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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all!
Let's hope 2022 is kind to all of us,
including our families, friends,
colleagues and communities.
I want to share three areas of focus
for the new year.

Cary J. Mogerman
AAML President

First, I am excited to tell you about the AAML Communications Study Initiative. Led by David Griffin of the Connecticut Chapter, the AAML Communications Study Initiative is a new and interdisciplinary Academy project to study the process and dynamic of interpersonal and group communication. There are very few among us who have not seen a marked diminution in civil communication and effective discussion in all aspects of our personal and professional lives. Certainly, our governing class has disappointed us, and there has been a protracted and undeniable decline in effective communication throughout our nation. Unfortunately, this has also tainted our communications with clients, opponents, and the courts. Our profession looks to those of us in the Academy to lead the way in demonstrating advocacy through respectful, dignified and effective communication. The AAML Communications Study Initiative hopes to identify tools for improving the communication skills of Fellows by identifying areas in which communications break down; dealing with hostile communications; and reframing communications into “solvable” interactions rather than opportunities for conflict. The work of the AAML Communications Study Initiative began in the late summer of 2021 and we look forward to applying what the Initiative produces, into our daily lives. Let's make 2022 the year that we in the Academy set the tone for effective and dignified communication and advocacy for our clients and profession.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

FELLOW SPOTLIGHT

Jim MuellerJoslin Davis

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



[Legislation Committee Seeks Fellow's Participation](#)

[Admissions Standards & Procedures Committee Clarifies Conflict of Interest Policy](#)

Please Don't Keep Them Waiting!



Did you know that a certain amount of responses to the Fellow Evaluation forms are required before a potential applicant can be considered for membership in the Academy? Well, it's true! *So, we need all Fellows to please be on the lookout for those Evaluation forms sent from the National Office and provide us with your feedback and peer reviews as soon as possible.* It is imperative for the growth, succession, and improvement of our beloved Academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming Up!

Move | Breathe | Connect

January 21, 2022 (Part I)



via Zoom Meetings

REGISTER

Join us for the 1st of two Complimentary Classes!

Did you resolve to be happy, calm and healthy in 2022? The AAML Health and Wellness Committee can help. We are hosting 2 sessions of gentle movement, guided breath work, connection, community and inspiration via Zoom. It will be hosted by **Elise Ray-Statz**, an Olympic and World Championship gymnast, and **Kristen Smyth**, a life and wellness coach dedicated to helping corporate executives.



Coming Up!

2022 Midyear Meeting

March 16-18

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells
Indian Wells, CA

REGISTER

Online Registration Open Until 02/28/22

Join us in sunny Indian Wells, California for some world class wellness treatment while overlooking the mountains, play on the top-ranked golf courses, have fun on the signature dueling water slides, cycle, play tennis, experience 'Shots in the Night' (a glow golf experience), and AAML's excellent CLE sessions!

AAML EVENTS

[Move | Breathe | Connect \(Part I\)](#)

[January 21, 2022](#)

[9:00am - 9:45am PST](#)

[2022 AAML Midyear Meeting](#)

[March 16-18, 2022](#)

[Indian Wells, CA](#)

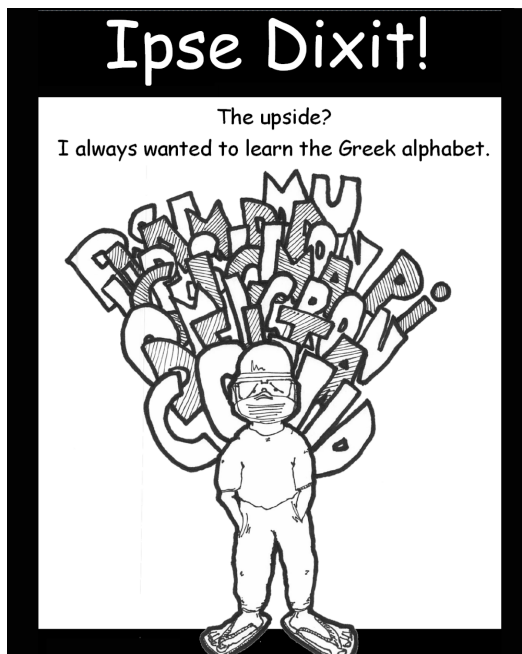
AAML CHAPTER EVENTS

[AAML-NJ Seminar Series](#)

[January 13, 2022](#)

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Send us a photo or short video of your animal friends and family members

(with you or solo), to: aamlphotos@gmail.com[See More Photos](#)



Quincy
(by Susan Butler)



Scooby & Beanie
(by Jessica Juliano)



Rooby & Leroy
(by Natalie Rush)

SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR PRACTICE



[Zoom Hearing Tips](#) (also pdf version)
Make A Clean Record for Appellate Review

Brought to you by the Practice & Technology Committee's AAML Fellow, [Scott Bassett](#)

FOUNDATION



Welcome to 2022! On behalf of the AAML Foundation, I am excited to share with you our plans for this year and to thank all of you for your continued support.

I want to thank Larry Moskowitz, our President for the past two years. Little did he know when he took office in November of 2019 that he would be at

the helm of leading the Foundation through a pandemic. Throughout his tenure, he led us with a steady hand on our monthly meetings on Zoom, a virtual Annual Meeting, virtual Chapter visits, virtual reports with the AAML Executive Committee, two Annual Campaigns and finally, our 2021 in-person Annual Meeting. I cannot thank him enough for all that he and our Board of Directors did to ensure that the Foundation continued and flourished.

I also want to thank the AAML and its leadership. We have been blessed to have had the support of Susan Myres and Elizabeth Lindsey these past two years. We look forward to working with Cary Mogerman as he leads the AAML this year and Brent Cashatt in 2023. Our Academy is in great hands! Ben Stevens will be serving as our liaison with the Academy and we welcome his energy and input on our Board. I know he will do a great job keeping both of these organizations informed as to our mutual efforts that benefit you, our Fellows, and our communities in which we serve.

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IN MEMORIA

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers extends its deepest condolences to the friends and families of:



Guillermo (Bill) DeLaGarza

Fellow since 1986

Houston, TX

April 6, 2021

[Obituary](#)

[Tribute](#)



Paul M. Kane

Fellow since 1987

Wellesley Hills, MA

September 13, 2021

[Obituary](#)

All Fellows, Chapters & Committees
are encouraged to submit
helpful videos, photos,
announcements, news and/or articles
that would be considered to be
supportive or informative.

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FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS:

**2 WEEKS PRIOR
TO THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

Send all submissions for consideration
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