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The Experts Critique the Experts on Child Custody Evaluations

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ou receive a Child Custody Evaluation that is not favorable to your client! What do you do? There is hope to challenge the evaluation. Learn how, as well known Child Custody Evaluators; Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D and Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D explore and educate us on the most effective ways to critique the experts Child Custody Evaluations.

- Child Custody Evaluations in Relocation Cases; Standards to consider in Child Custody Evaluations; Should Child Custody Evaluators make recommendations?
- What is the purpose of a custody evaluation?
- What types of bias might surface in child custody evaluations?
- What are potential flaws in custody evaluations?
- What role does domestic violence play in custody evaluations?
- Are there training and experience requirements for custody evaluators, and if not, should there be?

Panelists

Scott N. Friedman, Moderator, has been practicing Family Relations Law exclusively since 1998. Mr. Friedman is licensed to practice law in the both Ohio and Florida. Mr. Friedman was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio and attended The Columbus Academy. Mr. Friedman received his Bachelor of Arts from Miami University and his Juris Doctorate from Capital University Law School where he was honored with Order of the Curia. Mr. Friedman is a member of the Columbus Bar Association's Family Law Committee, the Ohio State Bar Association Family Law Committee, and the American Bar Association Family Law Section. Mr. Friedman serves as an elected member of the American Bar Association Family Law Section Council, CLE Committee, Scope Committee and as Vice-Chair of the Trial Practices Techniques Committee. Mr. Friedman is a graduate of the American Bar Association Family Law Section Trial Advocacy Institute.

Robin M. Deutsch, PhD. is the Co-Director for the Children and the Law Program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA

Phillip Stahl, PhD, is a psychologist in private practice in Danville, California. He provides continuing education for psychologists and other mental health providers, as well as attorneys and Family Law Specialists in California and has conducted trainings throughout the United States and internationally for child custody evaluators and others working with high-conflict families of divorce. Dr. Stahl is on the Editorial Review Board of AFCC's journal, *Family Court Review* and he is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Child Custody*. Along with his teaching, Dr. Stahl has written extensively on various issues in high-conflict divorce and custody evaluations. He is the author of *Conducting Child Custody Evaluations: A Comprehensive Guide* (Sage, 1994), *Complex Issues in Custody Evaluations* (Sage, 1999), and *Parenting After Divorce* (Impact Publishers, 2000). Dr. Stahl's custody evaluation was cited by the California Supreme Court in its recent landmark decision modifying 8 years of case law following Burgess.

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