

Crisis & Resiliency: Reimagining the Future

Family Law Conference

Speaker Bios

Main Session

Key Note: Professor Solangel Maldonado

Professor Solangel Maldonado's research and teaching interests include family law, feminist legal theory, race and the law, and international and comparative family law. Over the past decade, her scholarship has focused on the intersection of race and family law and the law's influence on social norms of post-separation parenthood. She is currently working on a book that examines how the law shapes romantic preferences and how these preferences perpetuate racial hierarchy and economic and social inequality.

Professor Maldonado is one of the reporters of the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law (in progress) and co-editor of Family Law: Cases and Materials (Foundation Press, 7th ed. 2019) (with Judith Areen, Marc Spindelman, and Philomila Tsoukala) and Family Law in the World Community (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2015) (with D. Marianne Blair, Merle H. Weiner, and Barbara Stark). She also serves on the editorial board of the American Bar Association's Family Law Quarterly.

Prior to joining the Seton Hall faculty, Professor Maldonado was a litigation associate with Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP and with Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood in New York. She also clerked for then District Court Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., now on the United States Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. from Columbia College and her J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and the Managing Editor of the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law. She has taught at Cardozo Law School, the University of Illinois College of Law, and Columbia Law School, where she was a visiting scholar in the Center for the Study of Law and Culture in 2015-2016.

Lunch Plenary: Abuse in Later Life

Janice Martin is a retired District Court Judge from Louisville, Kentucky. She has the distinction of being the first African American female Judge in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She was appointed to the bench in March, 1992, elected in November, 1992, and served in the Judiciary without opposition until her retirement in 2009. From 2009-2016, she served as a Senior Status Judge, presiding over District, Circuit, and Family Courts throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Judge Martin is a faculty member of the National Judicial Institute on Elder Abuse, and the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. She trains Judges and other professionals nationally on the issues of Elder Law, Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence. She has provided trainings, for numerous state Judicial Conferences, on these topics. She has served as a Consultant for the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Futures Without Violence, and the National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).

Judge Martin is a former Prosecutor, Bar Counsel for the Kentucky Bar Association, Private Practitioner, Staff Attorney for Legal Aid, and an Instructor at the University of Louisville. She chaired the first Kentucky Task Force on Racial Fairness in the Courts, and has served on the Kentucky Task Forces on Lawyer Discipline, and Public Advocacy. She has been a Board Member of: The Louisville Bar Association, and the Louisville Bar Foundation, in addition to other numerous civic, and charitable boards. Judge Martin is the recipient of the first Louisville Bar Association Trailblazer Award, the University of Louisville Outstanding Alumni Award: Alumni Fellow, and the University of Louisville Order of Merit Award. Judge Martin was inducted into the Jefferson County Office for Women, Hall of Fame. Judge Martin received her B.A. with honors from the University of Louisville, and her J.D. from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Afternoon Plenary Post Separation Abuse

Anadelle M. Martinez-Mullen, JD, is Battered Women's Justice Project's Director of SAFeR, an approach to achieving safe and workable custody arrangements in cases involving domestic abuse. She began her work in this field as an advocate, spending fourteen years working for Jacksonville Florida's Hubbard House, Inc. assisting victims of intimate partner violence achieve a violence-free life. She served in the positions of outreach advocate, shelter case manager, court advocate, specialized service coordinator, and outreach services manager. Upon graduating from Florida Coastal School of Law and her admission to the Florida Bar she went into the private practice of family law. She also served as an Adjunct Professor at Florida Coastal School of Law. Before coming to BWJP, she served as the Hubbard House's Senior Attorney for the Injunction for Protection Project representing survivors in civil protection order actions.

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Tracy Shoberg is the Deputy Director of the SAFeR Project with the Battered Women's Justice Project. Before joining BWJP, Tracy was a family law staff attorney at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services serving low-income clients in eleven southeastern Minnesota counties. She worked under the Office of Justice Programs grant representing victim-survivors in civil matters, including orders for protection, harassment restraining orders, custody, and divorce cases. While at SMRLS, Tracy also assisted Goodhue County in drafting their first Safe Harbor Protocol as part of the countywide effort to respond to the needs of human trafficking victim-survivors. Tracy attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving BAs in English and Gender Studies, and the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating in May 2016. Tracy returned to BWJP in 2020 after interning in the summer of 2014. She has committed herself to this work since 2012 when she began working at End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (formerly the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

AM Workshops

Trauma Informed Family Conflict Resolution

Lorena Reynolds is a practicing attorney and mediator with 24 years of experience with high conflict families. She is a frequent public speaker on a variety of topics. She presents at CLEs, teaches at Oregon State University, and is often a keynote speaker at events. Her presentations are dynamic and engaging with a focus on moving beyond the surface issues quickly so that time is spent addressing the complexity of real life and developing skills that will help improve lives.

