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EDUCATION

PhD, Simmons [College] University School of Social Work, Boston, MA (2009-2014).

Dissertation: *Clinical social workers and the judicial system: Toward an understanding of the experience of becoming and being an "expert."*

MSW, Boston College School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA (2002-2005).

JD, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT (1980-1983).

BA cum laude, Western New England University, Springfield, MA (1977-1980).

- Major: Psychology
- Massachusetts Teacher Certification (Grades 7-12, Social Studies, not current).

Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY (1976-1977, transferred).

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court (2017-present).

First Circuit Court of Appeals and Federal District Courts (1983-present).

Maine Supreme Judicial Court and Trial Courts (1983-present).

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and Trial Courts (1983-present).

Connecticut State Courts (2025-present).

Licensed Master Social Worker-Maine (LMSW) (2005-present).

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, **Prescott, Jamieson, & Murphy Law Group, LLC**, Saco, ME (1988-present).

- Trial lawyer with experience in complex domestic relations, probate, and business litigation, including divorce, non-married partnerships, economic misconduct and valuations, business disputes and dissolutions, spousal and child support, parental rights and responsibilities, child protection, de facto parenting and grandparents, interpersonal violence, and civil rights.
- Comprehensive experience conducting and assisting clients and parties with alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation, references, and arbitration.
- Appellate practice, including preparation of briefs and oral argument.
- Professional ethics and liability consultation, seminars, and training for attorneys, mental health professionals, school and social service professionals and organizations.
- Court-rostered Guardian ad litem (2009-present).

- Completed certificate program for Parent Coordination (2009).

Associate, **Smith & Elliott, P.A**., Saco, ME (1983-1988).

- Civil jury and non-jury trials.
- Experience as lead and associate trial lawyer in complex civil litigation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, **Boston College School of Social Work**, Chestnut Hill, MA (2015-present).

- Social Welfare Systems [MSW] SCWK7701.

Instructor, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Boston, MA (2017-2020).

- Social Services for Children, Adolescents and Families, SBS222.

Adjunct Faculty, University of New England, On-Line School of Social Work, Westbrook, ME (2019-2021).

- Social Work and the Law [MSW, designed syllabus], SSWO 673.

Adjunct Faculty, **Simmons University School of Social Work**, Boston, MA (2011-2017).

- Epistemology [PhD], SW-631-01 (Spring, 2020).
- Philosophy of Science [PhD], SW-631-01 (Fall, 2017).
- Integrating Public Policy Issues and Outcomes [PhD], SW670-01 (Spring, 2015).
- Advocacy and Social Action [MSW], SW523 (Summers, 2012-2017).
- Social Policy and Services [MSW], SW401 (Fall/Spring, 2011-2017).
- Social Policy and Services [Course Lead, MSW on-line], SWO401 (Summer/Fall, 2014).

Adjunct Faculty, **Boston University School of Social Work**, Boston, MA (Summer, 2014).

- Family Law and Children's Rights [MSW], WP710.

Adjunct Faculty, **Salem State University School of Social Work** (2014-2015).

- Community Practice [MSW], SWK 706 (Spring, 2015).
- Child, Youth, and Family Policy [MSW], SWK 833 (Spring, 2014).

Paralegal Course Instructor, **York County Community College**, Wells, ME (2002-2006).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Garber, B.D., **Prescott, D.E.,** & Mulchay, C. (2022). *The family law professional's field guide to high-conflict litigation: Dynamics, not diagnoses*. American Bar Association.

Ecker, J., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2021). *Divorce in New Hampshire: The legal process, your rights, and what to expect*. Omaha, NE: Addicus Books, Inc.

Prescott, D.E., & Jamieson, N.D. (2015). *Divorce in Maine: The legal process, your rights, and what to expect*. Omaha, NE: Addicus Books, Inc.

Prescott, D.E. (2001). *Maine family law forms: Discovery, trial and settlement* (3rd ed.) (Michie-Butterworth 1993 & Supplements 1994-1997). Lexis/Nexus Law Publishing.

Prescott, D.E. (1997). *The Hydra hypothesis: Litigating the minefield of allegations of abuse, chronic interference and the rights of children*. Portsmouth, NH: Peter Randall Press.

