



◆ LEFCC ◆



Litigation and Evaluation involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases (LEFCC)

IVAT Speciality Certification for Family Court Professionals

Litigation and Evaluation involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases (LEFCC) is a grant subsidized innovative specialized training for family court lawyers, mental health professionals, and child custody evaluators, sponsored by the Professional Consortium on Abuse Allegations in Family Court. Certification at each site is limited to 50 individuals - 25 attorneys and 25 mental health professionals/custody evaluators. Accepting applications on a first come, first served basis until capacity reached at each site. Advocates, students, and others who do not want/need certification are invited to apply for the Friday (Day 1 only) session.

◆ Advanced Training Criteria

- Requiring some previous experience and/or training in areas of domestic violence, child maltreatment and family law
- Registrants must attest to six hours of education and training on domestic violence and/or child maltreatment in the last five years

◆ Program Highlights

The 30-hour certification program consists of 20 hours in-person training and 10 hours of online webinars. Faculty consultations and technical assistance available for those in the certification program.

- In-person training takes place over 2 1/2 days. Certification at each site is limited. **Advocates, students, and others who do not want/need certification are invited to apply for the Friday (Day 1 only) session.**
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Continuing Education (CE) Credits are available.

◆ Upcoming Dates and Locations

- **September 08th - 10th, 2023** @ Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, New Jersey
- **November 03rd - 05th, 2023** @ Embassy Suites by Hilton Miami International Airport

◆ Program Cost

DAY 1 TRAINING ONLY, WITHOUT CLE/CE'S - \$75

DAY 1 TRAINING ONLY, WITH CLE/CE'S - \$100

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ONLY - \$200

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM with CE/CLE's - \$300

◆ Benefits of Certification

- Learn how to analyze, evaluate, litigate, and respond to cases involving allegations of child abuse and domestic violence
- Improve your understanding of challenges that arise in child custody cases
- Build capacity to utilize effective legal strategies, expert testimony, and custody evaluations
- Join a network of trained attorneys, GALs, mental health professionals, custody evaluators, and expert witnesses from around the country for referrals and consulting



APPLY TODAY!

Program Highlights

In-person training takes place over 2.5 days and certification at each site is limited. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

Applications from individuals wishing to obtain certification (full program) OR attend the Day 1 training must be accepted to register for training. Enrollment is open until spots are filled in each category. Applicants to provide a personal statement describing their interest and commitment in the certification program and in attending the in-person and subsequent trainings. Decisions for admittance to training/certification is based on expertise, commitment, and personal statement - people who are actively working on these cases and committed to child safety. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Continuing Education Credits (CE) are available.

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◆ Benefits

◆ Family law attorneys will:

- Effectively litigate contested child custody cases that have family violence/abuse allegations
- Gain skills to combat theories/labels used to deflect or deny family violence/abuse allegations
- Utilize litigation skills including cross-examination of experts, theory of the case, use of experts, and familiarity with the research and misconceptions in these cases
- Work with and learn how to select appropriate child custody evaluators in these cases
- Collaborate with mental health professionals in the best interest of the child and to promote child safety

◆ Mental health professionals will:

- Improve accuracy in evaluating contested child custody cases with allegations of family violence/abuse
- Utilize appropriate techniques in conducting a child custody evaluation in contested cases
- Write competent reports, testify effectively, and manage cross-examination
- Be more capable to distinguish victims of family violence from offenders
- Critically examine the research and any proposed labels or theories used to deny/deflect family violence/abuse allegations
- Collaborate as experts with attorneys in the best interest of the child to promote child safety

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