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Professional Credentials and Certifications

- **M.A. in Counseling Psychology** (1973) - California State University, Chico
 - **B.A. in Psychology** (1970) - California State University, Chico
 - **Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT7778)** - State of California
 - Certified in Shared Parenting Support Program
 - Child Custody Recommending Counselor
 - Child Custody Evaluator (Family Code §3110/3111, 3118)
 - Special Master/Parenting Coordinator
 - Recipient of the 2022 Charles Kobayashi Award for Significant Contributions in Family Law
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Professional Memberships

- Clinical Fellow, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
 - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
 - American Psychological Association
 - Past Chair, Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators
 - Member, Sacramento County Bar Association
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Professional Experience

Forensic Family Services

Sacramento, CA — 2003-Present

Integrates family systems theory into practice, focusing on the emotional impact of family

dynamics on children amidst divorce and custody disputes. Specializes in therapy, mediation, evaluation, and consultation in legal contexts.

Private Practice of Psychotherapy

Sacramento, CA — 1976-Present

Developed a therapeutic practice using a blend of psychodynamic, humanistic, and evidence-based approaches, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Control Mastery Theory, to address a wide range of client needs.

Mental Health Director

County of Nevada, CA — 1977-1980

Directed the comprehensive county mental health services, including crisis intervention, outpatient services, partial hospitalization, and long-term care programs.

Chief of Clinical Services

County of Nevada, CA — 1974-1977

Managed and supervised all clinical operations for outpatient services, enhancing staff performance and patient care.

Psychological Assistant

County of Nevada, CA — 1975-1980

Performed psychological testing and assessments under the supervision of a board-certified psychiatrist.

Drug and Alcohol Coordinator

County of Nevada, CA — 1973-1977

Led drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs, interfacing with educational and justice systems to deliver comprehensive community services.

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Faculty (1973-1990)

- **Los Rios Community College** - Introduction to Management
- **College of the Sequoias** - The Language of Dreaming
- **Sierra College** - Substance Abuse Series
- **Yuba College** - Psychology of Adjustment
- **California State University, Chico** - Psychology of Personality

Continuing Education (Partial Listing)

1/2025 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Larry Webb, Executive Director of Manalive Sacramento, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2024 Cutting to the Chase Competently: Brief Focused Custody Assessment – 1 CE credit. Kenneth Perlmutter, PhD, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) (approved by the APA to sponsor continuing education for psychologists.)

10/2024 Annual Custody Seminar: Navigating Complexities in Conflicted Families: Strategies for Children with Neurodiversity and/or Special Needs – 8 CE credits. Debra Wald, JD, CFLS, Frank Davis, PhD, Jessica Wharton, LMFT, Angela Ray, JD, CFLS, Hon. Jaya Badiga, Hon. Margaret Gibson. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. Approved by the Judicial Council of California as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210 and 5.225.

4/2024 The “Good Enough” Parenting Plan Evaluation – 1 CE credit. Leslie Drozd PhD. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) (approved by the APA to sponsor continuing education for psychologists.)

3/2024 Refuting the 5 Factor Model: Best Practice is a Systemic Approach + Evaluation (PCCP) – 3 CE Credits. Benjamin D. Garber, PhD. The Steve Frankel Group LLC (approved By the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists).

1/2024 Domestic Violence: Everything You Should Know and Understand – 20.5 CE hours. Leslie Drozd PhD and Frank Davis PhD. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter (AFCC-CA) approved by the California Psychological Association, Office of Professional Development to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists.

11/2023 Western States – Law Ethics and Risk Management – 6 CE hours. A Steven Frankel, PhD, JD, The Steve Frankel Group LLC (approved By the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists).

10/2023 Annual Custody Seminar: Helping Kids Win! Exploring Non-Court Interventions for All; Lyn R. Greenberg, PhD; Jessica Wharton, LMFT; Honorable Kara K. Ueda, Judge; Charlotte L. Keeley, JD, Kristine S. Cummings, JD. – 8 CE credits. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. Approved by the Judicial Council of California as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210 and 5.225.

1/2023 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2022 The Fundamentals of Parenting Coordination – 16 CE hours. Robin Deutsch PhD, Matthew Sullivan PhD, Debra Carter PhD, Shely Polak PhD. Sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Approved by the American psychological Association and the National Association of Social Workers.

10/2022 Annual Custody Seminar: Using New Information to Rethink Established Ideas: Helping Children in Chronically Conflicted Families – 8 CE hours. Andrea Palash, JD, CFLS, AAML Fellow, Susan Rempel, PhD, Michael Jonsson, JD, CFLS, Hon Myrlys Stockdale Coleman, Jack Love, LMFT. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. Approved by the Judicial Council of California as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210 and 5.225.