Kristen Jocums is a practicing mediator and parenting coordinator for 10 years, a former family law attorney with 9 years' experience, and has CLE presentation experience ranging from mini sessions to full day neutrals training. She also has 28 years of experience coordinating conferences designed to engage participants in interesting and impactful ways

Resist and Refuse: Understanding and Overcoming Parental Alienation

Hon. Dawn McIntosh is the presiding judge at Clatsop County Circuit Court and serves on the PIOS Subcommittee of the SFLAC.

Dr. Wendy Bourg is a clinical psychologist who specializes in helping families in high conflict divorce and helping make sense of allegations of child abuse. She serves on the PIOS Subcommittee of the SLFAC.

Kathleen Zumpano is a child development specialist and child and family therapist who assists families as they work through decisions related to a separation/divorce and co-parenting. She serves on the PIOS Subcommittee of the SFLAC.

Judith Swinney, J.D. is a parenting coach and child welfare mediator with the Oregon Department of Human Services and the New Mexico Children's Court Mediation Program. She facilitates the Parenting Beyond Conflict class online, and is an instructor in the court-mandated parent education classes in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. She serves on the PIOS Subcommittee of the SFLAC, and is a board member of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Protection Orders and Firearm Implications

Sarah Sabri is a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Oregon Department of Justice. She received her B.A. from Portland State University and her J.D. from the University of Oregon. Sarah began working in the field of domestic violence in 2005 as a prosecutor in Lincoln County, Oregon. She joined the Lane County District Attorney's Office in October 2007, and continued her work in the field of domestic violence, and was an active member of Lane County's pre-trial monitoring program, child abuse MDT, DV Child Witness Project, and the Domestic Violence Council. Sarah is a founding member of the Lane County Domestic Violence Prosecution Team, and served as the Trial Team Leader from 2016-2018. Sarah joined the Oregon Department of Justice Criminal Justice Division in July of 2018 as the statewide Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor. In that role, she acts as a resource to prosecutors, law enforcement, and partner agencies around the state on legal and policy issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Sarah has provided training on the subject of domestic violence to community organizations, community-based advocacy groups, prosecutors, multi-disciplinary teams, and law enforcement, including the Lincoln and Lane County Reserve Academy programs. Sarah is a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) certified DV Instructor. She is currently the coordinator of the Lane County Domestic Violence Council and is the Attorney General's designee to the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force. She is the co-chair of the Oregon Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

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Debra Dority is a State Support Unit (SSU) Attorney at the Oregon Law Center (OLC) and provides mentoring and technical assistance on family law and domestic violence to attorneys at the OLC and Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO). Before joining the SSU, Debra worked at the Pendleton LASO office and the Hillsboro OLC office. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, she has been a legal aid lawyer since 2005. Throughout her legal career, Debra's practice focused on providing legal services to rural victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in protective order and family law cases. She has also represented clients in a Title IX sexual-discrimination case and an international abduction case. Debra's move to the SSU has allowed her work on statewide policy issues related to domestic and sexual abuse and stalking. Debra is the Vice Chair of the State Family Law Advisory Committee, chairing its Domestic Violence Sub-committee, and is a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's Law and Policy Work Group and the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. Debra was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 2005.

Case Resolution Models: IDRT, Status Conferences, Settlement Conferences

Samantha Malloy has practiced for over 31 years in New York, Florida and Oregon, with a concentration on domestic relations since 2004. In response to the growing access to justice gap, and assisted by the remote access modality of the pandemic, Samantha redesigned her traditional practice to focus entirely on unbundled services for self-represented individuals. Samantha served as a pro tempore judge, Attorney Representatives for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Samantha taught at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and spoken at the University of Oregon Law School Art of the Possible for the last 4 years.

Sean Trimble is an attorney with Oregon Legal Resolution Services (OLRS), an unbundled legal services that focuses exclusively on non-traditional legal services providing mediation and support for clients representing themselves, including litigation coaching and legal document support. Sean was admitted to the Oregon Bar in 2011 before which he practiced in California in the area of criminal law.