Book Chapters

Rogerson, C.V., Howard, H., & **Prescott D.E**. (2026). Values, bias, & ethics. In Rogerson, C.V., & Vandergrift, K.F. (Eds.), *Introduction to social justice*. CA: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Prescott, D.E. (2024). Older adults in forensic settings. In McLeod, D.A., Natale, A.P., & Whitehill Bolton, K. (Eds.), *The handbook of forensic social work*. Oxford University Press.

Articles

Prescott, D.E. (2025). The empty promise of enforceable court-ordered parenting plans in the era of grievances and righteousness. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 38*, 167-209.

Prescott, D. E. (2025). Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). In *Encyclopedia of social work*. Oxford University Press. doi: https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.937

Fadgen, T, Charlton, G., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2024). Did the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction recognize Indigenous groups and culture?, *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *37*, 87-116.

State Contributor [Maine], A Report on the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA 2017): Developments in state law regarding the rights of children. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *37*, 1-48.

Prescott, D. E. (2022). Weaponizing clinical mental health in family justice courts: Ethical and legal minefields. *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, *6*, 22-42.

McEwen, C., & **Prescott, D.E**. (2022). Adverse Childhood Experiences and COVID-19: Implications for family courts and legal professionals. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 34*, 409-438.

Rogerson C.V., **Prescott, D.E.**, & Howard, H.G. (2021) Teaching social work students the influence of explicit and implicit bias: Promoting ethical reflection in practice. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*, DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2021.1910652

Prescott, D.E. (2020). Bending the light of social science in family court: Epistemic injustice and epistemic exceptionalism matter. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *33*, 501-538.

Garber, B. D., & **Prescott, D. E.** (2020). On the value of teddy bears and barbie dolls: The place of children's transitional objects in family law. *Southwestern Law Review*, *49*, 189-214.

Fadgen, T., Kozu S. A., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2020). Protecting children in foster care during natural disasters: A comparison of the United States, New Zealand, and Japan. *Children, Youth and Environments*, *30*, 1-24.

Eggenberger, T., Howard, H., **Prescott, D.E.**, & Luck, G.R. (2020). Exploring quality of life in end of-life discussions. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine*, *37*, 465-473.

Prescott, D.E. (2020). Book review: JENNIFER EBERHARDT, BIASED: UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN PREJUDICE THAT SHAPES WHAT WE SEE, THINK, AND DO (2019). *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *32*, 901-921.

Prescott, D.E. (2020). The putative spouse and marriage by estoppel doctrines: An "end run around marriage" or just a marriage? *Child and Family Law Journal*, *8*, 51-83.

Prescott, D.E. (2019). Flexner's thesis was prescient: Ethical practices for social workers "in the trenches" requires forensic knowledge. *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, *16*, 40-52.

Eggenberger, T., Luck, G. R., Howard, H., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2019). Advanced directives and family practice: Implications and ethics for "greying" family systems and interdisciplinary collaboration. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *32*, 1-28.

Prescott, D.E., & Fadgen, T. (2019). Adversarial systems and forensic experts in child custody: How about adding a hot tub? *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *32*, 117-144.

Howard, H.H., Walbam-Churchill, K., LeCloux, M., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2019). Reflexivity, ethics, and divergent perspectives: A transformational journey of social work educators. *Urban Social Work, 3*, 95-109.

Prescott, D.E., & Tennies, D.A. (2019). Bias is a reciprocal relationship: Forensic mental health professionals and lawyers in the family court bottle. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *31,* 427-461.

Prescott, D.E. (2018). The constitutional right to parent: Does the doctrine of waiver apply to guardianships? *Maine Bar Journal*, *33*, 13-20.

Prescott, D.E. (2018). Are there constitutional limits on court orders: From select travel soccer to haircuts. *Massachusetts Family Law Journal***,** *36*(4), 57-59.

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Prescott, D.E., & Tennies, D.A. (2018)**.** The lawyer as guardian ad litem: Should "status" make expert opinions "all-in" and trump "gatekeeping" functions by family courts? *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *30,* 201-226.

Prescott, D.E., & Debele, G. (2017). Evolving family systems and shifting ethical conundrums: Consequences for lawyers in adoption and non-married parentage proceedings. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *30,* 127-176.

Prescott, D.E. (2017). The new Phoenix: Maine's innovative standards for guardians ad litem. *Maine Law Review*, *69,* 67-108.

