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**“THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATTACHMENT BETWEEN PARENTS  
AND CHILDREN AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILD  
CUSTODY DETERMINATIONS”**

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### **“HANDLING THE FAMILY LAW CUSTODY CASE: PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS”**

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### **Among the Highlights of the Programs Will Be:**

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#### **THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATTACHMENT BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATIONS**

The relationships between parents and their children are one of the cornerstones of custody evaluations. These “attachment relationships” are often described in different and sometimes even misleading ways. The panel will provide an overview of the various ways that parent-child psychological bonds and caretaking relationships can be understood and characterized. Among the topics covered by the panel are:

- Why attachment is emerging as a key and fundamental issue in custody litigation;
- What attorneys need to know about attachment and how it is assessed, including recent key research findings;
- How attachment is misunderstood by experts: tips for effective cross-examination
- How attachment findings relate to custody matters, including:
  - o Recommendations for legal and physical custody
  - o Is there a “primary” parent?
- How to educate the court about the impact of attachment relationships in:
  - o High conflict families
  - o Timeshare schedules
  - o Families with young children
  - o Relocation cases
  - o Long-term planning
  - o Blended families
  - o Domestic violence

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- I. Dealing with Family Law Clients
  - A. From the attorney's perspective
    - Client in crisis: real or imagined
    - Managing expectations
  - B. Human behavior and how it magnifies...
    - Responses to crisis
    - Parent perceptions
    - Grief process
- II. Custody Plans - Ages, Stages and Relationships
  - A. Importance of developmental frame
  - B. Ages and stages
  - C. Individual and relationship factors
- D. Common errors
- E. The pre-litigation psych consultation
- III. Dealing with the adverse custody report
  - A. Be alert to early signs of trouble
    - Uneven procedures
    - Violation of court rules
    - Lack of a systematized process
  - B. Breaking it down:
  - C. Get a work-product consult
    - What experts should look for
  - D. Using a psychologist in the process
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### *Seminar Leaders: Southern California*

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- Listed as a Super Lawyer by L.A. Magazine
- Frequent Lecturer; Author of many published articles

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- Recognized as one of the Top 10 Northern California "Super Lawyers" in 2006
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