Judge Armstrong has served on the Marion County bench since 2016. As part of his judicial duties, Judge Armstrong created and runs a docket comprised entirely of self-represented litigants with custody and parenting time cases. He encourages collaborative resolution of cases through court-sponsored mediation and judicial settlement conferences when appropriate, and also educates litigants on the value of the Informal Domestic Relations Trial Rules as a mechanism for ensuring that self-represented litigants have access to the court's decision-making process in a way that provides them with a meaningful opportunity to be heard. Prior to his appointment, he was an associate and then shareholder at Garrett Hemann Robertson PC in Salem, focusing his practice on family law matters from 2004 until he was appointed to the bench. He has volunteered his time by serving as the Marion County Bar Association President, and has served on the State Family Law Advisory Committee since 2019, as well as the SFLAC Parental Involvement and Outreach Subcommittee. He also serves as a member of the Marion County Domestic Violence Counsel, and as Chair of the Marion County Family Law Advisory Committee. Judge Armstrong has co-authored several state and local family law forms, written and revised Marion County Supplemental Local Rules on family law topics for adoption, and frequently presents CLE material to attorneys, judges, mediators, and law students, addressing all aspects of substantive family law issues, as well as family law trial and settlement practice.

PM Workshops

Zoom Mediation v Room Mediation

Linda Scher is a partner at Parting Waters Mediation, LLC, which provides private family mediation services. She has been a family mediator since 1986. Linda is a former SFLAC member and former chair of the Parenting Plan Outreach Subcommittee (now Parental Involvement and Outreach Subcommittee, aka "PIOS"). She will complete her term of service on the PIOS in September. Since 1986, Linda has been a frequent family mediation speaker, trainer and role play coach.

Katie Behel is a partner at Parting Waters Mediation, LLC, which provides private family mediation services. She has been a family mediator since 2015. Katie accrued her family mediation supervision hours and certifications as an Advanced Domestic Relations Intern at Clackamas County Resolution Services. She completed the Master's Program at the University of Oregon's School of Law, Conflict Resolution Program, and underwent training for Imago counseling.

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Lawyers for Children, Why and How

Erin Morris is an attorney in private practice and partner in Morris, Stannard and Batalden. She received her JD from Willamette in 2012. She practices exclusively family law and, while based in Portland, has handled cases around the state, including representation of children.

Hon. Keith Raines is a Senior Circuit Court Judge. He received his JD from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1976, practiced with Roosevelt Robinson until starting the St Andrew Legal Clinics in 1979. He was appointed to the Washington County Bench in 2001 and retired January 1, 2021. He was the Chief Family Law Judge there for over 10 years. He now serves on SFLAC and chairs the Circuit Court Judges Association Family Law Committee.

Greg Soriano is an attorney in private practice at Soriano and Associates. He received his BA from U of Washington and JD from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1973. He has practiced family law exclusively since 1983 and has received numerous recognitions for his excellence in practice. Based in Portland, he practices statewide and has represented children in multiple jurisdictions. He has served as a Multnomah County pro tem judge and served over 20 years as a Washington County pro tem judge.

Hon. Susan Svetkey is a Circuit Court Judge in Multnomah County where she is the Chief Family Law Judge. She received her BA from NYU and a MA Ed from U of O. She received her JD from U of O in 1977. She was appointed to the bench in 2000. She developed and, with her staff, administers the Children's Representation Project which provides children with representation in family law cases.

Hon. Kelly Lemarr is a Washington County Circuit Court Judge and serves on the family law team. She received her BA from George Fox and her JD from Willamette Law School in 2003. She began her family law practice at St Andrew Legal Clinic in 2003 and managed the Washington County branch until elected to her position in 2020, starting in January 2021. She serves on SFLAC's Education Subcommittee.

Child Support Program and IV-D Changes

Hon. Maureen McKnight retired in 2019 after 17 years on the bench in Multnomah County where she served as Chief Family Court Judge and handled primarily family, juvenile, and criminal matters. She continues to serve as a Plan B Judge wherever assigned in Oregon and serves on the Oregon Judicial Department Strategic Planning 2020-21 Steering Committee. Prior to her appointment to the bench in March 2002, she worked for Oregon's legal aid programs for over two decades. In that role she handled individual cases as well as provided statewide assistance on policy and litigation matters involving family law and later served as Director of the Multnomah County Office of Legal Aid Services of Oregon. Her interest both before and on the bench has focused on systemic family law issues affecting low-income Oregonians, including access to justice issues, operation of the state's child support program, and the response of Oregon's communities to domestic violence. She was involved as an attorney with a wide range of legislative efforts and as a judge and attorney has authored and presented materials on a wide range of issues including self-representation, legislation, the Family Abuse Prevention Act, the Violence Against Women Act, modifications, child support, procedure, and evidence. Among other associations, she was a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD) Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee (SFLAC), OJD's Judicial Leadership and Education Committee, several Oregon eCourt committees, and the Advisory Board for the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services. She is the recipient of awards for her contributions to family law (the SFLAC's 2019 Wallace P. Carson, Jr., Outstanding Achievement Award), juvenile court improvement work (2018 Chief Justice Champion Award), community collaboration on domestic violence (2015 Judge Stephen B. Herrell Award), for advocating improvements in Oregon's Child Support Program (2002), for Public Service to the Oregon State Bar (2000), and for Promoting Women in the Legal Profession and the Community (Oregon Women Lawyers' 2000 Justice Betty Roberts Award). Judge McKnight is a 1979 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law.

