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**Cary J. Mogerman**  
AAML President

Today I settled a case together with another Fellow from my city. It was a very complex and unusual case, the type of case to which we Fellows seem to be drawn, and in which we excel. Our negotiations in this particular matter took place over the span of two significant weeks. The many novel issues in the case have occupied a part of my brain for the better part

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

of three years, ever-present, while I was awake and while I was asleep. This challenging case, like all the rest of them, was never far from center stage in my cortex.

The good news is that the client is happy, the other party is reportedly happy, and all counsel believe it to be a good result for our clients---but let's get back to the part about the case occupying a part of my brain for three years. I'm sure my friend and colleague on the other side would say the same, and I am sure you would too, about the cases you are handling.

The experience reminds me that what we

do in our professional lives is very hard work, and it takes a great toll on us. I suppose a physician or surgeon might say the same thing, and their work might be the most analogous to ours. The stakes are always high, the expectations are always enormous, and we know that the patient, or the client, will always have to live with a result which will affect the rest of their lives. Unlike the surgeon, though, who moves on to another challenging matter tomorrow or several days later, we live with each of ours for many months and years, through good days and bad ones, through adjustments in the client's attitude...

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One of the best ways to take advantage of your membership in the AAML while getting to know fellow members as more than casual acquaintances is to join an AAML committee. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and sign up!

Your completed form must reach us by **August 24, 2022.**



**Now accepting nominations for the AAML Professionalism Award!**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the form and submit your nomination on behalf of a Chapter or as an individual Fellow. The AAML Professionalism Award is presented each year at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. This year it will be awarded on the first day of CLE, November 10th.

All nominations are due no later than **September 1, 2022.**



[CLICK](#) to see the current and past winners of the **Professionalism & Collegiality Committee's** "Take Your Opposing Counsel to Lunch" contest. The latest winner - Allison Lee.



The History/Photo Committee needs your help! They are finalizing the content for the AAML History book to honor the 60 year history of the AAML. [CLICK](#) to see how you can help!



During the weekend of July 22-24, 2022, the Chicago Law Firm of Schiller DuCanto and Fleck hosted our first and highly successful AAML sponsored Advanced Interdisciplinary Collaborative Workshop. Twelve attorneys from all corners of the United States participated...

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The annual meeting is held in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar annual meeting which is also held in Virginia Beach each year. Later that evening, Virginia Beach Fellow, Richard





Garriott, hosted the chapter and guests to a crab picking at his home; which has also become an annual tradition.

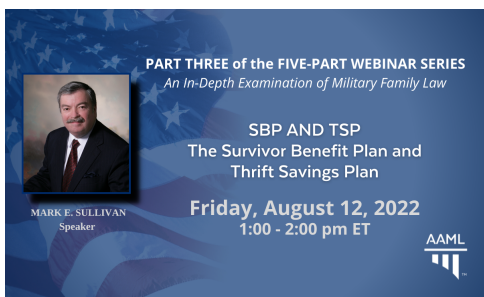
The Virginia Chapter held their annual meeting at the Piness Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, VA on June 17.



### Tech Tips Video

Brought to you by the *Practice & Technology* Committee's Fellow, [Kevin Rubin](#).

In this video Kevin demonstrates some tips and tricks on reducing email overload.



### Webinar - 1.0 Hour CLE

#### SBP and TSP: The Survivor Benefit and Thrift Savings Plans

*Part 3 of the 5-Part Military Family Law Series*

Friday, August 12, 2022

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

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What is the Survivor Benefit Plan and Thrift Savings Plan? In this webinar AAML Fellow, Mark E. Sullivan will cover everything you would want to know about these two plans to help clarify the choices for the client and the attorney in a military divorce matter.

