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Holistic Lawyers gather in Chicago
17th annual conference of the International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers will take place in Chicago June 11 - 14, 2009

WHAT: Lawyers, Judges, Law Professors and Students will learn how practicing holistically has been done with success AND satisfaction. Workshops will allow for exploration and development of their own ‘voice’ in these new models of practice.

WHY: The world is changing and the practice of law must transform itself to continue to contribute. People with problems now seek healing, not simply solutions. Holistic lawyering emphasizes peacemaking over prevailing.

WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn, 10 E. Grand St. Chicago, IL

WHEN: Conference - June 11, 6:00 p.m. through June 14, 3:00 p.m. PreConference Collaborative Law Training - June 10-11, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HOW: IAHL is gathering many of the luminaries who have taken the idea and ideals of law practice as a healing, holistic undertaking and put them into concrete application as, e.g., Collaborative Law, Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Restorative Justice, Humanizing Legal Education and others. At this conference they will share that doing good and doing well can indeed coexist.

WHO: A major player in IAHL and in the efforts to transform the way law is viewed and practiced is author Steven Keeva who will be honored at the Saturday dinner on the 10th anniversary of the publication of his book Transforming Practices. Other noteworthy individuals include:
Stu Webb, creator of Collaborative Law
Professor David Hall, Northeastern U Law School
John McShane, Dallas attorney
Bruce Winnick in Therapeutic Jurisprudence....and the list could go on.
The current President of IAHL is carl Michael rossi, an attorney and counselor working in Chicago who is humbled by the greatness of the company he gets to keep.

IAHL Mission Statement
The International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers' mission is to transform the practice of law, through education and support of holistic practice.

Our Vision
The IAHL envisions a world where lawyers are valued as healers, helpers, counselors, problem-solvers, and peacemakers. Conflicts are seen as opportunities for growth. Lawyers model balanced lives and are respected for their contributions to the greater good.

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Voices of the **New Lawyer**
*Finding and expressing your true voice in your practice.*

**Thursday evening, June 11 - Sunday midday, June 14, 2009**

**Hilton Garden Inn - 10 E. Grand St. - Chicago, Illinois**

Saturday evening will feature a dinner and tribute program in honor of Steven Keeva, author of *Transforming Practices*, on the 10th anniversary of the publication of this important volume.

Please join us as we all thank him personally!

[Dinner tickets can be purchased by those unable to attend the full conference. See the Registration site]

Our dynamic line up includes author Julie Murphy Casserly, prominent family attorney John McShane, Collaborative Law creator Stu Webb, and marketing expert Liz Ferris and others.

REGISTER NOW!
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"Won't you please come to Chicago
For the help that we can bring.

We can change the World."

- Graham Nash
Sean Carter
“Cleaning Up the Stress Mess”

Have you ever found yourself so stressed out at work that you’ve had to lock yourself in your office and say the Serenity Prayer? “Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things that I can not change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom not to stab opposing counsel in the parking lot.” If so, then perhaps you need to hear Sean Carter, “Humorist at Law”, give tips on how to clean up the stress mess.

Let’s face it. Being a legal professional is not easy. The demands of dealing with judges, clients, and opposing counsel can make even the most balanced person want to go “legal.” In Cleaning Up the Stress Mess, Mr. Carter draws on his decade of experience in both law firms and in-house legal departments to share three-steps to a more stress-free career.

www.lawhumorist.com

Julie Murphy Casserly
“The Emotion Behind Money”

Certified Financial Planner Julie Murphy Casserly is a Chicago-based entrepreneur and author. To help others, Julie has declared her mission to “financially heal America” by helping people understand their feelings towards money, and how these attitudes affect how they earn, spend and save, (or, conversely, accumulate debt). Her book The Emotion Behind Money: Building Wealth From the Inside Out is expected to make a major impact, not only with the public but also by causing a revolution in the financial planning industry –an industry which Julie believes is currently disconnected in many ways from their clients. She has been a guest on Wall Street Journal radio, Lifetime TV and Oprah, among other TV and radio programs.

Ms. Casserly will be describing the 8 Financial Personality Types and how to best approach each as the their emotions impact all legal discussions.

www.jmcwealth.com  www.emotionbehindmoney.com

Phillip Daunt
“Applying a Coach Approach to the Practice of Law”

Mr. Daunt’s practice is focused on representing individuals and small businesses in commercial and real estate matters, applying a Coach Approach to the practice of law. He has over twenty five years experience advising clients in business and real estate transactions and in resolving disputes in those areas. In this Coach Approach he works collaboratively with clients helping them to find constructive solutions to their legal problems and to transform those problems into opportunities for personal growth and positive change. This helps them to thrive in their businesses and in their lives with as little legal stress as possible. It is possible to navigate through legal problems in an anxiety and stress free manner. The coach-approach lawyer achieves these goals by engaging the client in profound conversations about choice and the freedom to choose the client’s own interpretations of events and the significance to the client of those events and by inviting the lawyer’s clients to place their legal problems into the context of their lives and of their goals, aspirations and dreams.

