

Registration

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WIPCOD at
PO BOX 539, STURTEVENT, WI 53177

If you have questions about registration, please send an email to: wipcodassistant@gmail.com.

2026 WIPCOD Registration Form

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

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Attending In Person:

- ☐ Professional \$350 - Both Days
- ☐ Professional \$200 - Thursday
- ☐ Professional \$200-Friday
- ☐ Student \$100 (ID required) - Both Days

Attending Virtually:

- ☐ Professional \$350 - Both Days
- ☐ Professional \$200 - Thursday
- ☐ Professional \$200-Friday
- ☐ Student \$100 (ID required) - Both Days

*Approved for 6.75 CEs for
Ethics & Boundaries per day!

Scholarships

(Deadline for submission is
March 1, 2026)

Every year, the WIPCOD organization offers a minimum of five scholarships to professionals and graduate students in various fields. The scholarship will cover the registration fee for the advanced seminar. Those who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

1. Hold a position in Family Court Services, family law, mediation, domestic violence, or a similar field of responsibility or be a full-time graduate student at an accredited university in social work, law, counseling, or a related field.
2. Have not previously attended the WIPCOD Annual Conference .

Submit a letter of application detailing your interest in the scholarship, including a brief explanation of your professional position, background, and relevant experiences. Include your mailing address, email address and daytime telephone number.

Submit letter to: Paul.Schroth@outagamie.org or mail to:

Outagamie County Family Court Services
ATTN. Paul H. Schroth
320 S. Walnut St
Appleton, WI 54911

For questions, contact Paul directly at 920-832-5197.

This advanced seminar is a fantastic opportunity for professionals in the field of Family Court Services, mediation, custody evaluations, Guardians ad Litem, attorneys, domestic violence counselors, mental health counselors, psychologists, judges, court commissioners, and related disciplines to enhance their knowledge and network with peers in their field.



Wisconsin Inter-
Professional
Committee on
Divorce

WIPCOD 50th Annual Advanced Seminar April 23rd & 24th, 2026

PRESENTING:

Dr. Benjamin D. Garber

April 23, 2026
&
April 24, 2026

Anxiety/Structure and
Resist/Refuse Dynamics:
Concepts, Ethics, &
Practical Answers in
Contemporary Family Law

In Person & Virtual
Hybrid Conference

Kalahari Resorts &
Conventions - Wisconsin Dells

ANXIETY/STRUCTURE &
RESIST/REFUSE DYNAMICS:
CONCEPTS, ETHICS, &
PRACTICAL ANSWERS
IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW

Thursday, April 23, 2026

7:15–8:15 AM: Registration

8:15–8:30 AM: Welcome and Announcements

8:30–10:00 AM: Part 1: Setting the Stage:
Essential Ethics & Boundaries
Eighteen Things We Think We Know (but really don't)

10:00–10:15 AM: Morning Break

10:15–12:00 PM: Part 2: Structure Reduces Anxiety
What is Anxiety?
Structure as Anxiolytic
Practical Applications

12:00–1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00–2:30 PM: Part 3: Resist/Refuse Dynamics
Dynamics, not Diagnoses
Coping in a War Zone

2:30–2:45 PM: Afternoon Break

2:45–4:00 PM: Resist/Refuse Dynamics Continued
The Five Factor Model
The Ecological Model
An Evaluative Rubric

4:00–4:30 PM: Q&A

5:00 PM: Social Networking at Red's Piano Lounge

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APRIL 23RD & 24TH, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

7:45 – 8:15 AM: Registration

8:15 – 8:30 AM: Welcome and Announcements

8:30–10:00 AM: Part 4: "Reunification"?
Who is the client?
Best Remedies
Many Maturities

10:00 – 10:15 AM: Morning Break

10:15 – 12:00 PM: Reunification
MMST & Mending Fences

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 PM: Part 5: Advance Orientation (AO)
Structure Reduces Anxiety
Anxiety Fuel Conflict
Structure Reduces Conflict
Structure Improves Satisfaction, Efficacy & Efficiency
Ethical/Moral Responsibility

2:30 – 2:45 PM: Afternoon Break

2:45 – 4:00 PM: Advance Orientation (AO)
DEFUSEdivorce.com
Research Results
Next steps on behalf of children

4:00–4:30 PM: Q&A



Benjamin D. Garber PhD



Psychologist and author of
*Developmental Psychology
for Family Law Professionals*,
*Ten Child-Centered Forensic
Family Evaluation Tools*, and
*Mending Fences: A
Collaborative, Cognitive-
Behavioral Reunification
Protocol for Serving the Best
Interests of the Post-Divorce
Polarized Child*.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Day 1: Ethics, Structure & Resist/Refuse Dynamics

At the end of Day 1, participants will be able to:

- 1. Professional Practice & Structure:** Apply a structured, systematically informed, child-centered approach while maintaining boundaries and prioritizing relational dynamics over diagnosis.
- 2. Resist/Refuse Dynamics & Boundary Flexibility:** Explain resist/refuse dynamics and boundary flexibility as key factors influencing client functioning and interventions.
- 3. Ethical Practice:** Identify strategies for maintaining ethical professional boundaries in clinical and relational contexts.

Day 2: Reunification, Advanced Applications, & Ethics

At the end of Day 2, participants will be able to:

- 1. Family and Child Dynamics – Reunification:** Analyze family and child functioning using ecological, adaptive, and relationship-fit frameworks to guide reunification planning and intervention.
- 2. Emotional and Cultural Competence:** Demonstrate cultural humility and implement strategies for emotional refueling for clients and self in complex family contexts.
- 3. Advanced Conceptual Understanding:** Apply advanced insights from Day 1, including structure, anxiety, and relational dynamics, to case conceptualization and intervention planning for reunifying families.



For more information, please visit
www.wipcod.org/learningobjectives
or scan the QR Code.

WIPCOD 50TH ANNUAL ADVANCED SEMINAR APRIL 23RD & 24TH, 2026

Wisconsin Inter-Professional Committee on Divorce has applied for continuing legal education credits through the Wisconsin Bar Association and for continuing education for psychologists, professional counselors and social workers through the Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology. WSPP is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists and maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

Attendees will need to sign in and out at the registration table daily to be eligible for credits.

CLE's have been applied for.
CE's approved: 6.75 credits for 04/23/26
6.75 credits for 04/24/26



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