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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cary J. Mogerman
AAML President

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condolences to all of us. However,
there are still exciting things to look
forward to, which do not necessarily
involve fun in the sun. For instance,
the Academy's long-awaited new
website is now live!

It is very polished and professional in
its appearance, and the product of
many months of focused, sustained
efforts by the website committee, led
by [Ben Stevens](#) and [Susan Myres](#),
along with the assistance in the
national office Associate Director,
Tom Lamm. It is a website we can be
proud of, on a platform flexible
enough for us to modify it as needed.
Our thanks to the Website Committee
for all of its efforts to bring the
completion of our exciting new
website to fruition.

Also, the biennial AAML/BVR
National Divorce Conference is now
upon us and set to occur September
18-20 at the Venetian Hotel in Las
Vegas. We've talked about it all year
and there is still time to register. Led
by Fellows [Lisa Sharpe](#) and [Drew
Soshnick](#), along with BVR leaders,
Michelle Gallagher and Stacy Preston
Collins, our collaboration with the
many well-known and highly regarded
financial experts of Business Valuation
Resources has allowed the Academy
to jointly present an advanced
symposium on financial topics in
divorce at the...

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[Jim Mueller, Editor](#)



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2022 AAML/BVR Divorce Conference
Sept 18-20, 2022

2022 brings us into the future with attendees having the
option of either attending the event in person at the Venetian
Hotel in Las Vegas or joining us virtually. The AAML/BVR
National Divorce Conference will focus on the most pressing
issues impacting the divorce valuation discipline.

Please join Academy Fellow, [Lisa Ann Sharpe](#) of Lasher
Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, and her Co-Chairs Academy
Fellow [Drew Soshnick](#) of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP,
Michelle Gallagher of Adamy Valuation and Stacy Collins of
Financial Research Associates, as they address some of the

The Venetian Hotel
Las Vegas Nevada
Join us Live /or/ Virtually!

most pressing issues impacting divorce valuation, including cutting edge tax and financial issues.

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2022 AAML Annual Meeting
Nov 10-12, 2022
Loews Chicago Hotel
Chicago, IL

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REGISTER FOR THE 2022 AAML ANNUAL MEETING IN CHICAGO!

Fellows, be sure to log in to your existing profile to receive your discount!

Register soon to take advantage of the negotiated price in AAML's room block at the Loews Chicago Hotel. Reservations must be made before October 17th, subject to availability.

After registering, you'll be emailed a link necessary to reserve your room at the hotel. This link is required. If you do not receive your email or have any questions, please contact office@aaml.org for assistance.

Check the [Registration Page](#) to view and download the schedule, and check for additional information about the event. The registration page will be the place for you to view any/all updates about the Annual Meeting. Please check back here to see the latest information posted.

The event showcases AAML's signature CLE sessions with excellent topics and speakers lined up, along with various vendors specific to family law available for your inquiries. It provides the opportunity to meet up with your friends, make new ones and enjoy this beautiful city. Download the full schedule from the registration page to review the sessions planned and we'll see you there!

[Click](#) to read about the Southern California Chapter's amazing 3-day Retreat at the Allegretto Vineyard Resort in Paso Robles, California, Thursday, August 18 through Sunday, August 21, 2022. Fellows participated both "In Person" and through "Zoom". [Shannon Miles](#) the SoCal

Treasure gave an excellent program on Substance Abuse and its impact on the practice of Family Law.



and SoCal Fellow, [Anne Kiley](#) presented on the ethical challenges that all Family Law Lawyers face on a daily Basis.



Tech Tips Video

Reposted from the August 2022 Newsletter

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

Kevin provides some useful tips and tricks on reducing email overload in this helpful video.



via Zoom - AAML Fellows Only

Drinks and Diversity - September

Focus on the Indian Culture

September 14, 2022

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm ET

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Join us as Deepa Pulipati, a therapist, life-coach, and mediator shares her knowledge and expertise on the Indian culture, traditions, and parenting practices in the context of family law.



Webinar - 1.0 Hour CLE

Part 4 of the 5-Part Military Family Law Series

Military Disability Retirement & Family Law

Friday, October 14, 2022

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

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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

On-Demand

Part Three: SBP and TSP: The Survivor Benefit Plan and Thrift Savings Plan

Upcoming - Friday, 12/09/2022

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

AAML NATIONAL EVENTS/MEETINGS

[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](#)

[Military Disability Retirement and Family Law](#)

[Webinar-October 14, 2022](#)

[1:00pm - 2:00pm ET](#)

[2022 AAML Annual Meeting](#)

[November 10-12, 2022](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

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AAML CHAPTER EVENTS/MEETINGS

[AAML-NJ Board of Managers/Chapter Meeting](#)

[September 20, 2022](#)

[AAML-MA Advanced Family Law Practice](#)

[October 14-15, 2022](#)

[AAML-NY Chapter Retreat](#)

[October 14-16, 2022](#)

[AAML-NJ Advanced Constructive Cross-Examinations](#)

[October 15, 2022](#)

[AAML-VA Chapter Fall Meeting](#)

[October 28-30, 2022](#)

[AAML-NJ Seminar Series](#)

[November 3, 2022](#)

[AAML-NJ Board of Managers, Chapter Meeting and Holiday
Party](#)

[December 8, 2022](#)

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**Journal of the American Academy of
Matrimonial Lawyers** 

**Research Tips for Fellows from
your AAML Journal**
*reposted from the March 2022 AAML
Newsletter*

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). Any

social science scholarship: Google Scholar: Google Scholar. You can find search tips at Google Scholar Search Tips and YouTube videos like Using Google Scholar - Bing video and Case Law Research with Google Scholar - YouTube. Even if you regularly use

On a quick note, AAML Journal articles are publicly available in pdf on the AAML website: [American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers \(aaml.org\)](http://AmericanAcademyofMatrimonialLawyers(aaml.org)) with the link for Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - AAML.