Mr. Daunt will be offering an outline and description of how to apply this Coach Approach and leading exercises allowing an opportunity to experience it directly.

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Elizabeth Ferris
“Marketing yourself as a Holistic Lawyer”

Elizabeth Ferris has served organizations as a marketing consultant for more than 20 years. She started Ferris Consulting in April, 2000 to help organizations and individuals achieve accelerated growth. Liz specializes in assisting attorneys, mental health professionals and financial specialists to grow their practice through result-oriented marketing and practice development strategies. She has developed strategic marketing plans for collaborative practice groups, financial groups and law firms across North America including, Texas, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Ontario, Southern Arizona, Minnesota, New York, Colorado Springs, Atlanta and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Ms. Ferris will guide participants in describing to prospective clients the value to them of the way in which we practice.

Jane Faulkner & Betsy Gutting
“Giving Voice to a New Vision: Cultivating Passion and Presence in your Legal Career”

Jane Faulkner works with professionals, teams and organizations to help them connect to their clarity, vision and empowered presence in the midst of a fast-moving, unpredictable world. As her clients embody these qualities, they find increased choice, new ways of being, and effective action in their professional and personal lives. Their work and lives are enriched by purpose. Jane is a lawyer, certified coach, NLP practitioner, shamanic healer and a somatic coach. Betsy Gutting enthusiastically empowers lawyers and organizations to align with their true values, passion and authentic power as they balance competing priorities and seek calm amidst chaos. Betsy is privileged to witness breakthroughs with her clients as they move through inertia to find more freedom, vitality, clarity and courage. She is a lawyer, certified coach, expressive arts therapist, and guided visualization facilitator. She has led transformational workshops for seven years. For more information, please visit.

Fully expressing yourself in a heart-centered, holistic legal career begins with clarity, courage and self-trust. Come join us for an invigorating, experiential full-day workshop to reconnect with your passions and learn tools for staying calm and focused in the midst of stress or transition. You will learn to harness the power of your imagination and intellect to create a renewed vision for your legal career. Come away with a creative Vision Board (this is like a Dream Board or Treasure Map) that empowers your new direction. This workshop will awaken your creative expression and zest for your work and your life! [Participation will be limited to 30.]
Mari Frank

“Mediation Miracles: Transforming Conflict By Shifting Your Mediative Energy”

Mari Frank is an attorney, mediator, speaker, author, professional trainer, and privacy consultant in private practice in Laguna Niguel, California. Ms. Frank was the founding President of the Orange County Chapter of the Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution-Orange County. She presently teaches Negotiation and Mediation in the Conflict Resolution Department of the University of California, Irvine. She has authored many published articles, booklets, and a textbook on negotiation and conflict resolution. She has taught a myriad of participants to utilize effective “solutioneering” techniques to transform adversity into opportunities for successful agreements and enhanced, superior relationships. She has appeared on many national television and radio shows. She has been featured in the numerous national publications. Ms Frank has been interviewed on over 250 radio shows and is the host of Privacy Piracy a public affairs radio show at KUCI, 88.9 FM at the University of California, Irvine.

This is an interactive program to demonstrate how we as mediators- no matter what our style or our subject matter expertise can miraculously shift the conflictual energy in the mediation session to be consciously collaborative. We will practice exercises to center ourselves for mediation, create an environment of calm and peace, and re-direct blame, guilt and negativity into a positive problem solving joint venture. It doesn’t matter what you mediate- this is a practice that applies to any dispute, conflict or misunderstanding to help us be the peace that we want to see.

Elizabeth Granoff

“Ethical issues for Holistic lawyers”

Ms. Granoff worked for ten years at the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, first as Counsel and then as Senior Counsel. There she reviewed thousands of files for potential ethical violations. She also prosecuted cases of attorney misconduct, assisted with the resolution of attorney complaints and gave ethical opinions in a wide variety of law. Since 2001, she has worked in private practice defending lawyers charged with ethical violations and giving legal opinions on ethical issues. She always works with her clients to initiate preventative to avoid ethical violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct and to resolve hundreds of potential client grievances.

