



COLLABORATIVE ADVANCED TRAINING
Wednesday September 13, 2017
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This course is designed for Attorneys, Financial Professionals & Mental Health Professionals.

**Why Long-Term Spousal Support Makes Everybody Crazy:
 An Interdisciplinary Approach to Creating
 Predictability and Limiting Future Conflict**

Dinner Included

Presenters: Jeffery S. Jacobson, JD, CFLS, Elizabeth Potter Scully, JD, CFLS,
 Jaye-Jo Portanova, MD, and Dawn Strachan, CDFI®

In long-term marriages, courts have considerable discretion regarding the amount and duration of spousal support. While traditional spousal support orders allow for future modifications of support, the process of spousal support modifications often results in extensive financial and emotional cost, while perpetuating conflict for years or decades after a couple's divorce. Many divorcing couples share a mutual interest in spousal support outcomes that result in certainty and predictability. An interdisciplinary Collaborative team can provide parties with resources and information necessary to reach agreements that truly create closure. The skills of mental health professionals to manage client emotions and work with the other professionals to communicate effectively is an integral part of the training.

This workshop will provide tools for practitioners to assist clients in making challenging decisions that address mutual interests with regard to spousal support and to assist clients to avoid future litigation.

When: 9-13-2007 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration and dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.	Location: El Torito Restaurant 60 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 <i>Less than 1 mile from Expo/Bundy Metro Station</i>
Cost: \$45.00 LACFLA Members \$55.00 Non-members	Application pending for CEU's for MFT, LPCC, LEP and/or LCSW attendees. MCLE's for Attorneys.
How to Register: Attendance is limited. Sign-up on-line at www.lacfla.org . Please contact Jena Stara at 310-826-2500 or jls@starafamilylaw.com with any questions or issues.	

Requests for accommodations for disability can be made via email at info@lacfla.org.

Faculty:

JEFFERY S. JACOBSON, JD, CFLS, is partner at the Family Law firm of Jacobson Scully Shebby LLP, with offices in West Los Angeles and Hermosa Beach. His practice is devoted exclusively to Family Law, with a special focus on Consensual Dispute Resolution (including Mediation and Collaborative Practice). He is certified as a Specialist in Family Law by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Jeffery is the past chair of the Family Law Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center. Jeffery previously served on the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association. He is a member of Los Angeles Westside Collaborative Divorce Professionals and A Better Divorce, interdisciplinary groups of professionals in Los Angeles and the South Bay committed to non-court solutions for family law matters.

JAYE JO PORTANOVA, MD, is an experienced adult and child psychiatrist specializing in mediation, co-parenting counseling, collaborative law, attorney/client consultation, and family therapy. She received her medical degree at UCLA. She interned in pediatrics, and completing her residency and fellowship in adult psychiatry and child psychiatry, respectively. She is board certified in both adult and child psychiatry. Dr. Portanova was also selected by Los Angeles Superior Court Judges to serve on the Downtown Los Angeles Psychiatric Custody Evaluation Panel and has performed numerous child custody evaluations. She is an experienced mediator with expertise at managing complex high conflict family law cases. Dr. Portanova practices collaborative law as a divorce and child specialist coach with A Better Divorce, the Center for Conflict Resolution and Peace Talks. Dr. Portanova mediates divorce cases privately and is a parent plan coordinator for high conflict custody issues. In addition to her clinical practice, she participates as a mediation trainer and speaks at continuing education seminars. Dr. Jaye Jo Portanova has been practicing in the Los Angeles area for the past 33 years. Her extensive training and experience with parents and children provides her with unique skills to facilitate families through this difficult and stressful time.

ELIZABETH POTTER SCULLY, JD, CFLS, received her B.A. in Classics (Latin) magna cum laude from Harvard, and her J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of Law. Her practice is devoted to Family Law, and includes litigation, pre and post marital agreements, mediation and minor's counsel work. Elizabeth is certified as a Specialist in Family Law by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. She has represented over 100 children in contested custody matters in Probate and Family Court. Prior to the formation of Jacobson Scully Shebby LLP, Elizabeth practiced first at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP, then as a partner at Kaufman, Young, Spiegel, Robinson & Kenerson LLP. Elizabeth has trained extensively in the areas of Family Law Mediation and Collaborative Law. She has also taught legal writing and professional responsibility at Whittier College of Law. Elizabeth serves on the Family Law Executive Committee of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and on the Board of Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center, a nonprofit law firm serving the working poor. She also volunteers as a Pro Bono Attorney for the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law. In addition, she is an Adjunct Professor at UCLA School of Law. Elizabeth is known for her reassuring demeanor, the high quality of her written and oral communications, and her deescalating, insightful and solution-oriented approach to Family Law matters.

DAWN STRACHAN, CDFA®, is a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst (CDFA™), Financial Advisor and Financial Life Planner. Dawn has been working with divorcing couples and individuals since 2001. As a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst, Dawn is experienced in working with clients helping them identify and understand the financial issues of divorce. She is instrumental in assisting her clients in arriving at a settlement that is beneficial for all by empowering them with the financial information that is often overlooked in the divorce process. What appears to be an equitable settlement today may not be fair tomorrow. Through software specifically designed to handle the financial aspects of divorce, Ms. Strachan generates sophisticated financial projections addressing the long term effects of dividing property, integrating into her analysis tax issues, pension plan issues, earnings capabilities, spousal and child support options, liquidity concerns, inflation rates, rates of return on investments, and other financial issues related to separation agreements. The graphic reports generated by Ms. Strachan encourage dialogue between the divorcing parties and facilitates settlement, keeping everyone out of court, which dramatically reduces the cost of divorce.

All Faculty members are independent professionals, members of LACFLA with experience in Collaborative Practice. All have been trained in at least the minimum training standards set by the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

Policies:

Course completion certificates will be awarded based on attendance indicated on sign-in sheets at the completion of the course evaluations.

Fees will be refunded if cancelled 24 hours prior to course start date via email to info@lacfla.org. Cancellations within 24 hours will be credited toward the membership dues.

If there are any questions or issues or grievances, please contact our Program Chair Jena Stara at 310-826-2500 or js@starafamilylaw.com. Course meets the qualifications for hours of continuing education credits for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.