MFT's as required by the California Board of Behavioral Science.

**California Custody Evaluators:** An application will be submitted through the Judicial Council of California Administrative Office of the Courts. Once approved, California custody evaluators may satisfy part of the required 8 hours of annual continuing education under California Rules of Court, rule 5.225. The views expressed in the program are those of the faculty and do not necessarily represent the official positions or policies of the Judicial Council of CA or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

## Audio Recordings

Conference sessions will be recorded and audio CDs and MP3 downloads of the sessions will be available at the conference and may be ordered online at [www.dcporder.com/afcc](http://www.dcporder.com/afcc) after the conference concludes. No personal audio or video recording of sessions is permitted.

## Tabletop Exhibits

Exhibits will be open during conference hours. If you are interested in renting exhibit space or distributing materials to conference attendees, please contact AFCC at (608) 664-3750 or email [afcc@afccnet.org](mailto:afcc@afccnet.org).

## Taste of Philly

Sign up onsite to join friends and colleagues on Friday evening at a local restaurant. Restaurant descriptions and menus will be available with sign-up sheets in the conference registration area. Participants are responsible for food, beverage and any transportation costs.

## Special Needs

If you have special meal requests or other special needs, please note this on the registration form. The Westin Philadelphia has accommodations for the physically challenged; please notify them of your needs when making your reservations.

# Registration Information

Priority Early Registration for AAML and AFCC Members: Registration will be limited. AFCC and AAML members will receive priority early registration through June 30, 2011, after which registration will be open to non-members.

**AFCC New Member Special:** Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for \$140—a \$10 discount—and save even more by registering at the member rate! To join, simply circle the New Member Special rate on the conference registration form. The New Member Special is available only to first-time AFCC members.

**Pre-conference Institute:** Includes attendance at one Pre-conference Institute, refreshment breaks and institute materials. *Institute registration is separate from the registration for the full conference.*

**Conference Registration:** Includes all conference sessions and materials, electronic conference proceedings, refreshment breaks, welcome reception, Friday's luncheon and a certificate of attendance.

# Registration Form

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Please register by August 15, 2011, to ensure that your name appears on the conference attendee list in the conference materials. Register online at [www.afccnet.org](http://www.afccnet.org)

Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

First Name (Dr./Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Information: First name or nickname (*as you would like it to appear on your name badge*) \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any special needs?  Meals  Access  Other Please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle appropriate amount(s) below and total at the bottom

**New Member Special**

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**TOTAL:**

	Paid by Aug 29	Paid after Aug 29
	\$140	\$140
	\$110	\$125
	\$110	\$125
	\$495	\$525
	\$135	\$150
	\$135	\$150
	\$595	\$630
	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Conference Concurrent Sessions**

(Please write in one session number per time slot)

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3:00pm-4:15pm	Workshop 1-4	_____
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**Make payment to AFCC.** All registrations must be paid in full prior to attendance.

Payment (payable to AFCC) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (U.S. currency only please)

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card  
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 6525 Grand Teton Plaza  
 Madison, WI 53719  
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 Fax: (608) 664-3751

Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be done at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing to AFCC. Written notice to AFCC of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by September 2, 2011, will be issued a full refund minus a \$60 service fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after September 2, 2011.

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