

Syllabus for Continuing Education Program

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Title: **Part I: *Improving Outcomes for Families — How co-parenting apps can prevent families from returning to court and keep them on track for success***

Part II: *Risks and Dangers of Social Media*

Presenters: **Part I: Racheal Howitz**, Senior International Professional Liaison
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Time: 9:40 AM Attendees login to Zoom
9:50 AM Welcome and speaker introduction | Louise Livesay
10:00 - 10:30 AM Part I - Racheal Howitz
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Part II - Steven Bradley

Location: Zoom (*Registered attendees will receive a confirmation email with the link to register with Zoom to then receive the link to join the training.*)

Cost: CLI Members and non-members: \$75
Student – CLI Member: \$15
Student - non CLI Member: \$25
(*A student is currently enrolled in a law school or a graduate/professional training program*)
Annual Platinum, Gold, & Silver Partners: \$0.00

Continuing Education: PENDING 2.0 credits Minnesota CLE, LMFT, and Minnesota Board of Psychology
A self-filing certificate will be provided for LICSW & ADR

Cancellation: Refunds for registration will be processed if notice of cancellation is received by 2/15/23

Who Should Attend: CLI Members, Greater Family Law Community

Educational Level: Advanced

Description Part I

Communication problems plague families in divorce or separation. While more of the correspondence is moving to email and texting, from the court's perspective, these forms of communication are often unreliable and easy to manipulate. In turn, court dockets are continually overloaded with custody cases coming back to court due to communication breakdowns, often with insufficient evidence.

This presentation will advise family law practitioners of communication technology ordered by the court in high-conflict custody and visitation cases. Practitioners will learn how to stay informed of co-parent communication using online tools. Each attendee will receive examples of agreements and court orders currently used to specify parent and practitioner use of OFW, as well as a full demonstration of the available features on OFW.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand how the OFW co-parenting app can help reduce coercive control and conflicting narratives which so often bring families back to court.
2. Examine court orders, agreements, and relevant appellate decisions.
3. Learn how family law practitioners may work with families to assess family needs utilizing these tools and promote successful outcomes.

Outline

- 10:00 – 10:05 Review relevant case types (i.e., high conflict, DV, order for protection) and typical parent behavior within each type. Discuss privacy and security, and the results of the pilot project with the Hennepin County Family Court.
- 10:10 – 10:15 Review the OFW toolset for parents. Analyze the interface and the ways that built-in rules create a framework for amicable communication in a variety of case types.
- 10:15 – 10:20 Demonstrate how the OFW Practitioner App supports the efforts of court-appointed professionals to oversee parent activity and intervene when necessary.
- 10:20 – 10:30 Examine court order and agreement examples including relevant appellate decisions.
- 30 Minutes Total Instruction

Description Part II

Today various forms of technology are being used for: communication, education, entertainment and practically every aspect of our lives. As such, Social Media has become the number one activity online today. As advocates and system partners working with victims and survivors of online harassment and cyberstalking, you have a responsibility to understand the risks of social media and the roles it can play. In this interactive workshop, Steven Bradley will demonstrate technology as it is being used to harass, monitor and threaten victims and survivors of all ages. He will explore smart phone technology, location applications, and commonly and uncommonly used social networking sites.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

Identify common ways teens are harassed via smart phone technology;

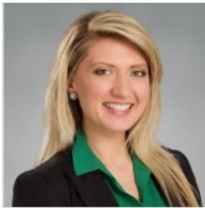
- List at least 3 completely anonymous social media platforms used to harass;
- List three ways social networking can be used to harass, threaten, and monitor;
- Explore evidence preservation strategies for phone technology and social networking; and
- Discuss essential social networking privacy settings.

Outline

- 10:30-10:40 Technology in the Courts
10:40-10:50 Phishing and Malware
10:50-11:00 Cyberstalking and Social Media
11:00-11:10 The Social Media Revolution
11:10-11:20 The Harm in Selfies
11:20-11:30 Grooming and Abduction through Social Media
11:30-11:40 Non-Consensual Pornography / Revenge Porn
11:40-11:50 Tracking Devices and online dating
11:50-12:00 Takeaways and Resources
90 Total minutes of instruction

Instructional Materials for Attendees: None **Examination & Answers:** No exam

About the Presenters:



Racheal Howitz | Racheal has been a professional liaison for the OurFamilyWizard® website since 2016. Her role includes educating Judges, lawyers, and other family law professionals, across the US and internationally, on the online tools that can be utilized to benefit and monitor the parental communication process in family law cases. She is a current board member of AFCC Minnesota and co-chair of the Education Committee.

She graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design receiving a BFA in Photography. Her interests include travel and health & wellness related topics.



Steven Bradley | With an extensive law enforcement career focusing on investigating crimes against persons, specializing in sex crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, and crimes against the elderly, Steven Bradley was recruited by the FBI to start a taskforce that would investigate technology and cyber related crimes. After returning from the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, he began combating many types of technology crimes including child pornography, cyberstalking, financial exploitation, and apprehending child predators. Later in his career, Steve began working with State Coalitions, and local domestic violence/sexual assault

centers on bridging the gaps between law enforcement and community partners to better support survivors and victims. It was there, that Steven led many group discussions and trainings on proper investigative techniques and working together for offender accountability. Now as part of the Our Family Wizard professional team, Steven further promotes the empowerment and healthy communication between separated and divorced parents via technology. Steven is nationally recognized as an expert on law enforcement's response to intimate partner violence, abuse of the elderly, and stalking/cyberstalking. As a National Trainer for the past 20 years, Steven is known for his real-world practical education and has provided training throughout the United States and U.S Territories on many related topics.