



CLE Program Information Request Form

Speakers (How you would like your name stated on promotional materials. Please include your credentials):

1. Beth F. McCormack, Esq.

Biography (State what you would like people to know about you.):

Beth F. McCormack practices exclusively in family law matters, with experience in complex litigation, as well as mediation and Collaborative Law. The philosophy under which Beth practices is founded on compassion and empathy. Litigation is always a viable option; however, negotiating a fair and reasonable settlement is often the less stressful and most cost-effective solution. In order to better serve her client's needs, Beth became a Collaborative Law Fellow with the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois. Beth has been named a Super Lawyer by her peers has also been named Top 50 Women Super Lawyer and Top 100 Super Lawyer for several years. Beth strongly believes in the importance of attorneys working collaboratively to create the best outcome for their clients.

2. Dr. Gail Petrich, M.A., J.D., Psy.D.

Biography (State what you would like people to know about you.):

As both an attorney and psychologist, Dr. Petrich focuses her practice on mediation, collaboration, Parenting Coordination, and Controlled Separation. In addition, she has experience in Custody Evaluation, forensic criminal evaluations, court-ordered therapy, and litigation. She has offices in Chicago, Oak Park, and Naperville, and has served on the boards of the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois and Association of Family Courts and Conciliation, Illinois Chapter.

Topic Name (As it will read on promotional materials):

Different Approaches to Resolving Disputes

Outline/Brief Overview and Objectives of Your Program (use additional paper as needed):

* Objectives:

- Educate lawyers and mental health professionals on the positive effect of Parenting Coordination
- Encourage lawyers and mental health professionals to consider this approach in their own practice for divorcing couples who want to avoid court

- Discuss the unique role Parenting Coordinators have and how they can be invaluable to high-conflict families

- Describe the relevance of Parenting Coordination in the realm of Alternative Dispute Resolution, and how it helps the family long-term, especially the children

* Overview/Outline:

1. Quick Tips for Your Clients
 2. A Client Centered Approach
 - a. A table comparing Mediation, Litigation, Collaboration, and DIY divorces
 3. What Parenting Coordination is and is not
 4. The Paradigm Shift between Litigation and Collaborative approaches (specifically, Parenting Coordination)
 5. Who does Parenting Coordination best serve? (i.e. high-conflict parents)
 6. Objectives of using Parenting Coordination
 7. Tasks of a Parenting Coordinator
 8. Effect of Parenting Coordination Long-Term
 9. Explaining the Collaborative Process
 10. Explaining the Collaborative Team
 11. Collaboration v. Litigation
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