

CHILDREN IN THE CROSSFIRE

Children exposed to high conflict divorce are twice as likely to have emotional, social, behavioral and academic problems compared to children who experience low conflict co-parenting dynamics after separation/divorce.* Children have little to no say in the outcomes of a divorce, yet, they will find themselves impacted for years to come. **Something needs to change.** As attorneys, court staff, mental health professionals, parents, and litigants, it is imperative that we learn how to prioritize children in divorce and custody cases.



Judge Stephanie J. Williams and the Fourth Circuit Court have partnered with Trevecca Nazarene University's Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy program and Collaborative Divorce Nashville to present **Children in the Crossfire**: A collaborative symposium of legal and mental health professionals examining the detrimental impact of high conflict divorce and custody cases on children.

On October 3, 2025, in the Boone Convocation Center at Trevecca, attendees are invited to learn from mental health professionals, attorneys, and litigants and children of high conflict divorce and custody cases. This symposium is also open to the general public. Litigants engaged in current or upcoming litigation are highly encouraged to attend. The earlier the action, the better off the children will be: mentally, emotionally, and physically.

Registration is \$150. However, graduate students pursuing degrees in law or the mental health field may receive a **discounted student registration fee of \$50.** Register TODAY!

To learn more and register, see the flyer on the next page.

*Dr. Ladan Hashemi and Dr. Halleh Homayuni. [Emotional Divorce: The Child's Wellbeing](#). 2017.

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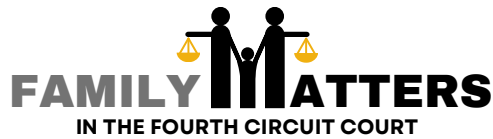
Children in the Crossfire

**Upcoming Events with
Collaborative Divorce
Nashville and Nashville
Conflict Resolution Center**

Farewell, Kelli!

Chamber Rule Spotlight

Calendar



JUDGE STEPHANIE J. WILLIAMS AND TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY PRESENT

CHILDREN IN THE CROSSFIRE



*A collaborative symposium of legal and mental health professionals
examining the detrimental impact of high conflict divorce and
custody cases on children*

4.7 CLE Hours and 6 CEU Credits



***\$150 REGISTRATION FEE,
\$50 FOR STUDENTS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

8:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

**TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
BOONE CONVOCATION CENTER**

Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register and learn more:



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MINIMIZING HIGH CONFLICT IMPACTS

As conversations about the impacts of high conflict cases are becoming more common, so are solutions. Attorneys play a crucial role in these cases and influence their clients greatly, potentially changing the long-term outcomes for parents and children. Below are upcoming opportunities for learning to minimize high conflict.

Collaborative Divorce NASHVILLE



Collaborative Divorce Nashville is Nashville and Middle Tennessee's practice group for the collaborative divorce process. The group consists of practitioners who are specially trained in the collaborative divorce process, regularly obtaining continuing education in this area.

The collaborative process is a private way to resolve disputes without fighting in court. As in many divorces, each spouse has their own lawyer to provide legal advice specific to each spouse's needs. What sets a collaborative divorce apart, however, is the addition of both mental health and financial professionals providing the spouses with emotional and financial support. These neutral professionals work with both parties to help prioritize goals, make the process more efficient and more likely to result in a mutually beneficial agreement that stands the test of time.

Collaborative Divorce Nashville, with help from the ADR Learning Lab, is hosting a two-day Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training THIS MONTH on September 29th and 30th. If you are interested in learning more about the Collaborative Divorce process or even becoming a Collaborative Divorce Professional, this is a great opportunity to do so. Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register:



Keynote Speaker
Judge Stephanie Williams



Honoree
Judge Marietta Shipley



Honoree
Volunteer Don Schulze

The Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) is pleased to celebrate 25 years of community mediation in Middle Tennessee at their **annual fundraising luncheon on September 25th at 11:30 a.m.!** Judge Stephanie J. Williams is honored to be the keynote speaker for the event, drawing from her

experience as an attorney, mediator, litigant, and judge, sharing insight into the importance and impact of mediation in family law cases. This event will also honor Judge Marietta Shipley and Volunteer Don Schulze for their work with NCRC. (Registration on next page).

Mediation is crucial as it lowers court costs, shortens case lengths, and helps to reduce conflict and disputes. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about mediation and support NCRC, an organization that makes mediation more accessible to Nashvillians. Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register:



THANK YOU, KELLI!



September 12, 2025, marked the last day of Kelli Olin's 36 years working for the Circuit Court Clerk's office of Davidson County. Our Court is thankful for all she has done, however, her time spent as the clerk of the Third and Fourth Circuit Courts' Order of Protection dockets is particularly priceless.

Her dedication, expertise, and professionalism are irreplaceable, not to mention her incredible fashion sense! Our Court will surely miss having Ms. Olin, but we are thrilled for her as she starts this next phase of life.

Thank you, Kelli!



CHAMBER RULE SPOTLIGHT

RULE XIII (E), PAGE 29: COURT REPORTER REQUIRED

1. Absent leave of the Court, for good cause shown, a court reporter is required for all contested final hearings. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties or ordered by the Court, the parties shall be equally responsible for the *per diem* of the court reporter.
2. In cases involving an indigent party or parties where a court reporter must be hired with the approval of the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts, all motions for such approval must be filed contemporaneously with a Motion to Set.

A set of our comprehensive Chamber Rules can be found on our website's resources tab by clicking [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right:



CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER

9/1: Office Closed for Labor Day

9/4: Special Master's Case Management Docket at 9 a.m. Via Zoom, No Pro Se Docket

9/18: Judge Williams' Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom

9/19: No Motion Docket, Office Open

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OCTOBER

10/2: Special Master's Case Management Docket at 9 a.m. Via Zoom, No Pro Se Docket

10/3: Children in the Crossfire, No Motion Docket

10/23: Judge Williams' Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom

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