In this program Ms. Granoff will review the affirmative duties for attorneys that are met by practicing Holistically and address common questions regarding whether such practice is “ethical”.

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Kevin Houchin

“Fuel the Spark: 5 Guiding Values for Success in Law and Life”

Kevin E. Houchin is a different kind of lawyer. First, he has a fine art degree in graphic design and a dozen years of brand development and small business consulting before going back to law school. Kevin counsels creative people about how to maximize their creativity, build their businesses, and protect their intellectual property. Kevin is the author of the book Fuel the Spark: 5 Guiding Values for Success in Law School and Beyond. He is also the author of the forthcoming book The Secrets of Creative Business. He contributed a chapter on the legal issues of social media in the forthcoming book Twitter Power, by Joel Comm. In addition to working with clients, Kevin writes a regular column for the leading business journal in Northern Colorado, blogs regularly at his several sites, and enjoys one of the top legal followings on Twitter.com. He speaks regularly for creative entrepreneurial business, continuing legal education, and law school audiences.

Sometimes we all need to look at things from a different perspective. This applies to both our personal and professional lives and how they blend into a successful and fulfilling legal career. This exciting new program is devoted to finding a more balanced perspective on the rules of professional responsibility and how we can put the rules into an easy system for finding more success in our practice and our lives. This intensive interactive workshop could be the best 3 hours you'll invest in yourself this year.

www.HouchinLaw.com

John V. McShane

“Holistic Practice. Passionate Practice. Profitable Practice.”

Mr. McShane built his professional reputation on a foundation of zealous advocacy, attention to detail, and a passion for helping his clients improve their lives. He has handled some of the most complex family law, criminal law, and professional license discipline matters in the state of Texas. Highly respected for his professional ethics, he has served on the Grievance Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court of Texas. His impassioned representation of his clients is tempered only by a commitment to uphold the ethics and standards of the legal profession. Widely recognized as a skilled trial lawyer with the knowledge and experience to successfully litigate the most complex family law and criminal defense matters, Mr. McShane also earned national recognition as a pioneer in collaborative law and for his efforts to get the nation’s first collaborative law statute passed, in the Texas legislature.

www.jvmcshane.com

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Stu Webb

“The Holistic core of Collaborative Law.”

Stu is recognized as the founder of Collaborative Law. He trains and has lectured throughout North America, Europe and Australia. And has appeared on the CBS Evening News and in the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. He is the author, with Ronald Ousky, of The Collaborative Way to Divorce.

Stu will share with us the nature of his transformation from active litigator to the creator of Collaborative Law and the ways in which Collaborative law is Holistic Law.
A Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Training in Collaborative Law/Practice for
Family practitioners AND for Civil practitioners

Wednesday - Thursday  June 10 - 11, 2009  8:30 to 4:30
Hilton Garden Inn - 10 E. Grand St., Chicago
A limited block of hotel rooms is available

The fastest growing approach to dispute resolution in the country is Collaborative Practice (Law). It has invited national attention and praise. After more than a decade focused on divorce, its use has moved into other disputes such as contracts, probate, employment and others. Increasingly clients are asking "Do you do Collaborative?"

Fees
- Attorneys - $500 *
- Licensed Mental Health Professionals - $250
- Certified Divorce Financial Professionals - $250
- *IAHL members - $400; Any attorneys who is also registered for the IAHL conference - $200

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What IS Collaborative Law/Practice?
It is a new way to resolve disputes respectfully -- without going to court. The heart of it is to offer those in a dispute or divorce, the protection and guidance of their own lawyers without going to court. Additionally, it incorporates the benefits of other professionals: mental health, child and financial specialists in divorce; joint experts appropriate to the issues in other disputes. It involves those professionals all working together as a team focused only on the commitments of the Participation Agreement...none of them follow the parties into court if they do not reach an agreement.

In Collaborative Practice the core elements of the contractual Participation Agreement are to:
* Negotiate a mutually acceptable settlement without having courts decide issues.
* Maintain open communication and information sharing.
* Create shared solutions acknowledging the highest priorities of all.
For more information see CollaborativePractice.com and CollaborativeLaw.us

Your team of trainers will be lead by NORA KALB BUSHFIELD, JD, former IAHL president and nationally known trainer and by SHERRIE R. ABNEY, JD, author of Avoiding Litigation, A Guide to Civil Collaborative Law and much sought after trainer.

www.IAHL.org

The International Academy of Collaborative Professionals sets standards for training trainers, and practitioners. IACP does not certify or endorse specific trainings or materials. This training meets those standards which can be found at www.CollaborativePractice.com.