Dates and Deadlines in the Military Divorce Case, P. I

by [Mark E. Sullivan](#)

Author of the *The Military Divorce Handbook*

Introduction

Handling a military divorce case can be a confusing and painful task for the family law attorney. One of the most difficult parts of the case can be keeping track of deadlines that must be met to ensure (or exclude) the eligibility of a spouse or former spouse regarding federal and military benefits, such as the Survivor Benefit Plan and military medical care.

search engine that you choose on the web will present the challenge of evaluating the credibility of the information source you discover

With that in mind, we thought we would start this first column with an introduction to one of our favorite resources and one that combines legal and

legal search engines (e.g. Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis, Fastcase), you may find that GS can save you time and much energy

The key is to understand how to use word searches to retrieve information from...

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Military Pension Division Orders

The division of military retired pay can be done in several ways. The Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA)[1] only allows courts to direct the retired pay center[2] to divide military retired pay and pay a portion to a former spouse when the order dividing the pension is a "final decree of divorce, dissolution, annulment, or legal separation issued by a court" or a property settlement that is ratified or approved by the court and issued incident to such a final decree.[3] When done as a stand-alone order, the document effecting pension division is often termed a military pension division order (MPDO).

There is no deadline for submission of the MPDO.

It may be tendered months or years after the divorce, the separation of the parties, or the retirement of the military member. "A former spouse may apply for payments any time after the court has issued a court order enforceable under the USFSPA." [5]

Waiting Too Long

The lack of a strict deadline doesn't mean that the former spouse's attorney can snooze. There are several potential problems when a former spouse (FS) waits too long:

- The first problem is that a subsequent spouse may obtain a pension division order and serve it on the retired pay center first, thus laying claim to a portion of the retiree's disposable retired pay.

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Annual Campaign 2022

Thanks to your generosity, the Foundation awarded 48 grants of \$5,000 each to programs from California to Maine.

Recipients included Hannah's Family Center in San Diego, Volunteer Legal Services Central Texas in Austin and Support Center for Child Advocates in

With greater needs today, the Foundation is committed to continue to increase the support we give to programs that help families and children impacted by the breakup of the family and domestic violence.

The Foundation's Annual Campaign has now started. All

The past two years have been incredibly challenging for our country and especially for families and children in every state. All of us should be exceptionally proud of the fact that the AAML Foundation was able to fund a record number of requests from organizations helping families and children in 2021.

Philadelphia.

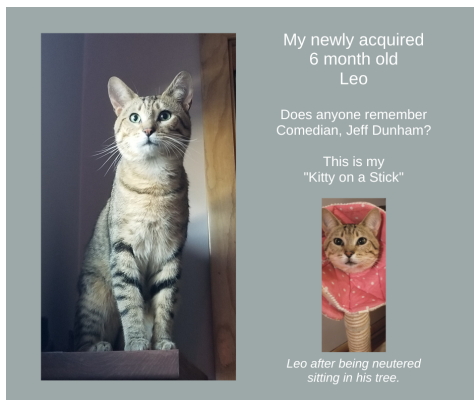
Earlier this year, the Foundation funded a special grant to UNICEF to help Ukrainian children.

None of this could happen without the incredible commitment of Academy Fellows, friends and sponsors.

With greater needs today, the Foundation is

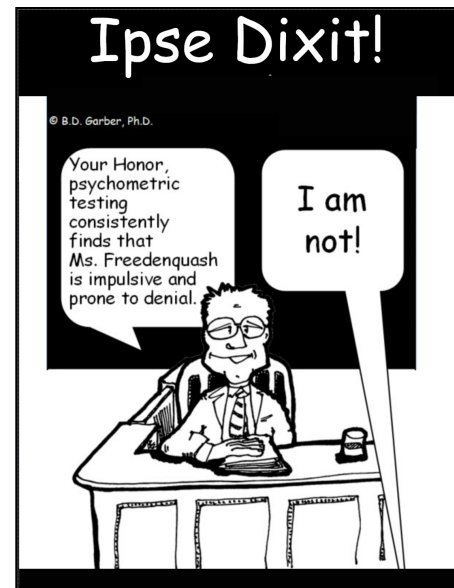
Fellows will soon be contacted by one of their colleagues and asked to give their annual Billable Hour donation. Please respond generously and with confidence that your donation will be providing help for those who are truly in need.

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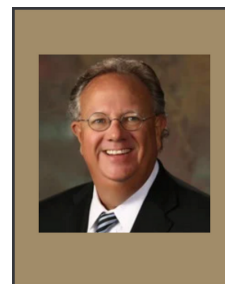
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helpful videos, photos,
announcements, news and/or articles
that would be considered to be
supportive or informative.

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

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