



Will the Entire Family Please Step Up: Professional, Parent and Child Perspectives

**Friday, April 13, 2018
River's Edge Hotel, Portland, OR**

Plenary Presenters

Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, MSL

Kyle Pruett, MD

Stacey Platt, JD

Panel Participants

Honorable Katherine Tennyson

Honorable Karrie McIntyre

Honorable Bethany Powers Flint

Moderator

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The AFCC Oregon Chapter

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) began in the 1960s, and quickly emerged as an interdisciplinary, international organization comprised of professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of children through the resolution of family conflict. AFCC promotes a collaborative approach to serving the needs of children among those who work in and with family law systems - encouraging education, research and innovation, and identifying best practices. Its membership includes judges, lawyers, mediators, evaluators, mental health professionals, academics, researchers, court administrators and public policy makers. To date, 21 states and provinces have local Chapters.

The formation of the AFCC Oregon Chapter began in February 2012 with Kathleen Gillis, Psy.D., Nathaline Frener of Lane County, and myself who solicited involvement from additional professionals, forming the required core group of eight volunteers. At that point, Oregon was officially recognized by AFCC as a newly-forming Chapter. Over the next three years, due to the dedication and commitment of many volunteers, several impressive benchmarks were achieved, including hosting a successful Launch Event and enrolling over 60 Chapter members. The first Chapter Membership Meeting was held in March 2014. A month later, the Chapter Membership elected the founding 15-member Board of Directors and approved Chapter Bylaws. In November 2015, we obtained Chartered status, and we have been an active Chapter ever since. All of you have contributed to the AFCC Oregon Chapter. The sustainability of the Oregon Chapter depends entirely on the continued participation of local professionals like you. Thank you for your continued interest and commitment.

If you are not an AFCC member, I strongly encourage you to consider becoming one. Take a moment to review the AFCC website and notice the upcoming international conferences, trainings, and local conferences and the wide array of online programs being offered; review the various AFCC model standards and other publications; browse through the impressive research that has been conducted by AFCC members throughout the world, as published in Family Court Review and other publications; and talk to colleagues who are already well-versed in the vision and accomplishments of AFCC. Once you are convinced that AFCC is a premiere organization that promotes the highest level of integrity and professionalism, and that the AFCC Oregon Chapter is similarly impressive and worthy, extend your participation in some large or small way - join the parent organization and the Oregon Chapter, volunteer your time, make a financial donation, or simply renew your Chapter membership.

And finally, as my term as President of the AFCC Oregon Chapter begins, I want to express sincere gratitude to outgoing AFCC Oregon Chapter President Kathleen Gillis, Psy.D. for her hard work, enthusiasm and support that helped the AFCC successfully launch in Oregon and continue as an exciting interdisciplinary organization for Oregon professionals.



Saville W. Easley, J.D.
President, AFCC Oregon Chapter

About the Presenters

Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, MSL

Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., M.S.L. is a psychologist with masters' degrees in law and in education. She is the Maconda Brown O'Connor Professor at Smith College School for Social Work. She has twenty-five years of clinical experience with individuals, couples, families and children. Her expertise includes couples counseling and consultation, father involvement consultation, legal case development for attorneys, mediation, and collaborative divorce. Her scholarly works include over 100 professional articles, curricula, chapters, and three books focused on couple and co-parental relationships, marriage, and divorce – including *Partnership Parenting* (2009) written with her husband, Kyle Pruett. She is involved in research projects spanning support for father involvement group interventions in the U.S. and Canada; the evaluation of online parenting programs; a global conflict resolution and peace building program; and the design and evaluation of model ADR programs that help families resolve disputes outside of the adversarial system. Her research on a model continuum of effective and cost-efficient co-parenting services in the Connecticut courts, father involvement, and parenting plans for young children earned her the Association of Family and Conciliation Court's Stanley Cohen Award for Distinguished Research. She is the immediate-past President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Kyle Pruett, MD

