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## **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – SCOTT MANN**

**Budget and Finance:** Chaired by the AAML Treasurer, this committee is a standing committee that addresses budgetary issues and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors regarding the budget and finances of the AAML, including the dues structure. This committee oversees the submission and adherence by committees to their budgets.

**Chair:** Jason Naimi

**Vice Chair:** Melissa Avery

**Members:**

Lindley Bain

Bobbie Batley

Suzanne Baumgardner

Laura Belleau

Lori Buiteweg

Maria Cagnetti

Wynter Collins

Katie Connell

John Durward

Michael Flores

David Griffin

Bryan Johnson

Elizabeth Lindsey

Scott Mann

Jim Mueller

Christopher Nicholson

Anita Rodarte

Thomas Sasser

Lisa Ann Sharpe

Brian Sobol

Melanie Straw-Boone

Kristal Thomson

Amanda Trigg

**By-Laws & Policies:** The By-Laws & Policy Committee is a standing committee. The committee recommends to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors for changes and improvements in the Academy's By-Laws. The committee reviews and approves the by-laws of chapters. Members include the First Vice President, the President-Elect, and Counsel, as well as one of the five Vice Presidents, the Committee provides written descriptions of the Policies that govern the operations and work of the Academy and makes proposals to the Executive Committee and Board of Governors for new Policies and revisions to existing Policies.

**Chair:** Melisa Avery

**Members:**

TBD

**Contract Review Committee:** The purpose of this Committee is to review all substantive contracts entered on behalf of the Academy.

**Chair:** Anita Ventrelli

**Members:**

Jason Naimi

Ben Stevens

Laura Belleau

Bobbie Batley

***History/Photo Committee:*** The History Committee is charged with the responsibility of attempting to preserve the records and history of the Academy from its inception over fifty years ago. The committee is open to anyone who can contribute knowledge or information relative to our founding and the early years of the Academy.

**Chair:** Christy Albano

**Vice Chair:** Natalie Webb

**Members:**

Meighan Harmon

John Manoogian

Laura Smith

Lauren Waddell

***Sponsorship:*** The standing Sponsorship Committee generates financial sponsors for Academy functions and projects.

**Chairs:** Brent Cashatt and Jim Mueller

**Vice Chair:** Joanie Moberg

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## MEMBERSHIP DIVISION – AMANDA TRIGG

**Member Recruitment:** This committee focuses on identifying and mentoring potential new Fellows. The committee works with Chapters to implement best practices.

**Chair:** Rebecca Millenback and Aiden Welsh

**Members:**

Staci Balbirer

Ryan Bauerle

Abigail Beebe

Alma Benavides

Amy Britt

Sandra (Sandy) Brooks

Aaron Bundy

Cassie Chin

Katie Connell

Carolyn Daly

Joseph DeMarco

Angela England

Addison Fender

Rod Firoozye

Michael Fried

Rebekah Frye

Jennifer Gadow

Samantha Gemberling

SyMone Hinderaker

Joseph Hunt

Tamika Jones Abendroth

Lisa Kallemeyn

Mitchell Kelling

Amy Kennedy

Katie King

Allison Lee

Victoria Lewis

Ronald Lieberman

Keith Maples

Patrick Maurer

Rhian McGrath

Lisa McNorton

Rebecca Millenbach

Amy Mollengarden

Tammy Moon

Ryan Nowlin

Katherine Provost

Steve Rakowski

Lyne Ranson

Ronique Bastine Robinson

Lee Rosenberg

Sara Schuler

Kelly Shindell DeLacey

Matthew Skarin

Shea Stevens

Cindy Tisdale

Amanda Trigg

Lori Vitale

Lauren Waddell

Lynn Ward

Aidan Welsh

Stephanie Winegrad

**Member Benefits:** This committee evaluates Academy offerings to the Fellows and identifies new areas to provide Fellowship value.

**Chair:** Kiilu Davis

**Vice Chairs:** Julie Leveridge and David Griffin

**Members:**

Cassie Chin

Angela England

Addison Fender

Elizabeth James

Susan Jensen

Angela Lallemond

Victoria Lewis

David Marple

Patrick Maurer

Ashley McDowell

Rhian McGrath

Jim Mueller

Susan Myres

Sara Schuler

**Member Retention:** This committee works on retaining Fellows through outreach and identifying areas that are problematic.

