

# 11th Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference



In conjunction with the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICES

## ***“Maximizing Our Resources for Texas Families”***



### **Featuring Bill Eddy, LCSW, JD Founder of the High Conflict Institute, LLC**

Bill Eddy has one of the most uniquely insightful presentations on dealing with high conflict personalities in families and family law. His experience as a family lawyer and a clinical social worker makes his information pertinent to all disciplines, and no one walks away unaffected by what they learn.

**HOSTS:** Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts, Texas Chapter (AFCCTX)  
Tarrant County Domestic Relations Offices (TADRO)

**WHEN:** October 12-14, 2011

**CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Texas Wesleyan School of Law, 1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

**HOTEL: AFCC MEMBERS:**

Country Inn and Suites, 2200 Mercado Dr., Fort Worth, TX 817-831-9200.

- \$99 (plus applicable taxes) per night; single room (king beds) and double occupancy (queen beds) are the same rate; breakfast and parking are included! Please note: this price is only applicable to Wednesday and Thursday night. If you elect to arrive Tuesday or stay longer than Thursday night, you will be required to pay the regular rate.
- Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly 817-831-9200 and asking for the group “family law conference” to get the discounted rate.
- The hotel cut-off date for the conference room rate is *September 11, 2011*. *The room block will fill quickly, so please make reservations early.*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** includes Wednesday evening social and Thursday luncheon (**does NOT include hotel cost or meals except where indicated**): **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 16, 2011**

<b>Please check only one box:</b>	<b>Before 9/23/2011</b>	<b>After 9/23/2011</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Texas AFCC members	\$200.00	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non- Texas AFCC members	\$225.00	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> TADRO members (gov’t employees only)	\$150.00	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter Rate	\$100.00	\$100.00
Law Students may attend at no charge		

*Please make your check payable to AFCC, Texas Chapter*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else we need to know?  
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**Please send this completed form and your check, made payable to the appropriate organization, to:  
Leslie Sulzener  
Domestic Relations Office, East  
200 E. Weatherford St.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0290**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: TELEPHONE CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Written notice of cancellation must be e-mailed to Leslie Sulzener at [lsulzener@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:lsulzener@tarrantcounty.com) on or before 5:00 p.m. October 3, 2011 to receive a refund. Cancellations sent after 5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2011 *will not be eligible for a refund.*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Approval of application for continuing legal education hours, social work, and mental health continuing education hours are pending for up to 13.25 hours.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The conference location is *not* within walking distance of the hotel. You will need transportation between the hotel and the conference site. Please plan to either have your own transportation, catch a ride with another conference attendee or check here if you need help arranging for transportation:

**I will need help making transportation arrangements.**

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Leslie Sulzener at (817)884-1742 or [lsulzener@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:lsulzener@tarrantcounty.com).

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Registration**

12:30-12:45 p.m.

**“Welcome to Our World!” Gary Nickelson, J.D., President of the Texas Family Law Foundation** - helping protect family law attorneys and their clients from questionable legislation.

12:45-1:00 p.m.

**TADRO Roll call** - Five minutes per County

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>** cont'd



1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Keynote Presentation - Bill Eddy, LCSW, J.D. –  
“New Ways for Families; Skills and Structure for High Conflict Families”**

5:00 p.m.

**TADRO Board of Directors meeting** - election of officers; board members only

5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Social** - wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres.  
**Featuring Mac Fulfer and his “AmazingFace Readings.” Prepare to be amazed!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**MORNING: TRACK ONE**

8:30-9:15 a.m.

**Associate Judge Kim Brown** - “Feeling Comfortably Numb: The Impact of Drugs on a Developing Teenage Brain.”

9:15-10:00 a.m.

**Associate Judge Lisa Beebe and Jim Turnage** - “Is Your Client Urophobic, A Druggie, Or A Liar? Innovations in Substance Abuse Testing.”

10:00-10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15-11:00 a.m.

**Gary Malone, M.D.** - “Tonight on The Histrionics Channel: On the Borderline—Dealing with Axis II Clients.”

11:00-11:50 a.m.

**Mark Charbonnet, LCSW** - “Assessing and Treating Parental Alienation: A Systems Approach.”

**MORNING: TRACK TWO**

8:30-9:15 a.m.