1/2022 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A)

and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2021 Suicide Assessment and Prevention - 6 CE hours. Julie West and Kathleen Gates PhD. Vista Continuing Education (approved By the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists).

10/2021 Joint Bowen Family Theory Live Zoom Conference – “Systems Biology Meets Bowen Family Theory” and “Attachment Theory and Bowen Theory: What Difference Do the Differences Make?” – 6.5 CE hours. Michael Kerr MD and Kathleen Kerr MSN MS CNS. Southern California Education and Training in Bowen Family Theory, CPA OPD provider code: SOU042.

10/2021 Annual Custody Seminar: I Dare You to Parent Me: From Problem to Solution in Refuse/Resist Cases – 8 CE hours. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter (AFCC-CA), Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP, The Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS), the California Lawyers Association, Family Law Section. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. Approved by the Judicial Council of California as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210 and 5.225.

3/2021 Dancing with the Risks – 6 CE hours Law and Ethics. A. Steven Frankel, PhD, JD, ABPP, The Steve Frankel Group, LLC (SFG)

1/2021 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2020 Shared Parenting Research 2020 webinar – 1 CE hour. Marsha Kline Pruett PhD. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

11/2020 Providing Effective Testimony for Mental Health Professionals webinar – 1 CE hour. Mike Kretzmer, JD, CFLS, AAML. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

6/2020 Approaching Child Custody Evaluation – Old and New Considerations after Winternitz and Sanchez – 2 CE hours. Philip M Stahl PhD, ABPP. The Steve Frankel Group LLC (SFG).

6/2020 Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems – 6 CE hours. Matthew Sullivan PhD, the Hon. Marjorie Slabach (ret.), Sherrol Cassedy JD. The Steve Frankel Group, LLC (SFG).

1/2020 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Steven Banks LMFT (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

9/2019 Trauma Informed Child Custody Practice – 8 CE hours. Developmental, emotional, and behavioral impacts of early exposure to parental conflict and neglect on children. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California Chapter (AFCC-CA), Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS), and Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP.

5/2019 Evaluation of Sexual Abuse and Parent-Child Contact Problems – 7 CE hours. Leslie Drozd PhD. AFCC-CA (CPA OPD Provider Code AFC017). Sacramento, CA.

5/2019 Clinical Assessment of the Family System: Emerging Models – 6 CE hours. Dan Papero PhD, Laura Havstad PhD, Kathy Sheffield LMFT, Patrick Stinson PhD, Mercy Burton Russell MSW. Programs in Bowen Theory, CPA OPD provider code: PRO 019, Santa Rosa, CA.

4/2019 Introduction to EMDR Therapy – 2 CE hours. Kim Johnson LCSW. Sacramento Valley Chapter California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Provider #62279.

1/2019 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Steven Banks LMFT, Larry Nicholas PhD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

9/2018 High Conflict Families: Early Identification and Intervention Options – 8 CE hours. Matthew Sullivan PhD, Robin M Deutsch PhD, Comm. Marjorie Slabach, Ret. Sponsored by: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California, and Bartholomew & Wasznicky LLP.

6/2018 Evaluating Substance Abuse webinar – 1 CE hour. Harry Somers. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

2/2018 AFCC California Chapter Annual Conference; Evolution and Innovation – The Art and Science of Solutions for Families in Conflict. 11 CE hours. San Francisco California.

2/2018 Ethics for Counselors by Alice Yick Flanagan PhD MSW. 6 CE hours (Law and Ethics) NetCE Continuing Education.

1/2018 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

Summary of Trainings Older Than Seven Years

Earlier continuing education (CE) activities focused on various aspects of family systems, family law, domestic violence, and child custody. Key highlights include:

- **Domestic Violence Training:** Multiple sessions on domestic violence updates under CRC 5.230, ensuring knowledge of legal and practical frameworks in family law.

- **Child Custody and Parenting:** Topics covered high-conflict families, visitation resistance, substance abuse evaluations, and parenting plans for diverse family systems (e.g., LGBTQ, special needs).
- **Ethics and Law:** Regular updates on ethics and legal practices for family law professionals.
- **Family Systems and Therapy:** Seminars in Bowen Family Systems Theory and therapeutic approaches like Control Mastery Theory.
- **Advanced Topics:** Annual conferences by the AFCC California Chapter addressing emerging issues, including child development, collaborative divorce, and complex family dynamics.