

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAMILY LAW



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Culture Counts
Diversity Issues in Family Law

PRESENT:

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND SENSITIVITY IN THE HYPERSENSITIVE WORLD OF DIVORCE

Learning to avoid unintended insult and injury that just makes things worse

November 2, 2010

Diversity by race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, social and economic class, politics and education all create minefields that can make the already challenging problems of families in the process of divorce even more explosive. Sometimes successful coping with cultural diversity problems is the difference between a good outcome for a family and a destructive outcome. But in most cases, it is acknowledging and addressing the cultural diversity issues, rather than ignoring them, that makes the real difference.

For the past two years, **Dr. Gitu Bhatia** (licensed clinical psychologist and adjunct faculty member, Pepperdine University), and family law attorneys, **Diana L. Martinez, Esq.** (Collaborative Attorney and Mediator, West Coast Mediation), and **Abbas Hadjian, Esq.** (Certified Family Law Specialist, Sherman Oaks), have introduced issues related to cultural diversity and sensitivity to the legal and mental health communities in Southern and Northern California. Their hard work has led to the creation of www.CultureCounts.net, an Internet-based educational center focused on cultural issues in our daily life that arise from our diverse society, focused especially on family law disputes.

Gitu, Diana and Abbas now bring their insight, experience and study to the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court on November 2, 2010. They use live participation, movie clips, slides and written materials to provide you with a unique and eye-opening night about micro-aggressions, the roles and expectations of families in divorce proceedings, and the impact of cultural diversity on the divorce process, domestic violence and financial issues.

Commissioner Susan K. Weiss and **Commissioner Keith M. Clemens (Ret.)**, two experienced family law bench officers, will participate as Judicial Observers, and provide you with their knowledge, insight and wealth of experience on the issues raised and discussed. **Ruth L. Estep, Esq.**, a Westside family law practitioner and veteran Minor's Counsel, will serve as the Moderator of this program.

Please join us in this unique educational opportunity in the friendly atmosphere of the monthly meeting of the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court on November 2, 2010. Come and learn about Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity, while enjoying meeting and dining with other family law judicial officers and experienced colleagues.

Date & Location:

November 2, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
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