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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Collaborative Divorce Practitioner

2001 to present.

Matrimonial Practitioner, Trial and Appellate

1980 to present.

Lazar & Schwartz, 1983 - present

Lazar & Zeisel 1980 - 1983

Divorce Mediator

1982 to present

Co-Founder and Officer: Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Association

2004 - Present

Multi-disciplinary membership association for collaborative professionals in the Hudson Valley region.

Trainer: Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Training Consortium

2003 - Present

Group providing multi-disciplinary training for collaborative professionals to assist groups and individuals in beginning or improving their collaborative practice.

President, Mid-Hudson Divorce and Family Mediation Center, Inc.

1981 - 2015

Interdisciplinary organization providing divorce mediation services for clients and educational programs for legal and mental health professionals regarding the impact of divorce on families and children, custody issues, interdisciplinary collaboration, and alternative dispute resolution.

Assistant County Attorney Dutchess County

March, 1980 to June, 1988, part time

Representation of Department of Social Services in all Family Court matters, especially child abuse matters and permanency planning.

Mid-Hudson Legal Services Staff Attorney, Assistant Director, Acting Director
August 1976 - March 1980

Senior Fellow, Association for Conflict Resolution
1990 - Present

Representative, New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, on behalf of the Dutchess County Bar Association
two terms, ending in June 1998

Member, New York State Bar Association Task Force on Family Law
1994 - 1997.

Member, IACP Practice Group Development Committee
2010

Member, IACP Training Standards Committee
2013 - 2014

EDUCATION

Law degree: Cornell University Law School
J.D. Cum laude, May 28, 1976
Myron Taylor Hall
Ithaca, New York 14853

Undergraduate degree: Reed College
Portland, Oregon
Bachelor of Arts, with honors
May 1971 Literature and Education

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Financial Protection for Children of Divorce, A Collaborative Approach,
Dutchess County Bar Association, Spring 2019

Negotiating the Non-Negotiable, Study Group, HVCDDRA, Spring 2018

Utilizing Appreciative Inquiry and the Strength of the Roadmap

Presentation to the New Jersey Collaborative Divorce Association, February 2017

Divorce in New York

Presentation to the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, February 2017

Rescue Squad Training - several locations

5th European Collaborative Practice Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands May 2016

New Hampshire Statewide Collaborative Association, May 2016

IACP Presentation: Working with Addiction in Divorce

IACP presentation, Washington D.C., October 2015

IACP Presentation: Rescue Squad: Managing Difficult Cases

IACP Pre-forum presentation, Vancouver, Canada, October 2014

IACP Presentation: Comparative Law in the Collaborative Process: Leaving Entrenchment, Generating Creativity

IACP Presentation, Vancouver, Canada, October 2014

Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training

Collaborative Law Alliance of New Hampshire, June 2014

Bomb Squad Training: Defusing the Ticking Time Bombs in Collaborative Cases

Hudson Valley Collaborative Training Consortium, March 2014

Streamlining the Collaborative Process: The Collaborative Roadmap

Maryland Collaborative Practice Council, Ellicott City, Maryland. Two half day programs; jointly presented with Mark Bass and Micki McWade, May 2013.

Basic Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training

Two day introductory training at Bear Mountain, New York for lawyers, mental health practitioners and financial practitioners to assist them in becoming collaborative professionals. Presented jointly with Mark Bass, Esq., Allison Bell, PsyD, Micki Mcwade, LSW, Jon Tanner, CFP. May 2013.

IACP Presentation: Creativity in Comparative Law

Presentation at International Association of Collaborative Professionals Annual meeting. Presented jointly with Diane Diel, Joanne Edwards, Christopher Arnold and Catherine Gale in San Antonio, October 2013.

Inter-disciplinary Teams: Are They Worth The Bother?

Connecticut Collaborative Council, Hartford, Connecticut. One day program; jointly presented with Maria Alba-Fisch, November 2012.

Roadmap Retreat, Mid-Jersey Collaborative Law Alliance, Assisted practice community to adopt a Roadmap to facilitate case management. One day program; August 2012

Road Maps: Keeping the Parties and Team on the Road towards a Successful Conclusion, 4th European Collaborative Conference Centre. Jointly presented with Micki McWade, LSW, in Edinburgh, Scotland. May, 2012

Interdisciplinary Teams: Why Are They Worth the Bother? New Jersey Council of Collaborative Practice Groups, presented jointly with Dr. Maria Alba Fisch. March, 2012.

IACP Presentation: Hudson Valley Roadmap: Keeping the Parties & Team on the Road towards a Successful Conclusion

Presentation at International Association of Collaborative Professionals Annual meeting. Presented jointly with Mark Bass, Esq. and Micki McWade, LSW in San Francisco, October, 2011

Basic Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training

Two day introductory training at Bear Mountain, New York for 40 lawyers, mental health practitioners and financial practitioners to assist them in becoming collaborative professionals. Presented jointly with Mark Bass, Esq., Allison Bell, PsyD, Micki McWade, LSW, Jon Tanner, CFP. June, 2011.