**Register for a single webinar or all 5 for the price of 4**

#### On-Demand

**Part One** - The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and Family Law

#### On-Demand

**Part Two:** Military Pension Division: Your Ex-Mate and Route 1408

#### Friday, 10/14/22

**Part Four:** Military Disability Retirement and Family Law

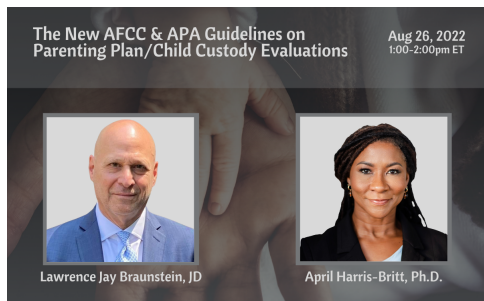
#### Friday, 12/09/2022

**Part Five:** Domestic Violence and the Military: The Camouflage Connection

### Webinar - 1.0 Hour CLE

#### The New AFCC and APA Guidelines on Parenting





## Plan/Child Custody Evaluations

Friday, August 26, 2022

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

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Speakers Lawrence Jay Braunstein and April Harris-Britt explain what matrimonial lawyers need to know about the new AFCC Parenting Plan Guidelines and the soon to be released APA Parenting Plan Guidelines designed to help guide mental health professionals to gather and evaluate relevant information about the family, and formulate and communicate opinions that relate to the task of developing parenting plans and related court orders. The Guidelines have been overhauled to better ensure more just and equitable outcomes in parenting evaluations. With their combined years of experience and expertise in the field, you will walk away with a well-rounded understanding of the new guidelines set forth.

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[Webinar-SBP and TSP: The Survivor Benefit Plan and Thrift Savings Plan](#)  
[August 12, 2022 - 1pm - 2pm ET](#)

[Webinar-The New AFCC & APA Guidelines on Parenting Plan/Child Custody Evaluations](#)  
[August 26, 2022](#)

[AAML National Executive Committee Meeting](#)  
[September 10, 2022](#)  
[St. Louis, MO](#)

[Drinks and Diversity](#)  
[September 14, 2022](#)  
[8pm - 9:30pm ET](#)

[AAML/BVR National Divorce Conference](#)  
[September 18-20, 2022](#)  
[Las Vegas, NV](#)

[Webinar-Military Disability Retirement and Family Law](#)  
[October 14, 2022 - 1pm - 2pm ET](#)

[2022 AAML Annual Meeting](#)  
[November 10-12, 2022](#)  
[Chicago, IL](#)

### AAML CHAPTER EVENTS

[AAML-TX Annual Meeting & Dinner](#)  
[August 8, 2022](#)

[AAML-NJ Seminar Series](#)  
[August 18, 2022](#)

[AAML-NJ Board of Managers/Chapter Meeting](#)  
[September 20, 2022](#)

[AAML-NY Chapter Retreat](#)  
[October 14-16, 2022](#)

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### IAFL EVENTS

[Introduction to European Family Law Conference](#)  
[October 13-14, 2022](#)

[IAFL Annual Meeting-Marrakech](#)  
[Nov 30-Dec 4, 2022](#)

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### Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

In this issue of the newsletter, the Editors thought it might be interesting to share a brief sampling of the array of journals in which recent AAML Journal articles are cited.

Some readers may know that with law reviews, an author can typically submit the same paper concurrently to as many journals as the author wants. In social science, authors must agree that the paper is under review only by that journal and no other one.

That can delay rejection and publication by many months. Thus, the lag time from publication to citation is typically 12-18 months just by the nature of submission, acceptance, editing and publication for many journals.

This list of cases is selective as just a few are referenced here. We hope that Fellows will share any citations that the Journal may review in their cases law so we may share in future issues of the newsletter.

Journals citations are likely to change as law reviews are published in the Fall and social science journals begin to publish as well in 2023.

### **In the Interest of F.C., a Minor Child, 482 P.3d 1137 (Ka. 2021) (dissent)**

Judicial bias exists on behalf of- and against-all manner of parent demographics and parenting choices. See, e.g., Baer, *The Amplification of Bias in Family Law and Its Impact*, 32 J. Am. Acad. Matrim. Law. 305, 335 (2020).