**Kay Smith, CEO and Founder, Texas Re-Entry Services** - "They Will Come Home."

9:15-10:00 a.m.

**Debby Kratky, Director of Capacity Building and Training, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County** - “Next Steps.”

10:00-10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15-11:00 a.m.

**Jessica Buchert, Director, Child Support Division, Tarrant County DRO and David Simpson, J.D., Executive Director, Harris County DRO** - “How We Shot Ourselves in the Foot and Raised Our Percentage Paying – ICSS Lessons Learned and Best Practices.”

11:00-11:50 a.m.

**Lydia Elliott and Helma Hall** “An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure: A New Approach to the Visitation Enforcement Dilemmas.”

12:-12:20 p.m. -

**TADRO Membership Meeting** - Conference Room across from Auditorium  
**AFCC Membership Meeting** - Auditorium

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>** cont'd

**MORNING: TRACK THREE**

10:00-11:50 a.m.:      **MANDATORY AG SHARED PARENTING A&V GRANT MEETING**  
Shared Parenting Program Overview; Presentation on the A&V Legal Line and Hotline;  
Michael Hayes

<p><u>12:20-1:20 p.m.</u>      <b>LUNCH</b> <b>Dave Lieber, featured columnist of “The Watchdog” for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and author of “The Dog of My Nightmares” and “Watchdog Nation” - “Moving to Texas: Is the Bark Worse Than the Bite?”</b></p>
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**AFTERNOON: TRACK ONE**

1:30-5:00 p.m.:      **Dave Lieber, Author and Journalist**      Marketing What You Do: Ways to Make Your Brand Stand Out in a Cluttered World

*As a newspaper columnist, Dave is always amazed at how government and business people who try to get their messages out to the public miss the best way to portray themselves. He will push you to think about ways to tell your story to enhance your effectiveness both on and off the job. As an expert in storytelling techniques, Dave shares how to communicate in ways that will enhance cooperation and motivate change.*

- I.      **Watchdog Nation**—Bernard Madoffs are everywhere. There's nothing funny about getting hurt by a scammer or your bank or a credit card company. If you want to laugh AND learn how to be more cognizant of potential scams when reviewing your client's financial information, you'll be a superhero in your own life, at work and at home. Don't miss Dave Lieber's Watchdog Nation!
- II.     **Bad Dad** - How to Turn Bad into Good—What happens when the worst 10 minutes of your life go viral? A true-story Texas thriller about newspaper columnist Dave Lieber who gets on the wrong side of the law for his investigations of an area police department. They arrest him and charge him with child abandonment and endangerment after he tells his misbehaving 11-year-old son to walk home from McDonalds to teach his son a lesson. Dave discusses the new boundaries in today's society for parents — and for governments who, more than ever, now closely monitor parent-child relationships.  
(Followed by question and answer, book selling and signing).

**AFTERNOON: TRACK TWO**

1:30-2:15 p.m.      **Crystal Rodriguez, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of Policy** - “Hispanic Outreach: Time to Think Outside the Box.”

2:15-3:00 p.m.:      **Ouisa D. Davis, J.D., Division Chief, Friend of the Court/Family Law Information Center, El Paso County Domestic Relations Office** - “Legislative and Case Law Update.”

3:00-3:15 p.m.      **Break**

3:15-5:00 p.m.      **Detective Lee Reed** - “Child Custody Enforcement Issues.”

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m.      **Tommy Jordon** - "Engaging Non-Resident Fathers in Child Welfare Cases—Dads Share Their Stories."
- 9:15-10:00 a.m.      **Retired Judge and Mediator Sue Koenig** - "The Benefits of 50-50 Access."
- 10:00-10:15 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:15-11:00 a.m.      **Aaron Robb, M.Ed., NCC, LPC-S and Brad Craig, LMSW** - "Court Involved Therapists – Professional Guidelines and Best Practices"
- 11:00-11:45 a.m.      **Robert Hughes, JD; Tracy Leissner, JD** - "The Tao of Mediation."
- 11:45 a.m.              **Adjourn**
- Noon:                    **TADRO Board meeting with new officers**  
**AFCC BOD lunch meeting – location tba**