Social Science Meets Family Law

Two day training on Risk and Resilience in Children following Separation and Divorce, research updates and implications for parenting plans and practice; domestic violence: current research and implications, as Moderator with Joan Kelly, Ph.D. and Daniel McCabe, Esq. presented at LeChambord in Hopewell Junction, New York. November 2010.

Advanced Team Functioning, New York Association of Collaborative Professionals

Two day training to 45 experienced collaborative lawyers, mental health practitioners and financial practitioners to assist them in becoming more effective team members. Presently jointly with Maria Alba Fisch, Ph.D. and Diane Drake, CFP, CDFA in February of 2009 at the Wainwright House, Rye, New York.

Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training, New York Association of Collaborative Professionals

Two day training at Wave Hill, New York for 75 lawyers, mental health practitioners and financial practitioners to assist them in moving from a lawyer only model of Collaborative Practice to a full interdisciplinary team approach. Jointly presented with Daniel McCabe, Esq., Dr. Maria Alba Fisch and Diane Drake, C.D.F.P. January, 2008

IACP Presentation: Deepening the Conversation: Presentation at International Association of Collaborative Professionals Annual meeting. Jointly presented with Dr. Maria Alba Fisch, Ph.D. in New Orleans, October, 2008.

IACP Presentation: Communication: The Mortar of the Interdisciplinary Team
2006 International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) Conference in San Diego, California presented jointly with Dr. Maria Alba-Fisch and Diane Drake in October, 2006

Adapting Collaborative Divorce Strategies to Enhance Divorce Mediation: Many Roads to Rome

2006 Association for Conflict Resolution Conference; Cape Cod, Massachusetts presented jointly with Micki McWade and Robert M. Schwartz in July, 2006

Divorce: A Problem to be Solved, Not a Battle to be Fought

Dutchess County Psychological Association and New York State Psychological Association: Presentation on Collaborative Divorce presented jointly with Dr. Maria Alba-Fisch and Dr. Howard Susser, January 8, 2006

IACP Presentation: The Care and Feeding of Multi-disciplinary Practice Groups
IACP Conference in Atlanta, Georgia presented jointly with Dr. Maria Alba-Fisch and Diane Drake in October, 2005

Mediation Training for Collaborative Professionals

Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Association training presented jointly with Richard Mandell, Daniel McCabe, Micki McWade, Diane Drake and Maria Alba-Fisch 30 hour program. June, 2005.

Basic Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Training

Two day introductory training at Bear Mountain, New York for 40 lawyers, mental health practitioners and financial practitioners to assist them in becoming collaborative professionals. Presented jointly with Daniel McCabe, Maria Alba Fisch,, Micki McWade, Diane Drake, CFP. June, 2004.

Conference Organizer:

Basic Mediation Training, June, 2004, June 2011, May 2013, June 2014
Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Training Consortium

Social Science Meets Family Law, November 2010

Risk and Resilience in Children Following Separation and Divorce
with Joan Kelly, Ph.D. Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Association

Appreciative Inquiry for Collaborative Practice, March 2007

Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Association with Peggy Thompson

Mediation Training for Collaborative Professions, September 2005
Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Training Team

Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training, November 2004
Two day training event, Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce Team

Collaborative Law Training, October 2004
Hudson Valley Collaborative Training Group

Collaborative Family Law Workshop, October - November 2001

Parenting Apart: Children, Custody and the Courts: Courts, Lawyers and Mental Health Professionals Working Together to Develop Healthy Parenting Plans, October 2000
Mid-Hudson Divorce and Family Mediation Center, Inc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, IACP Committee on Practice Group Development Committee, 2010; Training Standards Committee, 2013

Member, Collaborative Law Subcommittee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association, 2011 - 2013

Member, Practice Group Subcommittee of IACP, 2009 - 2010

Board Member, Poughkeepsie Day School, 1990 - 2002

Board Member, Grace Smith House, (battered women's shelter) 1981-1984

Board Member, East Fishkill Zoning Board, 1996 - 2001

Dutchess County Ethics Committee Member, 1982-1992

Dutchess County Bar Association Grievance Committee Member, 1982-1991

Founder: Battered Women's Law Project 1977

Dutchess County Dispute Resolution Center 1982

Mid-Hudson Divorce and Family Mediation Center 1981

Collaborative Divorce Team of the Hudson Valley 2001

ALLISON J. BELL, Psy.D., P.C.

