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EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Law
J.D. with honors awarded May, 1987

University of Connecticut
B.A. English, 1981
Dean's List

Northwestern Connecticut Community College
A.A. Liberal Arts, 1979

EXPERIENCE

Counsel To The Fairfield Judicial District Grievance Panel August 2016 to present

Law Office of Sue A. Cousineau, formerly Cousineau & Cousineau January 1995 to present
Position: Partner: General practice of law including the areas of Juvenile Law, Family Law, Residential Real Estate Transactions, Criminal Law and Probate Law. 2005 to present: concentration on guardian ad litem in custody cases.

Hogan & Rini, P.C. April 1994 to December 1994
Position: Associate

OTHER

Volunteer Family Mediator – Community Mediation Center, Hamden, CT 2015- present

Legislative – Judiciary Committee Task Force To Study Legal Disputes Involving The Care And Custody Of Minor Children 2013-2014 (co-chair)

Connecticut Chapter AFCC: Board of Directors 2013 to 2015 (Secretary 2014-2015)

Statewide Grievance Committee 2011 to 2016

Advisory Board -Office of the Child Advocate 2008 to 2011 (Chair 2011)

Standards for Attorneys Representing Parents in Child Protection Matters Working Group - Child Protection Commission 2006

Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children - The Committee on the Quality of Representation of Children and their Families. 2006

Advisory Committee - The Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal and The Center for Children's Advocacy 2004 Fall Symposium - Public Access to Juvenile Court Child Protection Proceedings: Should the Doors be Open or Closed? 2004

Connecticut Juvenile Matters Trial Lawyer's Association, Inc. 2004 to 2010 (President)

Connecticut Juvenile Court Improvement Project 2001-2006

Haddam Killingworth Juvenile Review Board 1997- 1999

Memberships: American Bar Association, Connecticut Bar Association, Middlesex County Bar Association (Secretary 2004-2011), AFCC and Connecticut Chapter AFCC (2013-2015).

Trainings:

- 1997:** Quinnipiac Law School: Interdisciplinary Program – Attorneys and Mental Health Professionals working together to help divorcing families.
- 1999:** American Bar Association's 9th National Conference on Children and the Law: Addressing New and Tough Issues in Children's Legal Advocacy, Washington DC. Pre-conference workshop: Trial Skills for Child Welfare Attorneys
- 2000:** AFCC's 37th Annual Conference-Alienating Access and Attachment, New Orleans, LA.
- 2002:** ABA's 10th National Conference on Children and the Law, Washington DC. Pre-Conference Workshop: An Interdisciplinary Training Program for Children's Representation in Custody Proceedings.
- 2004:** ABA's 11th National Conference on Children and the Law: Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together, Washington DC. Pre-Conference Workshop: Psychology in the Courtroom: Implications for Child Custody Cases in Family Court.
- 2007:** ABA's 12th National Conference on Children in the Law: The Law Promoting Children's Interest: Preparation, Practice, and Policy Reform, Boston, MA
NACC's Annual Conference: Achieving Quality Legal Representation for Children, Families, and the State, Keystone, CO.
- 2010:** Connecticut GAL Training, Quinnipiac University
- 2011:** Massachusetts AFCC: Parental Alienation: Not Just Another Child Custody Case, Weston, MA
- 2012:** AFCC's 49th Annual Conference: Attachment, Brain Science, and Children of Divorce: The ABCD's of Child Development for Family Law, Chicago, IL. Pre-Conference Workshop: Relocation Disputes: Applying Research to Practice.
AFCC's 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations: Research and Practice – Bridging the Gap and Finding the Balance, Phoenix AZ.
- 2013:** Nuts and Bolts of Parent Coordination: Helping High Conflict Parents Resolve Disputes – Chicago, IL
When Nuts are Loose and Bolts Don't Fit: Advance Practices in Parenting Coordination – Chicago, IL
Connecticut AFCC: The Truth About Joint Custody: Weighing the Evidence – Hamden, CT
- 2014:** Connecticut AFCC: Managing High Conflict Personalities in Separation and Divorce – Hamden, CT
40 Hour mediation training – Community Mediation, Hamden, CT
- 2015:** 40 Hour Advanced Divorce Mediation Training - Pathways Legal Group, LLP , Branford, CT
Connecticut AFCC: Intuition, Implicit Judgement & Decision Making in Family Court – Jeffrey J. Rachlinsky, Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law, Cornell University – Wallingford, CT
- 2016:** Managing Intractable Issues in Child Custody Disputes – Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., ABPP – Baltimore, MD
- 2017:** AFCC's 54th Annual Conference: Turning the Kaleidoscope of Family Conflict into a Prism of Harmony – Boston, MA
- 2018:** American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – Family Law Seminar – Quinnipiac Law School
- 2019:** CBA Annual meeting – Family and Ethics track – Parental Alienation and Child Custody (Presenter)