Prescott, D.E. (2016). Forensic experts and family courts: Science or privilege-by-license? *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *28*, 521-552.

Fadgen, T., & **Prescott, D.E**. (2016). Do the best interests of the child end at the Nation's shores?: Immigration, state courts, and children in the United States? *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, *28*, 359-390.

Prescott, D.E. (2014). Inconvenient truths: Facts and frictions in defense of guardians ad litem for children. *Maine Law Review*, *67*, 43-71.

Prescott, D.E. (2014). Brief parent education programs in the family courts: A good faith human experiment but does it work? *Journal of Social Science for Policy Implications*, *2*(1), 31-57.

Prescott, D.E. (2013). The Supreme Court in UNITED STATES V. WINDSOR: Why the "death" of fungible federalism after a century of convenience? *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 26*, 51-77.

Prescott, D.E. (2013). Book Review: The modern "world" of families sure is flat and noisy: ANDREW HORTON & JOHN DAVID KENNEDY, DO YOUR DIVORCE RIGHT: STRAIGHT TALK FROM FAMILY COURT JUDGES (2011). *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 26*, 209-232.

Prescott, D.E. (2013). Social workers as "experts" in the family court system: Is evidence-based practice a missing link or host-created knowledge? *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work, 10*(5), 466-481.

Prescott, D.E. (2012). Judicial decision making, personality theory, and child custody conflict: Can heuristics better predict a difference between parents who do and those who don't? *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy, 11*(2), 185-222.

Steinfeld, S. M., & **Prescott, D.E.** (2012). After Brenda and Eddie divorce, Eddie files for bankruptcy: The unusual life of defalcation under BAPCPA. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 25*, 57-86.

Prescott, D.E. (2011). Book Review: "Here come da family court judges." *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 24*, 505-525.

Prescott, D.E. (2010). The AAML and a new paradigm for "thinking about" child custody litigation: The next half century. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 24*, 107-146.

Prescott, D.E. (2010). Complexity theory as a conceptual construct for understanding client change. *Perspectives on Social Work, 8*(2), 11-15.

Prescott. D.E. (2010). Judicial settlement conferences in domestic relations practice: Traps for unwary (and weary). *Maine Bar Journal, 23*, 125-132.

Prescott, D.E. (2009). Unified family courts and the modern judiciary as a "street level bureaucracy": To what end from the "mythical role" of judges in a democracy? *Quinnipiac Law Review, 27*, 55-112.

Prescott, D.E. (2008). COSAs and psychopharmacological interventions: Informed consent and a child's right to self-determination. *Journal of Law and Family Studies, 11*(1), 97-112.

Prescott, D.E. (2007). The act of lawyering and the art of communication: An essay on families-in-crisis, the adversarial tradition, and the social work model. *Legal Ethics, 10*(2), 176-192.

Prescott, D.E. (2007). Consent decrees, the Enlightenment, and the "modern" social contract: A case study from BATES, OLMSTEAD and Maine's Separation of Powers Doctrine. *Maine Law Review, 59*, 76-110.

Prescott, D.E. (2005). When co-parenting falters: Parenting coordinators, parents-in-conflict, and the delegation of judicial authority. *Maine Bar Journal, 20*, 240-247.

Prescott, D.E. (2005). Chronic conflict parents and group therapy as a means of intervention: A preliminary proposal. *Social Work with Groups, 28*(1), 81-96.

Prescott, D.E. (2004). Child protection: Kinship and family group conferencing. *Maine Bar Journal, 19*, 140-148.

Prescott, D.E. (2003). Biological altruism, splitting siblings, and the judicial process: A child's right to constitutional protection in family dislocation. *University of Missouri at Kansas City Law Review, 71*, 623-657.

Prescott, D.E. (2003). Interim attorneys' fees and expert "costs": Ask and your client may receive. *Maine Bar Journal, 18*, 40-47.

Prescott, D.E. (2000). The guardian ad litem in custody and conflict cases: Investigator, champion, and referee? *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review, 22*, 529-564.

Prescott, D.E. (2000). Parental conflict and the appointment of referees in child custody cases. *Maine Bar Journal, 15*, 44-48.

Prescott, D.E. (1999). Machiavelli and a unified theory of parental responsibility: A proposed statute. *St. Thomas Law Review, 12*, 95-155.