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EDUCATION

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|---|----------------------|
| Certified PAIRS Instructor
Practical Application of Intimate
Relationship Skills | May, 1992 |
| Psy.D. Degree, Clinical Psychology
Ferkauf Graduate School,
Yeshiva University | June, 1986 |
| M.S. Dance/Movement Therapy
Hunter College of the City of NY | January, 1978 |
| B.A. Psychology and Theater Arts
SUNY Stony Brook | June, 1976 |

EMPLOYMENT

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| Diagnostics, LLP
Conduct forensic, psychoeducational,
Neuropsychological and Independent
Medical Evaluations | 2008-present |
| Private Practice, Katonah, New York
and Northampton, Massachusetts
Family and individual treatment of
children, adolescents and adults;
Neuropsychological assessment of
children; Psych Evals of adults; Mediation;
Collaborative Divorce Coach and Child Specialist;
Couples' therapy; Parenting evaluations;
Bonding Assessments; Parenting Coordination | 1987-present |
| Neutral Forensic Custody Evaluations and
Expert testimony in Supreme and Family Courts | 1997-present |

Trainer in Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce	2011-present
School Psychologist Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, New York Jewish Day School K-8	1988-1990
Clinical Instructor Albert Einstein College of Medicine Coordinator of Psychology Externship Training Program: Pediatric AIDS Daycare Center, Pediatric ICU, Neonatal ICU, Pediatric Home Care, and Adolescent Day Treatment. NIMH Training Grant-Einstein #9-526-8167 Responsible for consultation liaison at BMHC, supervision and teaching staff working with children with chronic illnesses (AIDS; juvenile diabetes) Child Outpatient Department psychologist for Therapeutic Nursery Program for Autistic Children	1985-1988
Psychotherapist Brooklyn Community Counseling Center	1984-1985
Dance Therapist Brunswick Hospital Center Amityville, NY	1979-1982
Dance Therapist Pilgrim Psychiatric Center Brentwood, NY	1978-1979

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Asylum Evaluation Training/PHR.	2018
Advanced Collaborative Divorce Trainings	2011-2016
Social Science Meets Family Law	2010
Parenting Coordination	2009

Center for Mediation in Law – Mediation Intensive	2007
Harvard Program on Negotiation – Negotiation for Senior Executives	2006
Parenting Coordination	2006
Mediation Training	2005
Basic Collaborative Divorce – Interdisciplinary Training	2004
Certification, Reiki Master	1999
Certification, EMDR	1997
Psychology Intern	1985
Bronx Municipal Hospital Center/AECOM Child outpatient department therapist for children ages 4-18; neuropsych evaluations and psychological testing; pediatric liaison at Jacobi Hospital.	
Psychology Externships	
Psychology Clerk	1983-1985
New York Hospital-Cornell Westchester	
Psychology Clerk	1982-1983
UMDNJ Community Mental Health Center, Case Coordinator	

RESEARCH

PSY.D. Dissertation	1982-1985
Maternal Handling and Infant Engagement In Four-Month Olds	
The Development of Self in the Mirror: Ages 6 Months to One Year	1984
In conjunction with John B. McDevitt, MD for the Margaret Mahler Science Foundation	

Mother-Infant Interaction **1984**
Provided interrater reliability for
Beatrice Beebe, PhD. and John B. McDevitt, MD

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
American Psychological Association

New York State Psychological Association
AFCC – National and New York Chapter
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)
Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce and Dispute Resolution Association
Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council

LECTURES

A wide range of lectures, workshops and presentations throughout Westchester County and NYC on movement therapy, nonverbal communication, child development, death and dying, behavior management of disturbed children, anxiety in preschoolers, sibling rivalry, substance abuse in adolescents, lifecycle changes in families; **Instructor** to legal community/judges on forensic custody evaluations, Collaborative Divorce Coach and Child Specialist roles. **1980-present**

Presenter at IACP **2008-2014**

Television and Radio Appearances
“The Development of Play-Birth to Age 5”, **1990**
“The Development of Play-Age 5 to pre-Adolescence”

Cable TV, The Growing Child
“Childhood Anxiety”, aired on **2005**

The God Squad
“Collaborative Divorce”, aired on **2006-2007**

The Divorce Channel (local cable access)
“Reconcilable Differences”, aired on **2007**

The CBS Early Show
“Collaborative Divorce”, aired on WHN **2011**
Radio, Northampton MA

**Children’s Mental Health Alliance:
Conference on Child Abuse 1995**
Developed a conference for the Open Society
Institute (George Soros) on diagnosis and
treatment of child abuse and social policy
ramifications, as part of a team, presented in
Budapest, Hungary

**Testifying as Fact Witness and Expert
Witness in Child Custody 1997-present**

Lecturer and Instructor, Westchester 1997-present
Family Law Section, Westchester
County Bar Association
Pace University Law School

PUBLICATIONS

“I Don’t Want To Get Divorced, Daddy”, in Domestic Law Review,
Westchester County Bar Association, Vol. 19, No. 5, 2006
“What To Tell The Children When We Cannot Agree On Why”, Mediation
Council News, Fall, 2007
“What Parents Need To Know, What Legal Professionals Need To Tell,
and What Judges Should Consider: A Synopsis of Current Research on
Risk and Resiliency in Children of Divorce”, MCFM Family Mediation
Quarterly, Spring, 2011
Blogging on YourTango.com and on drallisonbell.com

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www.drallisonbell.com

References Available Upon Request