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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**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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**, 4<sup>th</sup> 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