Prescott, D.E. (1996). Responsibility for children: Equitable distribution, alimony and chaos. *Maine Bar Journal, 11*, 22-28.

Prescott, D.E. (1995). Guardians ad litem: Defenses to tort claims. *Fairshare, 15*(1), 11-16.

Prescott, D.E. (1993). The liability of lawyers as guardians ad litem: The best defense is a good offense. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 11*, 65-116.

Prescott, D.E. (1993). Family law financial forms, and floundering federalism. *Maine Bar Journal, 8*, 156-161.

Prescott, D.E. (1991). Post-judgment modification in divorce: From best interests to repose. *Maine Bar Journal, 6*, 12-21.

Prescott, D.E. (1989). The constitutionality of Maine's protection from abuse act (and other matters). *Maine Bar Journal, 4*, 264-270.

Prescott, D.E. (1987). Workers' compensation, substance abuse, and safety in the working place: A proposal. *Maine Bar Journal, 2*, 100-104.

Prescott, D.E. (1987). Educational support for children of divorces beyond the age of majority: A need for reform. *Maine Trial Practice, 3*, 54-57.

Prescott, D.E. (1986). Economic fairness and divorce: A professional degree as marital property in Maine. *Maine Trial Practice, 2*, 58-60.

Prescott, D.E., & Kundin, C.L. (1985). Toward a model parent liability act. *California Western Law Review, 20*, 187-217, reprinted in National Safety Center (1985). *School safety legal anthology*. Sacramento, CA: Pepperdine University Press.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Court Systems and Expert Testimony, Advanced Forensic Social Work Certificate Program, National Organization of Forensic Social Work [NOFSW] (2020-2025).

Court Systems and Expert Testimony, Foundation Forensic Social Work Certificate Program, NOFSW (2020-2025).

Family Law Year in Review 2024-2025, Maine State Bar Association Family Law Section (March 2025).

Legal Update and Review 2024-2025, York County Probate Court CLE Series, (March 2025).

Invited Lecture, *Social services for children, adolescents, and families: A brief survey of family research and dataissues in maternal health and child health programs and policies*. Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA (February 2025).

Resolving the Ethical Challenges of Navigating Confidentiality under Attorney-Client Privilege in Legal Teams, NOFSW (November 2024).

Ethical Duties and Immunity: Why the Appointment Order Matters, Maine GAL Core Training (October 2024).

High Conflict Child Custody Litigation, Connecticut Family Court Division (October 2024).

Advanced Trial Practice: Experts and Forensic Evidence, York Bar Association (October 2024).

*Ethical Issues for GALs and Parent Coordinator*s, 7th Annual CLE by the Sea, Greater Newbury Port Bar Association, Salisbury, MA (July 2024).

Forensic Social Work: Does the Attorney-Client Privilege Apply (or Not)?, NOFSW Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June, 2024).

Psychological Evaluations and Risk Assessments: Ethical Purposes and Limits, NOFSW Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2024).

ACEs and Chronic Child Custody Conflict: Implications for Ethical Forensic Practice, NOFSW Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2024).

AAML Custody Evaluation Standards, Academy-Academy, AAML-MA Chapter, Boston, MA (May 2024).

Dynamics Not Diagnoses: How to Try a Case without a Psychological Evaluation, AAML-CT Chapter, New Haven, CT (April 2024).

Family Dynamics and the "Science" of Conflict, AAML-CT Chapter, New Haven, CT (March 2024).

Transnational Family Systems, Domestic Courts and Indigenous Culture: Judicial Determinations of Parenting Relationships and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, International Public Policy Association, 6th International Conference on Public Policy, Toronto, Canada (June 2023).

AAML Custody Evaluation Standards, AAML-MA Chapter, Boston, MA (April 2023).

Parental Rights 201 (Advanced), MSBA Family Law Institute, Augusta, ME (April 2023).

Invited Lecture, *Family Health Services*, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, Issues in Maternal Health and Child Health Programs and Policies. Boston, MA (February 2023).

Weaponizing Clinical Mental Health in Family Justice Courts: Ethical and Legal Minefields, National Taiwan University [Zoom] (November 2022).

Confidentiality or Privilege are Not the Same: Duties and Ethics in Organizations, NOFSW Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2022).

Is the COVID Pandemic a New Form of ACES: Implications for Forensic Practice, NOFSW Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2022).