**Chair:** Samantha Gemberling

**Vice Chair:** Katie Connell

**Members:**

Alma Benavides

Rebecca Byrd

Gordon Cruse

Joy Feinberg

Addison Fender

Meighan Harmon

Susan Jensen

Amy Kennedy

Aimee Key

Angela Lallemond

Victoria Lewis

David Marple

Patrick Maurer

Sandra Mayberry

Tammy Moon

Lyne Ranson

Anita Rodarte

Debra Schoenberg

Cindy Tisdale

Rebecca West

Natalia Wilson

**Admissions Standards and Procedures:** This standing Committee addresses and studies the Academy admissions process, standards, and related issues making recommendations to the Executive Committee and overseeing the operations of the admissions process from applicant inquiry to acceptance as a Fellow.

**Chair:** Natalie Lemos

**Vice Chair:** Lisa McNorton

**Members:**

Staci Balbirer

Bobbie Batley

Ryan Bauerle

Suzanne Baumgardner

Nicole Bearse

Abigail Beebe

Michele Bissada

Jennifer Bradley

Cassie Chin  
Julie Cillo  
Maria Cognetti  
Addison Fender  
Michael Fried  
Caryn Green  
Megan Hill  
Wijdan Jreisat  
Leigh Kahn  
Lisa Kallemeyn  
Amy Kennedy  
Margaret Kerouac  
Maxine Kunz  
Allison Lee  
Victoria Lewis  
Patrick Maurer  
Matthew Mady  
Ashley McDowell  
Amy Mollengarden  
Kathryn Murphy

Christopher Nicholson  
Katherine Provost  
Ronique Bastine Robinson  
Anita Rodarte  
Elizabeth Rosenbaum  
Thomas Sasser  
David Schaffer  
Brian Sobol  
Melanie Straw-Boone  
Cindy Tisdale  
Amanda Trigg  
Paul Tusch  
Donald Tye  
Mary Vidas  
Lynn Ward  
Rory Weiler  
Aidan Welsh  
Rebecca West  
Stephanie Winegrad

***Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Considerations in Family Law:*** Acknowledging the Academy's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, this committee will work to address the lack of diversity within the Academy membership; provides continuing education to benefit the membership so that the cultural, religious, and racial differences of clients are recognized and addressed with sensitivity; and sponsor monthly programs, often with speakers, designed to facilitate the membership's knowledge, self-awareness, and competence when relating to diverse individuals.

**Chair:** Ronique Bastine Robinson

**Vice Chair:** John Chason

**Members:**

Shelby Benton  
Phyllis Bossin  
Barbara Burr  
Rod Firoozye  
Martin Friedlander  
Samantha Gemberling  
Donna Gibbs  
Michael Gillen  
Vanessa Hammer  
Lisa Hawrot

Tamika Jones Abendroth  
Wijdan Jreisat  
Maxine Kunz  
Alexandra Leichter  
Elizabeth Lindsey  
Kathryn Murphy  
Lorie Nachlis  
Gary Rosen  
Dawn Smith

**National Test:** The National Test Committee is responsible for administering and scoring the National Admissions Exam currently three (3) times each year. Each year it reviews and updates questions as necessary to ensure that the exam is relevant, accurate and appropriately challenging. The committee is responsible for coordinating with the Admissions Committee on issues relating to the notification of examination topics to Applicants and the contents of the online bibliography of study materials.

**Chairs:** Carla Stern and Elisha Roy

**Members:**

Jeffery Alford  
Staci Balbirer  
Nicole Bearse  
Abigail Beebe  
Michele Bissada  
Maria Cognetti  
Carolyn Daly  
Caryn Green  
Kristin Henrikson  
Pamela Holmes  
Andrew Howie  
Joseph Hunt  
Andrea James

Margaret Kerouac  
Allison Lee  
Victoria Lewis  
Ronald Lieberman  
Elizabeth Lindsey  
Patrick Maurer  
Amy Mollengarden  
Hillary Moonay  
Paul Tusch  
Mary Vidas  
Rebecca West  
Stephanie Winegrad  
Carolyn Zack

**Health and Wellness:** This committee educates family law lawyers on identifying and assisting with mental health issues in the profession.

