



Continuing Legal Education Seminar:

**Special Issues in Working with
Divorcing Parents:
Domestic Violence & High Conflict Parents**
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Recent research on four types of intimate partner violence
- Implications of domestic violence research for parenting plans
- Impact of high conflict and domestic violence on child adjustment
- Features of parents with continuing high conflict
- Individual and group interventions that assist in reducing conflict

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Current research on domestic violence provides a more insightful view of the different types of violence between intimate partners, with implications for cessation of violence following separation, batterer intervention programs, mediation, parenting plans, and child adjustment.

Parents with continuing high conflict following divorce present challenges to attorneys, therapists, and family courts, and enhance the risk of poor outcomes for children. Who are these parents with entrenched conflict, why are they so angry, and what kinds of interventions will help them reduce their conflict?

ABOUT JOAN B. KELLY, PH.D

Dr. **Joan B. Kelly**, a clinical psychologist, was Director of the Northern California Mediation Center in Corte Madera, California for 20 years. Her research, publications, teaching, and practice over three decades have focused on children's adjustment to divorce, custody and access issues, using child development research in parenting plans, divorce mediation, and Parenting Coordination. Her book *Surviving the Breakup: How Children and Parents Cope with Divorce*, remains a classic resource. She is a frequent presenter in the United States, Canada, and abroad.

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 9:00 a.m. Current Research on Domestic Violence
 - Four types of intimate partner violence
 - Implications for compliance with protective orders
 - Discussion
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Domestic Violence (continued)
 - Research for batterer intervention programs
 - Implications for parenting plans
 - Impact of domestic violence on child adjustment
 - Discussion
- 12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. Working with High Conflict Parents
 - Factors contributing to continuing high conflict
 - Impact of personality disorders, mental illness, and substance abuse
 - Types of parenting plans and court orders for high conflict parents
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Working with High Conflict Parents (continued)
 - Specialized group interventions that reduce conflict
 - Individual therapeutic and mediation interventions focusing on parent conflict
 - The use of the Parenting Coordinator for parents with entrenched conflict
 - Discussion
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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