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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

discussing the many benefits of
being a Fellow of the AAML.



Cary J. Mogerman
AAML President

With a high of 29° in St. Louis today as I write this, I am really looking forward to our visit to Indian Wells in Southern California for our Midyear Meeting! The resort, the beautiful desert setting and the program planned—intellectual stimulation accompanied by an early taste of spring—will refresh everyone who attends and send us all home relaxed and invigorated.

In the meantime, other important work at the AAML proceeds. I have had the privilege of participating in virtual visits with the New York and Kansas AAML chapters, and most recently an in-person visit with the Oklahoma chapter. Coming up, I hope to visit other chapters, among them the Kentucky, Michigan, Florida, Colorado, Northern California, and Mountain States Chapters.

These visits help to keep our Fellows informed about the work of the Academy and stimulate interest in Academy membership in other top family law attorneys in the area by

The Amicus Committee has been especially active during the past couple of months. Through its efforts, we have already submitted an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court in *Golan v. Saada*, articulating proposed standards for use by courts in weighing or ordering protective measures for the return of a child, in response to an Article 13 (b) "grave risk" objection to the return of a child. The brief was prepared by Fellows Brian Vertz and Hank Finesilver with the support of the other members of the Amicus Committee, *cont'd...*

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Professionalism & Collegiality Committee wants you to take your opposing counsel to lunch.

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Brent Cashatt, President-Elect and Chair of the Nominations Committee requests National Office

Nominations by 05/15/22.

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Coming Up!

Drinks and Diversity

March 9, 2022

¡Sin Fronteras! No Borders

*For AAML Fellows - Log in Required
via Zoom Meetings*

REGISTER

Join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion regarding the rich complexity of Hispanic cultures and their intersection with the law, our clients and colleagues.



2022 Midyear Meeting

Online Registration Closed - Give us a Call!

March 14-18

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa
Indian Wells, CA

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**Call or Email us and let us know you'd like to
join us in Indian Wells for some Sun, Fun and Great CLE!!**

Phone: 312-263-6477

Email: office@aaml.org

Enjoy world class total 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 family-fun experience under the desert sky), and of course AAML's signature CLE!

AAML EVENTS

[Drinks and Diversity](#)

March 9, 2022

8:00pm - 9:30pm ET

AAML CHAPTER EVENTS

[AAML-NJ Quarterly Meeting](#)

March 8, 2022

[2022 AAML Midyear Meeting](#)[March 14-18, 2022](#)[Indian Wells, CA](#)[Drinks and Diversity](#)[April 13, 2022](#)[8:00pm - 9:30pm ET](#)[2022 AAML Institute for Family Law Associates -](#)[Introductory](#)[June 23-26, 2022](#)[Chicago, IL](#)[2022 AAML Institute for Family Law Associates -](#)[Advanced](#)[June 23-26, 2022](#)[Chicago, IL](#)[2022 AAML Mediation Training](#)[June 26-29, 2022](#)[Chicago, IL](#)[What Every Collaborative Family Law Professional](#)[Should Know](#)[July 22-24, 2022](#)[Chicago, IL](#)[AAML/BVR National Divorce Conference](#)[September 18-20, 2022](#)[Las Vegas, NV](#)[Click Here to View More](#)[AAML-NY Annual March Program & Dinner](#)[March 9, 2022](#)[AAML-WI - Divorce Wisconsin Style](#)[March 11, 2022](#)[AAML MA - The Academy Academy](#)[March 25-26, 2022](#)[AAML-So Cal Trial Advocacy Institute](#)[March 25-28, 2022](#)[AAML-MO - Chapter Retreat](#)[April 1-2, 2022](#)[Click Here to View More](#)**IAFL EVENTS**[IAFL European Chapter Meeting, Athens](#)[May 11-15, 2022](#)[IAFL Annual Meeting, Marrakech](#)[Nov 30-Dec 4, 2022](#)[IAFL European Chapter Meeting](#)[Venice](#)[Feb 1-5, 2023](#)[Click Here to View More](#)**Journal of the American Academy of
Matrimonial Lawyers**

This is a new column for the Newsletter based upon our experience with articles submitted for publication, and requests for assistance with research and writing. We anticipate future columns from your colleagues on the Journal Board and look forward to sharing your comments and

We intend this column to be interactive given the range of experiences and insights from our colleagues nationally and look forward to your feedback and experiences. Please direct emails to:

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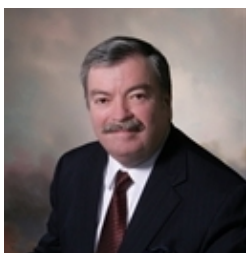
The Internet has made social science research and legal literature much more accessible. Of course, while there is an overwhelming amount of information, not all of it is reliable or trustworthy (and some of it false and harmful to clients

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suggestions about this column or for future columns.

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**"You Can't Do That!"
Stop Signs and Solutions in
Military Division Cases (Part 2)**

by [Mark E. Sullivan](#)

Author of the *The Military Divorce
Handbook*

(Part 1 of this article covered
arrears in collecting pension-share
payments, jurisdiction,

COLA's (cost-of-living
adjustments), for the pension,
getting garnishment payments,
and deadlines.)

**Q. Let's talk about getting the
plan administrator's approval;
that's what I obtain when I'm
doing a QDRO. Most civilian
employers will let my office
submit a draft order for review
and approval before it's filed
with the court. Does DFAS allow
that?**

A. No, you can't do that. The
retired pay center will not provide
pre-filing approval or review by the
retired pay center. When the order
has been

signed by the judge and filed with
the court, the agency will give
"conditional approval" if it meets
the requirements for such a
document:

If the former spouse applies prior
to the member receiving retired
pay, the designated agent will
perform a legal review of the
application, and may conditionally
approve it based on information
available at the time of the review
concerning the member's duty
status (active or Reserve).

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SEND IN THOSE APPS

The Foundation is pleased to
report that it exceeded its
fundraising goals for 2021 by
raising \$201,805 from 401 Fellows
for its Billable Hour Campaign
which enabled the Foundation to
award a record number of 48
Grants totaling \$240,000.

We have heard from numerous
Grantees who have shared their
appreciation.

Some quotes:

*Because of the Board's
generosity, CLC will continue at full
strength to provide a voice for
children whose daily lives include
fears that no child should face.*

- Children's Law center of Central
North Carolina, Winston-Salem, NC

*This contribution no only shows
your support, but also an
understanding of the importance of
the work we are doing to help families
and children thrive and stay safe.*

- Harmony at Home, Carmel, CA


*Childhood trauma as a result of a
divorce or separation is not
inevitable.*

*Indeed, it is avoidable. With support
like yours from our generous
community, we are working together
to make this a reality.*

-Kid's First,
Scarborough, ME

*AAML Foundation's financial
support of these programs can also
mean the difference between
receiving quality therapy when it is
needed, or not receiving help, as
economic roadblocks are so common
in both divorce and violent scenarios
in the home.*

-Lee's Place,
Tallahassee, FL

A black Labrador puppy is lying on a wooden deck in front of a green door. The puppy is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. It has a white tag on its collar. The door behind it has a glass panel showing a snowy outdoor scene. To the right of the image, the text "Bullet" is written in a large, bold, italicized font, followed by "Guarding the Entrance" in a smaller, bold, italicized font.

Bullet
***Guarding
the
Entrance***

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Co-conspirator: Ben Garber, PhD

Submitted by: David Tracy

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February 9, 2022

TRIBUTE

IN MEMORIA

Donna M. Manning

Fellow since 1993

Olathe, KS

February 25, 2022

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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