**Chair:** Joani Moberg

**Vice Chair:** Anjela Shutts

**Members:**

Amy Amundsen  
Ryan Bauerle  
Phyllis Bossin  
Jennifer Bradley  
Amy Britt  
Anne Cofer  
Carolyn Daly  
Jessica Drennan  
Angela England  
Addison Fender  
Rebekah Frye  
Jennifer Gadow  
Michael Gillen  
Megan Hill  
Corinne Hoover Six

Joseph Hunt  
Tamika Jones Abendroth  
Mitchell Kelling  
Amy Kennedy  
Aimee Key  
Katie King  
David Marple  
David McGrath  
Rebecca Millenbach  
Amy Mollengarden  
Michael Newell  
John Pappalardo  
Philip Schipani  
Sara Schuler  
Lisa Ann Sharpe



Matthew Skarin  
Shea Stevens  
Angela Stout  
Melanie Straw-Boone  
Cindy Tisdale  
Lori Vitale  
Aidan Welsh

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## EDUCATION DIVISION: TOM SASSER

**CLE 2024** The CLE Committee primarily functions to conduct Continuing Legal Education Seminars at the Annual and Midyear Meetings. The goal of the Committee is to provide the highest quality CLEs to our Fellows. Committee members assist in formulating the subject matter for the CLEs; identifying engaging and dynamic speakers; and facilitating the implementation of the CLE presentations.

**Chair:** Kiilu Davis

**Vice Chair:** Jessica Drennan

**Members:**

Lori Buiteweg

Julie Cillo

John Chason

Nancy Chausow Shafer

Katie Connell

Carolyn Daly

Helen Davis

Michael Flores

Michael Gillen

Brendan Hammer

Meighan Harmon

Jennifer Helland

Leigh Kahn

Justin Key

Steven Kriegshaber

Julie Leveridge

Jonathan Lounsberry

Rhian McGrath

Catherine Miller

**Sandy Mayberry**

Joani Moberg

Kathryn Murphy

Susan Myres

Philip Schipani

Brian Sobol

Cindy Tisdale

Daniel Webb

Adam Wolff

**CLE 2025** The CLE Committee primarily functions to conduct Continuing Legal Education Seminars at the Annual and Midyear Meetings. The goal of the Committee is to provide the highest quality CLEs to our Fellows. Committee members assist in formulating the subject matter for the CLEs; identifying engaging and dynamic speakers; and facilitating the implementation of the CLE presentations.

**Chair:** Elisha Roy

**Members:**

Kristen Algert

Jeffery Alford

Allison Anders

Alisha Ankers

Lindley Bain

Linda Balisle

Jennifer Bingham

Elizabeth (Liz) Bransdorfer

Jeff Brend

Amy Britt

Bonnie Brown

Barbara Burr

Trish Cooper

Amy Cores

Kathleen Egan  
Jennifer Fletchall  
Michael Fried  
Martin Friedlander  
Richard Garriott  
Lisa Graff  
David Griffin  
SyMone Hinderaker  
Andrea James  
Elizabeth James  
Mitchell Kelling  
Margaret Kerouac  
Elizabeth Lindsey  
David Marple  
Ashley McDowell  
David McGrath  
Cary Mogerman  
Valerie Moore

James Murphy  
Ryan Nowlin  
John Pappalardo  
lyne ranson  
david Schaffer  
Lisa Ann Sharpe  
Kelly Shindell DeLacey  
Anjela (Anjie) Shutts  
Matthew Skarin  
Laura Smith  
Paul Smollar  
Drew Soshnick  
Angela Stout  
John Tannenberg  
NoelTonneman  
Paul Tusch  
Lori Vitale  
Shana Vitek

**AAML Scholars Program:** This committee oversees the AAML program that coordinates a summer intern program for underrepresented students. Academy Fellows hire students to work in their offices. The program also includes a curriculum with weekly meetings with the Fellows and periodic Zoom meetings on selected topics.

