

AFCC 59TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Use, Misuse, and Abuse of Technology in Family Law Practical, Ethical, Safety, and Procedural Challenges

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Advances in technology, access to justice concerns, and COVID-19 have combined to create new opportunities for family law, dispute resolution, and mental health professionals. Online dispute resolution, educational programs, remote hearings, artificial intelligence, and a slew of apps have opened the door to an entirely new way of practice. But are there downsides to a high-tech practice? Do remote processes lose something in the translation? Are there inherent biases in online processes? Can data security and physical safety be ensured? Join AFCC as we explore the new frontier in family law.

All proposals are due by October 4, 2021. Use the online form at www.afccnet.org

Proposed topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Remote Interviewing
- Online Dispute Resolution
- Remote Court Hearings
- Mediation
- Child Custody Evaluation
- Access to Justice Innovations
- Parenting Coordination
- Research on Family Law
- Tech Tools: Pros and Cons
- Telehealth
- Resist-Refuse Dynamics
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Voice of the Child: Virtual or In-Person?

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Proposal Instructions

AFCC is accepting proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions. To submit a proposal using the online form, please visit www.afccnet.org and click AFCC 59th Annual Conference.

You must include the following information:

1. The name and email address of the presenter who will coordinate your workshop.
2. A workshop title (up to 80 characters).
3. An abstract of up to 250 words describing your proposed workshop.
4. A program-ready description of your proposed workshop (up to 80 words) for the conference brochure.
Note: AFCC reserves the right to edit description for consistency.
5. A description of the relevance of your workshop to the AFCC community (up to 250 words).
6. A description of the limitations of the proposed content, including contradictory perspectives and/or evidence.
7. For research proposals, include a brief description of your methodology, results, conclusions, and applications for practice and policy implications, and for future research (up to 250 words).
8. A statement of how your proposal incorporates issues of diversity and/or culture (up to 250 words).
9. Three citations from professional literature within the last ten years that provide support for your program (*do not include newsletter articles, statutes, or links to websites*).
10. Two learning objectives that will be addressed by your proposed workshop.
11. Complete contact information for all proposed presenters.
12. Name and information for each presenter as it will appear in the program (name, up to two academic degrees, organization, city, state/province, country).
13. Contact information for two professional references.
14. CVs/resumes for all proposed presenters must be uploaded with your proposal or emailed to kbienfang@afccnet.org. Please save each attachment (Word document or PDF) under the name of the presenter.

There is a maximum of four presenters per workshop, including moderator, and two proposals per presenter. The deadline for proposals is October 4, 2021. AFCC is unable to guarantee consideration of incomplete proposals or those submitted after the deadline. AFCC offers reduced registration rates for conference presenters, but is unable to reimburse for travel, lodging, and related expenses. All proposals must be submitted via the online form, accessible at www.afccnet.org.

Please direct any questions to Kelly Bienfang, Operations Administrator, at kbienfang@afccnet.org or 608-664-3750. AFCC strives to accept proposals from as many presenters as possible; however, we also attempt to limit presentations to one per person. This is not always possible; however, submission of multiple proposals with different co-presenters often results in the rejection of one of the proposals, and therefore the co-presenters. Notification regarding the status of your proposal will be sent by late November 2021.