Dr. Kyle Pruett, Clinical Professor of Child Psychiatry and Nursing, served as Director of Medical Studies at the Yale School of Medicine's Child Study Center, where he received the Lifetime Distinguished Teaching award. He has been in the private practice of infant, child and family psychiatry since 1974. As past president of Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and their Families, he headed America's most prestigious multi-disciplinary resource and training center for infant/family professionals. Award-winning author and researcher, Dr. Pruett's writings include 100+ original scientific articles, including the classic *Nurturing Father*, (American Health Book Award), *Fatherhood, Me, Myself and I: The Child's Sense of Self* (Independent Book Publisher's Award), and *Partnership Parenting: How Men and Women Parent Differently-Why it Helps Your Kids and Can Strengthen Your Marriage*. He is a frequent contributor to national and international print (*NYTimes*, *Toronto Globe and Mail*, *London Times*), and electronic media, with television appearances on *NBC*, *CBC*, *ABC News*, *CBS Morning News* and *NPR*. He sits on the PBS National Advisory Board and Sesame Workshop Board of Directors. He was chosen by Peter Jennings to co-host the 'Children's Town Meeting' for *ABC News* the Saturday after 9/11, and by Oprah Winfrey to co-host her video for new parents, "Begin With Love." With his wife, Marsha Kline Pruett, he served as co-investigator in the Collaborative Divorce Project to reduce the trauma of divorce in young children's lives, and the award-winning 900+ family, multi-site abuse and neglect prevention study, 'Supporting Fatherhood Initiative' for California's Department of Social Service, Office of Child Abuse Prevention (currently undergoing replication with the Norlien Foundation and the Alberta Department of Health of Calgary, Alberta). With his wife Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D. he served as Visiting Professor of Psychiatry to the University of Calgary School of Medicine through 2012. He has developed and conducted a co-parenting intervention for the Salama Bint Hamdan AL Nayhan Foundation in Abu Dhabi, UAE. As a founding member of the Early Childhood Peacebuilding Initiative, a collaboration between UNICEF, Yale Child Study Center, and Sesame Workshop, he consults regularly with the Yale Global Health Initiative.

Stacey Platt, JD

Stacey Platt is a clinical professor of law and Associate Director of the ChildLaw Clinic at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She and her clinic students represent children in legal proceedings, focusing on private family disputes. Professor Platt is on the board of directors of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the editorial board of the *Family Court Review*, and the Joint Editorial Board on Family Law for the Uniform Law Commission. Professor Platt serves on numerous task forces and committees dedicated to family and child law issues and speaks regularly on those issues. She recently published an article, *Set another Place at the Table: Child Participation in Family Separation Cases*, in the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*. She teaches litigation skills to lawyers across the country as a member of the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence's training team. Professor Platt is a recipient of The Chicago Bar Association's Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence for her contribution to improving access to justice. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and her law degree, *cum laude*, from the New York University School of Law.

Honorable Katherine Tennyson – Multnomah County

Since July 2002, Katherine Tennyson has served as a Circuit Court Judge in Multnomah County, Oregon. Judge Tennyson is a member of the Family Law Department, which is a unified family court. Judge Tennyson became the Chief Probate Judge for the county in January 2007. Judge Tennyson served as President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges from 2016-2017. Prior to her election as an officer of NCJFCJ, Judge Tennyson served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee for the Council for three years. Judge Tennyson participated as faculty for NCJFCJ national judicial training including the Child Abuse and Neglect Institute, Enhancing Judicial Skills in Elder Abuse Cases and Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases. She is a frequent speaker on issues including trial practice, elder abuse, family violence, child custody and parenting time and probate. Judge Tennyson is a 1981 graduate of Duke University and a 1984 graduate of Lewis and Clark College Law School and was admitted to practice law in Oregon and Washington in 1984. She is the 2015 recipient of the Oregon State Bar Wallace P. Carson Jr Award for Judicial Excellence.

Honorable Karrie McIntyre – Lane County

Judge Karrie McIntyre was appointed to the bench in May 2015 and elected by a general election in November of 2016. Prior to her appointment she practiced for 15 years in both domestic relations and criminal law. She litigated complex divorce and custody cases. In addition to practicing criminal law for several years, she trained law enforcement agencies on constitutional, criminal, and juvenile law. Judge McIntyre attended Oregon State University earning a Bachelor's of Science in Forestry and graduated from University of Oregon Law School in 1998. She has been actively involved in the community through service with a variety of organizations. She currently chairs the Lane County Family Law Advisory Committee to the Court, and also serves on the State Family Law Advisory Committee and works on its subcommittees for Mediation and Futures. Judge McIntyre participates in the legislative work group which reviews joint custody presumptions in family law cases. She hears all matters assigned to her out of the general trial call and her current administrative assignment is the criminal docket.

Honorable Bethany Powers Flint – Deschutes County

Judge Bethany Flint was appointed to the Deschutes County Circuit Court by Governor Kate Brown in February 2016, and elected to her position in the general election that same year. She earned her law degree in 2003 from Whittier College School of Law, *summa cum laude*, with recognition as Outstanding Fellow in the school's Center for Children's Rights (subsequently the Center for Children and Families). Originally from Tucson, Arizona, Judge Flint obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Irvine, *magna cum laude*, in 1999. Currently, she presides over Deschutes County's Family Drug Court and represents the Court on the local Access to Justice Committee, LFLAC, and the SFLAC Parental Involvement Outreach Subcommittee.