**Chairs:** Gary Rosen and Kiilu Davis

**Vice Chair:** Vanessa Hammer

**Members:**

Jessica Beauchamp  
Phyllis Bossin  
Julie Cillo  
Rod Firoozye  
Donna Gibbs  
Michael Gillen  
Caryn Green  
Corinne Hoover Six  
Aimee Key

Jonathan Lounsberry  
Cary Mogerman  
Lorie Nachlis  
John Pappalardo  
Dawn Smith  
Natalia Wilson  
Adam Wolff

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee comprises Fellows interested in pursuing alternative ways to resolve conflict. The three main avenues to achieve this are Arbitration, Collaborative Law, and Mediation Subcommittees. **The Arbitration Subcommittee** is responsible for organizing the certified Arbitration Training Institute and webinar, collaborating with ABA and the legislation committee to make strives to pass more uniform laws on arbitration, and updating the arbitrators with more advanced techniques, latest cases, articles, and statutes on the Academy's group page. **The Collaboration**

**Subcommittee** seeks to raise awareness and use of Collaborative Practice to assist families in resolving their disputes respectfully, amiably, and constructively, focusing on the interests and needs of the parties and children. The **Mediation Subcommittee** is responsible for producing basic and advanced mediation training. In addition, the committee updates Fellows on various mediation topics, including confidentiality, conflict of interest, practice techniques, etc., It serves as a resource for addressing issues relevant to Fellows providing mediation.

**Chair:** Amy Amundsen, David Horowitz and Neil Kozek

**Members:**

TBD

***Institute for Family Law Associates:*** The Institute for Family Law Associates Committee is a standing committee. The committee plans and presents a four (4) comprehensive day training program specifically designed for associates of AAML Fellows. Each June, Fellows from throughout the country teach and mentor the family law practice skills of associate attorneys on a variety of topics, including client and file management; understanding 1040s and financial statements; divorce tax issues; evidentiary issues; basics of business valuation in divorce; and other practice hot tips. Appointment to the Committee is made by the President after consultation with the Chair.

**Chairs:** Janet Battey and Lauren Melhart

**Members:**

TBD

***Mentorship Program:*** The Mentorship Committee works to promote the AAML to practicing family law attorneys to help them understand our standards for admission so that they may be prepared to apply for Fellowship when able to do so.

**Chair:** Sandy Brooks

**Vice Chair:** Tori Lewis

**Members:**

Abigail Beebe

Kathleen Egan

Vanessa Hammer

Rhonda Hazen

Rhian McGrath

Lyne Ranson

David Steerman

Julianne Stokes

Vanessa Willis

**National Family Law Conference:** This Committee works to plan the AAML's annual National Family Law Conference, which will launch in May 2024. This three-day CLE seminar is aimed at family law attorneys who have been practicing for 5 to 15 years but have not yet become Fellows. The goal of this Conference is to provide the attendees with Academy-quality CLE programming, a memorable experience, and a desire to one day become a Fellow. Committee members assist in formulating the subject matter for the CLEs; identifying engaging and dynamic speakers; and facilitating the implementation of the Conference.

**Chairs:** Lisa Spencer, Chris Melcher, and Elisha Roy

**Members:**

Sandra (Sandy) Brooks

Michelle Connell

Rod Firoozye

David Horowitz

Lauren Melhart

Ronique Bastine Robinson

**Webinar:** The Webinar Committee is a standing open committee responsible for producing continuing education programs for viewing online either "live" or on-demand. The committee's purpose is to brand the Academy as the premier continuing education provider in the United States and to generate revenue for the Academy.

**Chair:** Steve Mindel

**Vice Chair:** Amy Keating

**Members:**

Barbara Burr

Susan Myres

Kevin Rubin

Lauren Waddell

Aidan Welsh

Patrick Wright

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## **PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY DIVISION: LEIGH KAHN**

**AAML/AFCC Joint Committee:** The AAML/AFCC Joint Conference Committee is a special committee responsible for creating and producing the Joint AAML/AFCC National Conference on custody and child-related issues. Tasks include selecting topics and programs, selecting speakers, and following through to ensure that the program materials are of the highest caliber and submitted on time.