Kate Cooper Richardson is the director of the Oregon Department of Justice Division of Child Support and the Oregon Child Support Program, Oregon's federal Title IV-D program. Kate joined the DOJ in 2010, and was appointed by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum in January 2013 as director. A graduate of Willamette University School of Law, her 24-year public service career spans all three branches of state government, including eight years as Chief of Staff to the Oregon State Treasurer. Kate is a past board member and serves on the Policy & Government Relations Committee of NCSEA, the national child support professionals' organization.

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Kate Cooper Richardson is also the Vice President of the National Council of Child Support Directors, a member of Oregon Women Lawyers and the Mary Leonard Law Society, and a long-time board member of a local affordable housing nonprofit. Kate has served on the Chief Justice's State Family Law Advisory Committee (SFLAC) since 2013.

Dawn M. Marquardt is the Deputy Director of the Oregon Child Support Program at the Oregon Department of Justice. Dawn manages the staff in the DOJ Division of Child Support Fiscal and Contracts offices as well as the managers of the Policy Team, Communications and Education, Constituent Services and Executive Support. She serves as the Statewide Tribal Liaison for the Oregon Child Support Program. Dawn is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, Oregon, and Colorado. Prior to her move to Oregon in 2014, she was a child support attorney in two Wisconsin counties (Dane and Columbia). Before joining the public sector, after graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School Dawn was in private practice in Columbia County, Wisconsin, focusing on family law issues.

Claudia Garcia Groberg earned her B.A from Idaho State University in 1994 and her J.D from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2003. After law school, Claudia clerked at the Lane County Circuit Court for the Honorable Lauren Holland, worked as a staff attorney at the Workers' Compensation Board, and joined the Oregon Department of Justice in 2006. She is currently the Attorney In Charge of the Civil Recovery Section at DOJ. Claudia provides legal advice to the DOJ Division of Child Support and represents the agency in several counties. She also appears at monthly wage withholding hearings at the Siletz Tribal Court and once a year for per capita distribution hearings. When she's not working, Claudia enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband, three grown sons, two grandchildren, three dogs, and an assortment of cats.

Futures Subcommittee; Remote Services/COVID-19 Transition

Hon. Matthew Donohue was appointed to the Benton County Circuit Court Judge in 2013. He was then elected as a Judge in 2014 and re-elected in 2020. He currently serves on the SFLAC Data Subcommittee and the State Protective Proceedings Advisory Committee (SPPAC). He also serves on OJD's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) and is the Chair of BHAC's Procedural Fairness Subcommittee. Since March 2020 he has, with a few exceptions, presided remotely over all his cases as part of the Benton County Court's COVID-19 protocols. During that time he has heard dozens of remote family law hearings, trials, and protected proceedings.

Ryan Carty is a private attorney whose practice is exclusively focused on the areas of family law and divorce. Ryan has handled hundreds of divorce and custody cases and regularly assists clients with complex income and property division issues. He has appeared in front of more than 60 judges and handled cases in 16 counties throughout Oregon. Ryan was admitted pro hac vice to litigate a particularly complex matter in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Innovations implemented by courts throughout the state during the COVID-19 pandemic have assisted Ryan in his goal of one day appearing in all of Oregon's 36 counties. Ryan has served as a Member of the Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee since 2013. He currently chairs the SFLAC Data, Futures, and Legislative Subcommittees. He also chairs the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section Legislative Subcommittee and regularly testifies before the Oregon State Legislature regarding family law issues. Ryan has assisted in drafting new and revised statutes through the Oregon State Bar's law improvement initiative. Ryan is a frequent speaker at CLEs on various family law related topics and has written chapters for a number of Oregon State Bar Family Law CLE manuals. Ryan and his wife are the increasingly busy parents of 8th, 6th, and 4th grade boys. In their free time they wonder what it would be like to have free time.

SFLAC Chair

Hon. Karrie McIntyre was appointed to the bench in May 2015 and was subsequently elected in 2016. Prior to her appointment she practiced for more than 15 years in both criminal and domestic relations law. Judge McIntyre attended Oregon State University earning a Bachelor's of Science in Forestry and graduated from University of Oregon Law School in 1998. She currently serves as Chair of the State Family Law Advisory Committee and the Lane County Family Law Advisory Committee.