William J. Howe, III

William J. Howe, III, after a general civil practice for 20 years, has practiced exclusively family law as a shareholder in Gevurtz, Menashe, Larson & Howe, P.C., of Portland, Oregon, USA. Bill was named in *Best Lawyers in America*, as the "2009 Lawyer of the Year – Family Law," Portland, Oregon, and he is one of ten family law lawyers from Oregon included in the 2005 and subsequent *Best Lawyers*. He has also been honored in *Super Lawyers* and *Portland Monthly* and many other publications for many years. In addition to his private practice, Bill has devoted enormous time and energy to family court reform issues. He was appointed by Chief Justice Carson and re-appointed by Chief Justice De Muniz as the Vice-chair of the Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee; currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the Honoring Families Initiative of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System; served as President and member of the Board of Directors of Oregon Family Institute and the Oregon Academy of Family Law Practitioners; served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; was Chair of the Oregon Task Force on Family Law from 1993 to 1997, having been appointed by Governor Barbara Roberts in 1993, and reappointed by Governor Kitzhaber in 1995; serves as an Oregon Court of Appeals Mediator; He has also served as Pro Tem Judge and mediator, and he was awarded the 2003 Pro Bono Challenge Award for donating the highest number of pro bono public service hours by the Oregon State Bar. In addition, Bill has made over 120 presentations at family law conferences and at other venues in the United States, Canada, Australia, Europe and South Africa, and has authored several articles on family law-related matters. In his spare time Bill and his wife produced the play *Recognition*, which was awarded the PMTA award for Best Ensemble in 2012 and *Zombie Strippers* which was chosen to play on Broadway in July 2014, as part of the New York Musical Festival.

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The Chapter's expanding membership includes judges, attorneys, mediators, mental health professionals, agency leaders, court administrators, program developers, educators, researchers, and advocates. By offering trainings and conferences, interdisciplinary consultation and networking, mentorship opportunities, and the discussion of state-specific practice standards, the Chapter offers its members opportunities to keep apprised of current research, new developments in the field, legislative progress, and trends in the Oregon courts.

As professionals in the field of resolving family conflict, AFCC Oregon Chapter members are committed to following guidelines for best practices, engaging in interdisciplinary collaboration, providing high-quality service, and upholding the highest of ethical standards in our respective fields.

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Conference Schedule

#	Topic	Time	Presenter
	Registration and Networking Breakfast	8:00	
1	<p><u>Plenary Presentations</u></p> <p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>9:00 William Howe, III, JD</p> <p><u>Father Involvement</u></p> <p>9:15 Kyle Pruett, MD</p> <p>Overview of current research on father involvement and shared parenting in complex families</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to describe at least three key findings regarding the unique contributions of fathers to child development.</p> <p><u>Young Children & Step-Up Parenting Plans</u></p> <p>10:00 Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., MSL</p> <p>Factors to assess when determining when to increase parenting time incrementally</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to describe a model for creating an initial plan for young children and a subsequent step-up plan.</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>10:45</p>		
	Break	11:00	
2	<p><u>Fish Bowl (Interactive): 2-year-old</u></p> <p>11:15 Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., MSL</p> <p>Participants will apply information learned in plenary presentations to a specific scenario involving a young child; including a discussion of what the Court needs to know.</p> <p>Kyle Pruett, MD</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to list the statutory and other factors underlying Oregon court determinations of a child's best interests.</p> <p>Honorable Bethany Powers Flint</p>		
	Lunch Buffet	12:00	
3	<p><u>Plenary Presentation</u></p> <p>12:45 Stacey Platt, JD</p> <p><u>Child Participation</u></p> <p>Overview of different models and methods used to include the voices of children of various ages when working with complex families</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to describe at least two approaches to considering children's input in custody and parenting time decisions.</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>1:30</p>		

4	<p><u>Fish Bowl (Interactive): 11-year-old</u></p> <p>Participants will apply information learned in Plenary Presentations to a specific scenario involving an 11-year-old child; including a discussion of what the Court needs to know.</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to list the statutory and other factors underlying Oregon court determinations of a child’s best interests.</p>	1:45	<p>Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., MSL</p> <p>Kyle Pruett, MD</p> <p>Stacey Platt, JD</p> <p>Honorable Karrie McIntyre</p>
	Break	2:30	
5	<p><u>Fish Bowl (Interactive): 16-year-old</u></p> <p>Participants will apply information learned in Plenary Presentations to a specific scenario involving an 16-year-old child; including a discussion of what the Court needs to know.</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participants will be able to list the statutory and other factors underlying Oregon court determinations of a child’s best interests.</p>	2:45	<p>Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., MSL</p> <p>Kyle Pruett, MD</p> <p>Stacey Platt, JD</p> <p>Honorable Katherine Tennyson</p>
6	<u>Judges – Panel Discussion</u>	3:30	Judges Bethany Powers Flint, Karrie McIntyre and Katherine Tennyson
7	<u>Questions and Answers</u>	4:00	All 6 Presenters
8	<u>Reception with Speakers</u>	4:15 – 5:00	Hosted by AFCC

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