Ethical Duty and Immunity: Why the Appointment Order Matters, Maine GAL Core Training (March 2022).

The AAML Custody Evaluation Standards, AAML-MA Chapter Academy-Academy, Boston, MA (March 2022).

Connecting Court Orders with Interventions for the Rejected Parent: Ethics and Efficacy, AFCC 58th Annual Conference (June 2021).

Ethical Duty and Immunity: Why the Appointment Order Matters, Maine GAL Core Training (March 2021).

Invited Lecture, *Family Health Services*, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, Issues in Maternal health and Child Health Programs and Policies. Boston, MA (November 2020).

Invited Lecture, *Family Health Services*, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, Issues in Maternal Health and Child Health Programs and Policies. Boston, MA (December 2019).

The Influence of Implicit Bias on Forensic Opinions and Judicial Decision-Making, Integrating Research into Practice and Policy: The Impact on Families and Children, AFCC Fall Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (October 2019).

Psychological Evaluations and the Forensic Social Worker: The Ethics of Relevance, Reliability, and Interdisciplinary Communication, NOFSW Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (June 2019).

Compassionate Conversations for Advance Care Planning: ACP Made Easy?, Interprofessional Panel, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (April, 2019).

Ethics: Understand Your Role and Stay in Your Lane, GAL Review Board Webinar, Augusta, ME (March 2019).

Where are the Children under State Custody during a Natural Disaster?, Children's Rights, Communities, and Good Practices, DevNet Conference, Christchurch, NZ (December, 2018).

Grandparent "Rights" in the 21st Century?, Nicholas Cipriani Inn of Court and Doris Jonas Freed Inn of Court, Conshohocken, PA (September 2018).

Gender and Forensic Experts: Does it Influence Selection and Outcomes?, National Organization of Forensic Social Workers, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (June 2018).

Effective Experts in Difficult Situations: Yoda knows Daubert (But not Family Courts), Divorce on the Beach, Alabama State Bar Association, Destin, FL (June 2018).

York Bar Association Family Law and Bench Trial Institute [7 Modules], Saco, ME (March-June 2018).

Overview: Experts in Family Court: Useful Rationale, Judicial Science, or Forensic Science?, AAML, Maui, HI (March 2018).

What is the Standard of Care? How Various State States and Professional Guidelines Address ARTS Ethics Issues, Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys, Minneapolis, MN [Webinar] (January 2018).

The "New" GAL Rules and Best Practices, Important Developments in Maine Family Law, MSBA, Freeport, Maine (September 2017).

The AAML Custody Evaluation Standards: Scientific Methodology or Just Helpful Rationale for Family Courts?, Second Annual AAML Blackletter Law Seminar, Boston, MA (September 2017).

Child Protection and Custody Conflict: Should Forensic Social Workers or the Courts be the "Gatekeepers" of the Reliable and Ethical Use of Social Science?, NOFSW Annual Conference, Boston, MA (July 2017).

What is the "Standard of Care" for ARTS: The Ongoing Evolution of Professional Ethics and Liability and Why You Should (Really) Care?, Conference of the AAAA/AARTA, Montreal, Canada (May 2017).

21st Century Extended Family Issues: The Demographics and Fragility of Modern Families, PBI Family Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA (April 2017).

Invited Lecture, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, *Families: Getting off to the Right Start (And then Sustaining it?)*, Boston, MA (February 2017).

Child Custody and Forensic Science: Who are the "Gatekeepers" of Reliable Science?, Utah AAML and the Utah State Bar Family Law Section, Salt Lake City, UT (December 2016).

Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution: Family and Community Violence, Simmons World Challenge: Arresting Development: Non-Violence as an Option for Change, Simmons College, Boston, MA (November 2016).

Interventions for Parental Conflict: Tying 'em All Down in a Procrustean Bed?, AAML Pre- Conference, Chicago, Ill (November, 2016).

Ethical Duties and Immunity: Why the Appointment Order Matters?, GAL Core Training, Maine State Bar Association [MSBA]/Maine Judicial Branch, Augusta, ME (October 2016).

Evaluations and Testing in Child Custody: Woozles or Science-by-Privilege?, First Annual AAML Blackletter Law Seminar, Boston, MA (September 2016).

Attracting the Good Juju: Ethics in Adoption and ARTS-Evaluating Decisions made in Adoption and ARTS, What Duties Owed and Whose Interests Served?, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, New Orleans, LA (September 2016).