### **Holley v. Holley, 232 So.3d 717 (La. App. 2017)**

The Louisiana Supreme Court has acknowledged that the Louisiana Relocation Act was...

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### **Inquiries about Veterans/Military Benefits**

by [Mark E. Sullivan](#)

### **INTRODUCTION**

From time to time, attorneys receive inquiries regarding military benefits and entitlements (e.g., military medical care on-base, ID

Knowing the answers and keeping up with rules and statutes can be a full-time job, whether it's entitlements under U.S. Code Title 10 (the Department of Defense), Title 38 (the Department of Veterans Affairs), or other statutes or rules, not to mention the various benefits accorded to military personnel, dependents and veterans by state law!

In these situations, it's a good idea to provide one or more helpful referrals for the client so that he or she can get accurate and up-to-date information which may not be available at the law firm. For

sergeant who knew all about Tricare for Life, how to enroll, and how to get a current-spouse ID card.

### **TYPES OF BENEFITS**

There are different types of benefits associated with military service. Some benefits are earned through military service or a relationship with a member of the uniformed services (e.g., spouse, child or step-child). Other benefits must be granted by a court of law (e.g., division of military retired pay, allocation of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), and the

cards, TRICARE, use of the commissary and/or BX/PX, GI Bill, etc.), as well as benefits, privileges and entitlements for survivors, dependents and veterans. Answering such inquiries is, in general, beyond the scope of what most law firms can undertake.

example, when the author needed to find out about Army Reserve healthcare benefits a trip to the Joint Guard Center in Raleigh was necessary to obtain a sit-down session with a

division of accrued leave).

## ARMY RESOURCES

The home page for the Army Retirement Services Office (RSO) has a great deal of...

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### The AAML and AAMLF: Two Organizations Share One Goal

The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers was founded in 1962, "To provide leadership that promotes the highest degree of professionalism and excellence in the practice of family law." Some 28 years later, on December 20, 1990, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation was created. Initially the idea of Fellow Donn Fullenweider, who introduced the motion for the Academy to create a Foundation, the Foundation's first donation was from the Academy Board of Governors who authorized a \$5,000 payment to the cause.

Academy leaders Margaret Travers, Joy Feinberg and Arnie Rutkin were charged with the effort to develop a mission statement. The Foundation's first President was Joe DuCanto followed by Margaret Travers, Michael Ostrow, Beverly Groner, Leonard Loeb, Joy Feinberg and Michael Albano, all luminaries of the Academy and the inspiration for those who later served as President. For 32 years, the Academy and Foundation have worked hand in hand to carry out its societal goals and fulfill the charitable needs of its Fellows by affording a way to make a difference. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations made are tax deductible.

Through private donations, Academy Fellows may support families as well as the communities we serve as lawyers. As so eloquently noted by Academy

President Cary Mogerman, "The AAML and AAML Foundation share a special symbiotic relationship. We are each other and together we represent the very pinnacle of what lawyers can do to assist individuals during the acute and immediate urgent crises of human need."

Since its creation, the Foundation's mission has been providing financial assistance through grants, to help families and, particularly children, negatively impacted by the breakup of the family unit—whether that breakup be the result of physical or mental abuse, substance abuse, financial devastation, abandonment, or mental illness. Whatever the cause, the Foundation is there to help with the aftermath. In conjunction with the Academy, both organizations in their own way enhance the public's perception...

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When asked if my workday is complete, Adam simply states, "Yep, you're done", as he takes over my workspace.



**Adam by Mary Dietel**

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GALLERY](#)

## Ipse Dixit!



"Please Raise Your Right Hand: Do you AGREE TO TRY REALLY HARD TO TELL THE TRUTH MOST OF THE TIME, BUT NO LESS THAN HALF THE TIME?"

*Dana E. Prescott*

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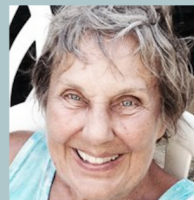
## In Memoria

**The Honorable Mary (Winter) Davidson**

June 21, 2022

Minneapolis, MN

[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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