

Institute for Family Law Associates Introductory Course

Limited to the first 40 registrants

Lauded as "one of the best things that the AAML does for its Fellows", and "widely believed to be the premier program that the AAML produces".

A smart investment with impressive results.

June 22-25, 2023

Chicago, IL

Fellow Cost: \$2400.00 Non-Fellow Cost: \$2700.00

A comprehensive training program designed for Associates with 1-5 years of family law experience

- Divorce Tax Issues
- How to Read and Interpret 1040s, 1120s and Corporate Financial Statements
- Basics of Business Valuation and Retirement Assets in Divorce.
- Trial Preparation: Use of Experts and Handling Issues Arising From Social Media
- Tips on Being the Most Effective 2nd Chair
- Meeting with Clients and Key tools to Market the Law Firm
- Understanding Personality Disorders that Present in Clients Counsel
- Child Custody Practice From Intake to Resolution
- Emerging LGBTQ Issues

Faculty consists of experienced Academy Instructors and Nationally Known Experts:

Jay E. Fishman, Stacy Preston Collins and Kyle S. Garcia of Financial Research Associates

The Institute programs are taught by a nationally renowned faculty of Fellows who have decades of experience in mentorship helping associate lawyers successfully achieve higher levels of excellence. Each associate is assigned an individual Fellow faculty member who serves as a mentor and personally guides the attendee through all aspects of the program – answering questions, providing encouragement, and sharpening necessary skills, the associate will have a unique opportunity to meet peers and Fellows from diverse regions throughout the country. Making these connections has proven to expand networking prospects and referral bases and many of the relationships last for years afterward.

Event Inquiries:

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There's a reason AAML Presidents send their own Associates to the Institute...

Cary J. Mogerman, Faculty Member

President - 2021/2022

The Institute may be the greatest benefit of being an AAML Fellow. The opportunity to send your associates for an immersive three days of focused, substantive family law and practical practice management training from Fellows who are seasoned mentors and experts, cannot be duplicated anywhere else. They will return as ambitious, motivated family law attorneys with a network of referral sources from around the country.

Elizabeth Green Lindsey, Faculty Member

President 2020/2021

"I have sent every associate that has worked for me. Each of them felt that it was the best CLE that they have ever attended, and the most practical and relevant. They have met other young associates across the country to start the networking and have remained close to their mentors."

Susan Myres

President - 2019/2020

"There is probably no better way to show your associates that you value them as team members, than by enrolling them in the AAML Associates Institute. It sends a clear message to your associate, others in the firm, and colleagues that these lawyers are valuable members of your team. everyone wins from that investment."

Peter M. Walzer

President - 2018/2019

"We have sent three associates to the Institute over the years and each of them as come back a better lawyer. Not only do they learn skills no other course teaches, but they build a network of referral sources across the country."

Madeline Marzano-Lesnevich

President - 2017/2018

"I cannot say enough good things about the Institute. Having served as a member of the faculty, and as a mentor, I can say first-hand what an invaluable teaching tool the Institute is. Over the years, I have sent numerous associates."

John Slowiaczek

President - 2016/2017

"All of my associates over the years have had the pleasure of attending the Institute. All of them cam back with increased knowledge, better skills and new friends. The young layers learn from 'the best of the best' and the Institute is the foundation of the future of our profession and the AAML."

Joslin Davis

President - 2016/2016

"Our firm has sent our lawyers to the Institute to be trained and mentored by some of the best experts in the country, and our associates have learned skills that normally take years to acquire."

Jim McLaren

President - 2014/2015

"The AAML Institute is truly a hidden gem. . . . With the quality of this program, we should be running out of space early and regularly."

Maria P. Cognetti

President - 2013/2014

"The AAML Institute for Family Law Associates is well worth the investment. The associate from my firm returned excited, confident, and eager to share her newly obtained knowledge and skills."

Alton Abramowitz

President - 2012/2013

"The Fellows of the Academy widely believe that this is the premier program that we produce. Every associate that attends comes back from the experience fired up and enthusiastic about the practice of family law."

Kenneth P. Altshuler, Institute Co-Chair and Faculty Member

President - 2011/2012

"What makes the Institute unique is the individual mentoring between an instructor and a small sub group of attendees, allowing direct and specialized attention to fit the needs of each associate, thus enhancing the experience of the associate and providing a greater service to the Fellow's law firm."

Marlene Eskind Moses

President - 2009/2010

"The Institute truly catapults the learning curve of the attendees. It begins the formation of a supportive professional network of peers and experts which the associates can then draw from throughout their careers."

James Hennenhoefer

President - 2007/2008

"This is a must do course for your family law associates. This education is provided by the best and most experienced faculty in the country. Attendance at these seminars will enhance the maturation process of your associates by 3-5 years."

Gaetano Ferro

President - 2006/2007

"The faculty is first-rate and goes out of their way to educate and interact with the attendees during the day and even into the evening hours. I have sent associates to the program and they have always benefitted immeasurably."

Cheryl Lynn Hepfer, Faculty Member

President - 2005/2006

"The Institute provides an opportunity for our associates to learn from the best in our profession. . . The mentoring they receive is priceless."