From the Nuremberg Code to the APA's Hoffman Report: Forensic Experts and "Do No Harm"?, National Organization of Forensic Social Work, New Orleans, LA (June 2016).

Ethics and the New Role of the GAL, The Brave New World of GALs for Lawyers and Courts (and GALs), MSBA/York Bar Association [YBA], Saco, ME (April 2016).

The New GAL Rules: Ethical Practices and Report Writing for Children and Courts, Child Protection Conference: Trauma in the Rearview Mirror, South Portland, ME (April 2016).

From the Nuremberg Code to the APA's Hoffman Report: Forensic Experts and "Do No Harm"?, American Psychology-Law Society, Division 41 of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA (March 2016).

Invited Lecture, *Issues in Maternal Health, Families: Getting Off to the Right Start*, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, Social Services for Children, Adolescents, and Families. Boston, MA (February 2016).

Writing a GAL Report: Best Practices, GAL Core Training for Court Rostering, MSBA, Bangor, ME (October 2015).

GALs and Best Practices for Lawyers under the New Laws and Rules: Better for Clients (and Resistance is Futile), Family Law Institute, MSBA, Augusta, ME (September 2015).

The Ethics of Being an Expert: Science-by-Licensure or Science-by-Bacon, NOFSW, Arlington, VA (August 2015).

Group Parenting Training: Does it Really Reduce Child Custody Conflict?, The Annual Symposium of the International Association for Social Work with Groups, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (June 2015).

Guardian ad Litem as Investigator and Expert: New Roles and New Rules, Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute, Freeport, ME (June, 2015).

Invited Lecture, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, SBS246, I*ssues in Maternal Health, Policy Systems, and Environmental Interventions*, Boston, MA (March 2015).

GAL Training and Continuing Education Seminars, Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute, Rockport, Houlton, Waterville, Lewiston, ME (October 2014).

Forensic Social Workers as Expert Witnesses: Do the Courts as a Host Environment Warp Social Work Values and Ethics?, National Organization of Forensic Social Work [NOFSW], Fordham University, NY (July 2014).

The Elimination of GALs and the Silencing of a Voice for Children: What Lawyers Need to Know, MSBA, Summer Bar Meeting, Rockport, ME (June 2014).

The New Guardian ad Litem Statute: History and Policy, MSBA, Bangor, ME (June, 2014).

Intensive Group Parenting Education Programs and Parental Conflict: What Works and Why?, The XXXVIth Annual Symposium of the International Association for Social Work with Groups, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (June 2014).

Annual Training Seminar, Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute, Hallowell, ME (May 2014).

Getting from "No Way" to "OK": Divorce Professionals Share their Secrets for Successfully Working with Families in Conflict. Kids First Center Annual Conference, Freeport, ME (2013).

Underemployment and Imputed Income in Child Support Cases in New England. American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers [AAML]: New England Chapter. Boston MA (2013).

The Perils of Virtual Venom. Kids First Center Annual Conference, Freeport, ME (2012).

Income Manipulation and Child Support: Whining is not Winning. YBA/MSBA, Saco, ME (2012).

Parenting Coordination: A New Tool in the Family Court Toolbox. MSBA, Portland, ME (2012).

Ethics, Values, and Best Practices for School Social Workers. Portland School Social Workers, Portland, ME (2011).

The Act and Art of Negotiation. Family Law Institute, MSBA, Augusta, ME (2011).

Judicial Settlement Conferences. District Court Bench Bar Conference, MSBA, Augusta, ME (2010).

A Critical Perspective: How Mental Health Providers View Lawyers and the Courts. MSBA, Saco, ME (2010).

Drafting Tighter Agreements and Judgments in Family Law. MSBA, Freeport, ME (2010).

So, You Want To Be a Guardian Ad Litem: Ethical Conundrums for the Social Worker. NASW-Maine Chapter, Rockport, ME (2010).

The Ethical and Legal Issues You Didn't Learn in Social Work School: A Minor's Right to Autonomy, Confidentiality, Informed Consent and Privilege. NASW–Maine Chapter, Portland, ME (2009).

The New Family Law Rules: Best Practices and Common Problems Encountered from Pre-Trial, Trial and Post Judgment Phases, YBA/MSBA. Wells, ME (2009).