**Chairs:** Lawrence Jay Braunstein and Dawn Smith

**Members:**

Allison Anders  
Alisha Ankers  
Jessica Beauchamp  
Michele Bissada  
Jennifer Bradley  
Aaron Bundy  
Barbara Burr  
Julie Colton  
Lawrence Datz  
Helen Davis  
Jessica Drennan  
Kathleen Egan  
Hank Finesilver

Martin Friedlander  
Rebekah Frye  
Jennifer Helland  
Angela Lallemond  
Alexandra Leichter  
Jonathan Lounsberry  
Sandy Mayberry  
Rob McAngus  
Valerie Moore  
John Pappalardo  
Donald Tye  
Shana Vitek

**AAML/BVR Committee:** This Joint Conference Committee appointed by the President is a special committee responsible for creating and producing the Joint AAML/BVR Conference on tax, finance, and valuation issues. Tasks include selecting topics and programs, selecting speakers, and following through to ensure the program materials are of the highest caliber and submitted on time.

**Chairs:** Adam Wolff and Drew Soshnick

**Members:**

Abigail Beebe  
Michele Bissada  
Aaron Bundy  
Helen Davis  
Joseph DeMarco  
Joy Feinberg  
Jennifer Fletchall  
Michael Flores  
David Griffin

James Hargreaves  
Elizabeth James  
Natalie Lemos  
Kristy Mara  
Hillary Moonay  
Michael Newell  
Brian Sobol  
Lori Vitale  
Rebecca West

**Amicus:** The *Amicus* Committee reviews requests for AAML to participate in the amicus process under the guidance of the *Amicus* Policies of the AAML and offers its recommendation as to AAML *amicus* participation to the Academy President or the Presidents of Academy Chapters.

**Chair:** Liisa Speaker

**Vice Chair:** Marshal Willick

**Members:**

Alma Benavides

Elizabeth (Liz) Bransdorfer

Susan Butler

Philip Byers

Trish Cooper

Amy Cores

Melissa Cornell

Rodrigo Dias

Hank Finesilver

Myra Foutris

Rebekah Frye

Pamela Holmes

Corinne Hoover Six

Wijdan Jreisat

Leigh Kahn

Jonathan Lounsberry

Racheal Mastel

Dina Mikulka

John Pappalardo

Kimberly Quach

Denise Schneider

**Family Law Support Team Bootcamp** AAML Fellows rely heavily on the legal assistants and paralegals who support their practice. Some support staff have the benefit of formal paralegal education, but most learn the craft of managing family law clients and domestic relations legal issues on the job, where the stakes are high. This Committee will begin planning for the AAML to present its first seminar of this time in 2025 or 2026, where it will become the first professional organization to offer training and education to its Fellows' support staff teams.

**Chair:** Amanda Trigg

**Members:**

Allison Lee

Chris Nicholson

Julie Gerock

Natalie Lemos

Kevin Segler

**International Issues:** The International Issues Committee works to educate and assist AAML Fellows with identifying international issues in their cases. It provides support and collaboration to other committees in the AAML when they involve international issues, such as the Amicus Committee or the Programming Committee. It maintains working relationships with other relevant organizations, such as the American Bar Association, the International Academy of Family Lawyers, and the International Bar Association. It liaises, when appropriate, with relevant organizations, such as the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the U.S. Department of State.

**Chairs:** Melissa Kucinski and Vanessa Hammer

**Members:**

Alma Benavides  
Bonnie Brown  
Julie Cillo  
Julie Colton  
Amy Cores  
Kathleen Egan  
Michael Gillen  
Megan Hill  
Pamela Holmes

Kim Kaszuba  
Mitchell Kelling  
Jonathan Lounsberry  
James Murphy  
Ryan Nowlin  
David Schaffer  
Philip Schipani  
Marshal Willick

**LGBTQ+:** This committee focuses on issues involving same-sex couples and parents (married and not), with all the complexities that family lawyers face as society continues to struggle with issues of enormous significance in this practice area.

