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EVENT, PANELS, DISCUSSION, SPONSORS AND MANAGEMENT 08:45-09:00

Abbas Hadjian, Esq., B.A., MPA, J.D., CFLS, Attorney at Law

09:00-09:15 THROUGH THE LENS OF INTERSECTIONALITY: MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE

> Dr. Gitu Bhatia (Psy.D) Clinical Psychologist in private practice. Adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University and Clinical Instructor (Voluntary) David Geffen School

of Medicine at UCLA

09:15-10:30 PANEL 1 - THE MILLENIAL FAMILY: MOVING TOWARD A MARRIAGE-LESS SOCIETY

> Patrice Courteau, Psy.D., MA, LMFT, Mediation/Collaborative Divorce Coach and Child Specialist; Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Supervising Judge (LASC Family Law Division), CFLS, AAML, IAFL; Diana L. Martinez, Esq., Collaborative Lawyer & Mediator, Holstrom, Block & Parke, APLC; Samantha McBride, Esq.

Moderator: Diana L. Martinez, Esq.

10:30-10:45 **TEA & COFFEE BREAK**

10:45-12:00 PANEL 2 - CO-EXISTENCE OF TRADITION & MODERNITY: THE NATIVE AMERICAN'S EXPERIENCE

> Hon, Amy M. Pellman, Judge LASC: Vida Castaneda, Senior Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Operations and Programs Division, Judicial Council of California; Mark A. Vezzola, Esq., Directing

Attorney, California Indian Legal Services Moderator: Hon. Amy M. Pellman

TRADITIONAL PERSIAN LUNCH 12:00-12:45

PANEL 3 - LUNCH WITH YOUR FAMILY LAW JUDGE 12:15-13:15

> Hon. Laura Cohen, Comm. LASC; Hon. Firdaus F. Dordy, Judge LASC; Hon. Mark H. Epstein, Judge LASC; Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Supervising Judge LASC (Family Law Division): Hon, Anna M. Luna, Judge LASC: Hon, Amy Pellman, Judge LASC; Hon. Maria Puente-Porras, Judge LASC; Hon. Anne Richardson, Judge, LASC; Hon. Lawrence P. Riff, Assistant Supervising Judge LASC (Family Law Division); Hon. David A. Rosen, Judge, LASC; Hon. Jonathan L. Rosenbloom, Judge LASC; Hon. Michelle Short, Judge LASC; Hon. Harvey A. Silberman, Judge LASC; Hon. Ashley Tabaddor, President of the National Association of Immigration Judges; Judge

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PANEL 4 - WAR AND MARRIAGE: IMPACT OF WAR ON THE MILITARY'S FAMILIES 13:15-14:30

> Hon. Christine Byrd, Judge LASC; Matthew C. Dolan, Esq.; Dr. Kimberly Finney, Psy. D., ABPP, ABMP, Clinical Associate Professor (USC); Hon. Roy Paul, Judge Ret.; S. Roger Rombro, Esq., CFLS, Rombro and Manley, LLP.; William Spiller, Jr., Esq.; Kathleen West, MPH, Dr PH, Senior Program Manager at Advocates for Human Potential. Inc.

Moderator: S. Roger Rombro, Esq., CFLS

TEA & COFFEE BREAK 14:30-14:45

Panel 5 - Multiple Parenting: Families With More Than Two Legal Parents To a Child 14:45-16:00

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Judge, LASC.

Moderator: Diana M. Goodman, Esq.

16:00-16:15 CLOSING

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The Millenial Family: Moving Toward a Marriage-less Society

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09:15-10:30

In the beginning... marriages were private agreements between individuals and families. It wasn't until 1563 that the sacramental nature of marriage was written into cannon law as a binding commitment between a man and a woman. This quickly evolved into a method of unifying lands and expanding ruling power. As more people began to marry for love, we saw an expansion of the variety of family units including same gender and multi-parent. In a world of swipes and likes, "human connections" has taken on a new meaning. Now with marked global decreases in marriages, especially among the millennial generation, the future of marriage and divorce is looking very different.

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Co-existence of Tradition & Modernity: The Native American's Experience

Hon. Amy M. Pellman, Judge LASC; Vida Castaneda, Senior Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Operations and Programs Division, Judicial Council of California; Mark A. Vezzola, Esq., Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services

Moderator: Hon. Amy M. Pellman, Judge LASC

10:45-12:00

The number of American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the U.S. are growing faster than the U.S. population. In the past 20 years it was doubled, from 3.8 million in 2008 (1.01 percent of population), to 5.2 million in 2013 (2%), to nearly 7 million now. It is projected to 11.2 million in 2060. California has the largest percentage of Native Americans and nearly 55,000 live in Los Angeles. The concept of marriage and the ceremony for Native Americans can vary based on particular tribal beliefs and practices. There also may be different requirements when filing divorce in tribal court, which would vary from tribe to tribe, yet there are no specific pleading or discovery rules regarding Native American spouses in state family law cases.

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War and Marriage: Impact of War on the Military's Families

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Moderator: S. Roger Rombro, Esq., CFLS.

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California is home to nearly 185,000 active Service Men and Women (2017) and 1.8 million Veterans (2016). With a family of 5, nearly 10 million or 25% of 40 million Californians (1 out of 4) are facing medical, psychological, social, financial, and mental consequences of war for the generations to come. There are more than death, loss of body parts, fear, nightmares and frustration of war affecting a Service Person. From PTSD, to mental illness, to sexual trauma, to substance abuse, to suicidal thought a Service Person carries specific characteristics unlike his/her civilian counterparts. A "Military Litigant" has procedural limitation and protections unparalleled with civilians. The "Military Family" has unique substantive issues of property, child and spousal support affected by both Federal and State laws.

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14:45-16:00

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This made news even in Netherland in those days. Today all 5 of them celebrated their common 14-years-old teenager. The traditional concept of Parenthood has been completely changed. Today's children have either no Father or more than 2 Fathers. The idea of a "nuclear family" has been gone with the "Baby Boomers". The custodial rights of Co-parents and half-siblings are recognized in Family Code and now it is "in" to have children of "pink families".

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