Highly Challenging Clients: Axis II and What Do You Do?, Kids First Annual Conference, Freeport, ME (2008).

Parental Rights and Responsibilities and the Ethics of Confidentiality. NASW: Maine Chapter, Rockport, ME (2008).

Hot Tips for Family Law Lawyers, Family Law Institute. MSBA, Augusta, ME (2006).

Who Made You Boss? Thoughts About the Third Branch in a Democracy. New England Bar Association [NEBA], Boston, MA (2005).

The "Civil Practice" of Law, Bridging the Gap. MSBA (2004).

Constitutional Law: An Up-date. NEBA, Norwich, CT (2004).

Family Law and District Court Practices. MSBA (2003).

Multi-Jurisdictional Bar Admissions, NEBA. Providence, RI (2003).

Underreporting of Income and Support. YBA/MSBA (2003).

Trial Practice and Family Law. MSBA (2002).

The Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Conflict and Custody Cases. The Ben J. Altheimer Symposium, University of Arkansas School of Law at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR (1999).

New Developments in Family Law. MSBA (1997).

The Impact of Federal Law on Domestic Relations Practice: A New England Perspective. Massachusetts MA Chapter of AAML, Boston, MA (1995).

A Guide to the Financial Issues Facing Your Family Law Practice. MSBA (1995).

The Pro Bono Lawyer: Child Support - Interstate, Military and Tribal Issues. MSBA (1994).

Family Law: Advocacy - Pleadings, Practice and Discovery. MSBA (1993).

Child Support Guidelines Workshop. MSBA (1993).

Grandparents and Extended Family Custody, Parenting Alternatives. MSBA (1993).

Children and Divorce, American Academy of Adolescent Psychiatrists. Washington, DC (1992).

Families and Tort Actions in the 1990's. Maine Trial Lawyers Association (1992).

Updated Rule 80: Explanation at Managing a Family Law Practice. MSBA (1992).

Emerging Issues in Domestic Practice. MSBA (1991).

Criminal Violation of Maine's Protection from Abuse Act. MSBA (1990).

Economic Issues in Divorce. MSBA (1990).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Directors, Forensic Social Work Alliance (f/n/a National Organization of Forensic Social Work) (2018-present; Vice-President, 2019-2021; President-Elect, 2021-2022; President, 2022-2024).

Board of Directors, Caring Unlimited, York County's Domestic Violence Program (2004-present).

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (1990-present; Co-Editor, Journal of the AAML, 2020-present; AAML Journal Board of Editors, 2009-present; Co-Chair, Legislation Committee, 2012-2020; President, AAML Northeast Chapter, 2016-2018).

Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers (2010-present; Board of Governors, USA Chapter Delegate, 2016-2017).

Guardian ad Litem Review Board, Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar, appointed Chair by Maine Supreme Judicial Court (2015-2021, term limits).

Board of Directors, Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute (2013-2015).

Member, Fee Arbitration Commission, Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar (2007-2013; Chair, Panel I, 2011-2013).

Member, Task Force on Electronic Court Record Access (2004-2005).

Member, Justice Action Group, Legal Service Providers of Maine (2002-2005; JAG's Leadership Development Group (2006–2007).

Board of Governors, Maine State Bar Association (1993–2005; President, 2004; President-Elect 2003; Second Vice-President, 2002; Third Vice-President, 2001; Treasurer, 2000).

Director, New England Bar Association (1994–2002; President, 2001-2002; Vice-President, 2000-2001).

Member, Tri-State Commission on Bar Admissions (1998-2000).

Family Law Section, Maine State Bar Association (Chair 1993-1994; Vice-Chair 1991-1993).

Member, Advisory Committee on the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure (1990-1999).

Member and Reporter, MSBA Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (1997-1998).

Maine State Bar Association (1983-present).

Massachusetts Bar Association (1983-present).

York Bar Association (1987-present; Executive Committee, 1990-1994; President, 1993-1994; Interim President, 2014-2016).

AWARDS

Co-Fellow of the Year, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2025)

Sol Gothard Lifetime Achievement Award, NOFSW (2017).

Family Law Section Achievement Award, Maine State Bar Association (2016).

Charles Walter Smith Jr. Award, York Bar Association (2010).

Maine Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyers Project Pro Bono Public Award (2010).

Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Saco Bay Rotary (2003).