**Chair:** David Horowitz

**Vice Chair:** Lisa Hawrot

**Members:**

Amy Cores  
Rodrigo Dias  
James Hargreaves  
Elizabeth James  
Katie King

Avi Levy  
Kelly Miles  
James Murphy  
Richard Roane  
Debra Schoenberg

**Law Practice Management and Technology:** The Law Practice Management and Technology Committee looks at the future of family law practice from a holistic management perspective, such as: (i) utilizing technology; (ii) attracting and maintaining talent in a modern firm culture; and (iii) marketing. The committee provides tools and resources to Fellows to meet best practice standards in the profession, including ways to efficiently operate a law office.

**Chairs:** Lawrence Datz and Kristal Thomson

**Vice Chair:** Kevin Rubin

**Members:**

Jeffery Alford

Amy Amundsen



Lindley Bain  
Scott Bassett  
Gordon Cruse  
Jessica Drennan  
Richard Garriott  
Julie Gerock  
Jennifer Helland  
Bryan Johnson  
Kim Kaszuba  
Justin Key

Matthew Mady  
Kathryn Mickelson  
David McGrath  
Kimberley Quach  
Matthew Skarin  
Dawn Smith  
Shea Stevens  
Daniel Webb  
Christopher Wrampelmeier  
Patrick Wright

**Legislation:** The Legislation Committee is an open committee that monitors legislative initiatives in Congress and, to the degree possible, all 50 states, and either supports or opposes them depending on their compatibility with the Academy's mission statement, its resolutions, and tasks assigned to the committee. The committee proposes appropriate subjects for new legislation, uniform laws, and treaties, in keeping with Academy positions and programs. Geographic diversity is encouraged.

**Chair:** Rebecca Byrd

**Vice Chairs:** Michael Flores and Greg Beane

**Members:**

Richard Alderman  
Amy Amundsen  
Allison Anders  
Alisha Ankers  
Julie Auerbach  
Shelby Benton  
Jennifer Bingham  
Elizabeth (Liz) Bransdorfer  
Lori Buiteweg  
Julie Colton  
Amy Cores  
Gary Debele  
Mary Cushing Doherty  
Martin Friedlander  
Rebekah Frye  
Lisa Hawrot  
Jennifer Helland

Leigh Kahn  
Kim Kaszuba  
Steven Kriegshaber  
Angela Lallemon  
Keith Maples  
Rob McAngus  
Catherine Miller  
Lorie Nachlis  
Michael Newell  
Catherine "Kit" Petersen  
Dana Prescott  
Philip Schipani  
John Tannenberg  
Linda Lea Viken  
Daniel Webb  
Rory Weiler  
Marshal Willick

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION: JIM MUELLER

**Journal Editorial Board:** The Journal Editorial Board is a standing committee. The committee is responsible for publishing the AAML Journal. The Board meets three times a year to plan upcoming issues. Individual Editors are assigned to a specific issue and are responsible for obtaining authors and supervising the editorial process. Participation on the Journal Editorial Board is a major time commitment. Openings in the Board develop from time to time by appointment of the President with consultation with the Editor and Executive Editor. The Journal Editor is a non-voting Member of the Executive Committee.

**Chairs:** Steve Peskind and Dana Prescott

**Members:**

Christy Albano  
Julie Auerbach  
Anne Berger  
Julie Colton  
Trish Cooper  
Helen Davis  
Gary Debele  
Rodrigo Dias  
David Griffin  
Aimee Key

Abraham Kuhl  
Ronald Lieberman  
Racheal Mastel  
James Nolletti  
Laura Smith  
Drew Soshnick  
Mark Sullivan  
Lauren Waddell  
Stacey Warren

**Newsletter and Social Media:** The Newsletter Committee is a standing committee. The committee assists the Chair with the publication of the Newsletter and other electronic communications from the Academy Fellow and non-Fellows and with the posting of content to the Academy's social media platforms. The Chair is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

**Chair:** Rob Firooyze

**Members:**

Amy Amundsen  
Meighan Harmon  
Aimee Key  
Maxine Kunz  
David McGrath

Steven Mindel  
Lisa Ann Sharpe  
Brian Sobol  
Daniel Webb  
Natalia Wilson

***Publications (FKA Bookstore):*** The Bookstore Committee is a standing committee. The committee assists with creating, reviewing, managing, and selling all print and electronic publications produced by the AAML.

**Chair:** Lauren Waddell

**Members:**

Elizabeth James

Susan Myres

Rebecca West

***Website:*** The Website Committee is a standing committee. The committee oversees the operations and continued development and evolution of the Academy's presence on the Internet.

**Chair:** Natalie Lemos

**Vice Chair:** Kevin Rubin

**Members:**

Kristy Mara

Jim Mueller

Kristal Thomson

Daniel Webb

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## GENERAL DIVISION: CASSIE CHIN

**AAML/ABA-FLS:** This committee is appointed by the President and consists of the President-Elect of the AAML, its First Vice President, the current AAML CLE Chair and the incoming CLE Chair, plus delegates from the ABA Family Law Section, including its CLE Chairs. The Committee's purpose is to keep the two organizations abreast of plans and issues that each of them are focusing on, as well as providing coordination and cooperation between them.

**Liaisons:** Laura Belleau and Tom Sasser

**AAML/ACTEC:** This committee provides coordination and cooperation between the AAML and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, present joint programs at AAML and ACTEC conferences, and develop relationships between AAML and ACTEC fellows on the state level.

**Liaison:** Ryan Nowlin

**AAML/NBTA Joint Committee:** The AAML/NBTA Closed Liaison Committee works to maintain the reciprocity of the tests offered by NBTA and AAML certification in Family Law Trial Advocacy through the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) for our Fellows. The ABA approved our AAML Exam as substantially equivalent to the NBTA Exam.

**Liaisons:** Carla Stern and Elisha Roy

**Awards:** This committee administers the various awards including the annual Professionalism Award.

**Chair:** TBA

**Chapter Leaders:** The Chapter Leaders Committee is a standing committee. The committee plans presentations for the Annual and Spring Meetings of the Academy to inspire the chapter leaders to improve the chapter's ability to draw new Fellows, inspire their current members, and to generate new ideas. An atmosphere is created where chapter leaders can learn from each other and get new ideas. The committee serves as a conduit between the Chapters and National to facilitate the goals of both and provide assistance where it is needed and/or required. It coordinates with other Committees Leaders to address issues and needs which arise across the AAML. The committee provides updates and information to the Chapters to ensure they are aware of current and future matters which are important to the AAML. The committee discusses ways Chapters host CLE events, symposiums, and social events; the business of running a Chapter (i.e., financial and admission policies).

**Chairs:** Brian Vertz and Adam Wolff

**Hennenhoefer Council:** The Hennenhoefer Council, formerly known as the Council of Chairs, is tasked with ensuring each Committee works in concert with the other Committees in order to achieve its goals and complete its projects each year.

**Chairs:** Natalia Wilson and Cassie Chin

**JEBUFL (Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Laws):** The JEBUFL Committee is a closed committee. The representatives of JEBUFL represent the Academy at the Uniform Laws Commission meetings and related meetings. Those representatives are appointed by the President.

**Liaisons:** Stacey Warren and Laura Belleau

**Marketing Task Force:** This task force will conclude its work begun in 2023 with the Mercury Group to help the AAML identify who its primary audience of our messaging is or should be in the future.

**Chair:** *Scott Mann*

**Members:**

Laura Belleau

Amanda Trigg

Jim Mueller

Lisa Spencer

Rebecca Millenbach

**Nominations:** This committee, required under the By-Laws of the AAML, nominates a slate of candidates to fill open Officer positions, positions vacated by resignations of unexpired terms, and two At-Large Governors. The committee consists of five members, including the President-Elect who serves as the Chair of the Committee, one Past President, one Fellow nominated and elected by the Board of Governors, and two additional Fellows, one of whom is not currently a member of the Board of Governors. The Committee is required to submit its report to the President by June 15 of each year. This Committee is not open to other appointments.

**Chair:** Laura Belleau

**Past Presidents:** This Committee comprises past AAML Presidents who provide advice and guidance to the President and President-Elect.

**Chair:** Brent Cashatt