

COLLABORATIVE Practice Tips

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A monthly bulletin from the CP Cal Practice Excellence Committee

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM CPCAL's 2023 CELEBRATION, "BACK ON THE TRAIL"

If you missed this year's CPCal Celebration "Back on the Trail", which was held at the Grand Bay Hotel in Redwood City, it was inspiring to meet again and connect in person! We enjoyed the company and conversation with 128 collaborative professionals, and we had many opportunities to learn, train, network, break bread and dance together!

By profession, we enjoyed the company of 28 mental health professionals, 30 financial specialists / realtors, and 70 attorneys. Of the collaborative professionals in attendance, 36 traveled from Southern California, 86 came from Northern California, and 6 joined us from out of state/country (OK, NE, WA, and British Columbia). At least 26 of this year's participants enjoyed the

Celebration experience for the first time, one of whom was awarded the Warren Sacks Memorial Scholarship.

The three most highly attended workshops were :

“How the Insight Approach to Conflict Resolution Facilitates Better Outcomes in Divorce and Mediation” presented by Kathy Campbell, J.D., and Carol Hughes, Ph.D., LMFT

“Silicon Valley Entities: Structure and Equity Compensation” presented by Michele Bissada, CFLS, Mark Flowers, CFP, CDFA, and Elaina Serotte, CFP, CDFA

“When You Realize There’s a Narcissist in the Room” presented by Sharon Ellison and Ami Atkinson Combs

A record number of educational credits were available for most of the professionals in attendance, including 19 for attorneys, 15 for certified public accountants, 13 for mental health professionals, 6 for certified financial planners, and 5.5 for psychologists.

Don’t take our word for it, let’s hear what various attendees had to say:

“There’s nothing better than sharing a meal with good friends and respected colleagues, while talking about lots of things besides our practices. One of my favorite activities was dinner with a small group, half from SoCal, half from NorCal (including our new CP Cal President, Kathy Campbell). We went the entire meal without discussing business! As for programs, I particularly enjoyed and learned a lot from Ron Anfuso about Moore- Marsden and 2640(c), as well as from Marc Gertz about reverse mortgages.” George Richardson, Attorney

“I enjoyed the camaraderie and learning new insights into how I can help clients through difficult decisions. I came away feeling connected and grounded!” Julie Mack, Attorney

“The Unique Role of the Child Specialist’ was very interesting. It kept me thinking and engaged the whole time. Would like to hear more and have more case examples explored.” Anonymous evaluation response

“I appreciated the presenters’ realness and humanity in the ‘Why Collaborative Professionals Should Be LGBTQIA Allies’ workshop. Such important information was provided in this excellent workshop. Great videos!” Anonymous evaluation response

“I enjoyed the Sharon Ellison pre-conference institute and learned about powerful non- defensive communication. My biggest takeaway was that there is always a new set of skills you can learn and so much you can improve

upon.” Wendy Jones, Attorney

“I really enjoyed the screening and Q&A of the Oscar nominated short film “Facing Fear” during the Closing Plenary. This documentary and the Q&A afterward with its director and the actual subjects of the film presented a powerful story of forgiveness. It is available to watch on Amazon Prime.”
Nicole Stednitz, Attorney

“After attending ‘Introduction to Regenerative Family Dynamics’, I am committing to finding a spot in nature around my home to sit for 20 minutes a day to observe, listen, smell, and feel everything in my surroundings. My goal is to deepen my connection to nature and to further connect with my clients, colleagues, family, and friends.” Jane K. Euler, Attorney

An inspiring time was had by all! Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for next year’s Celebration, which will be held at the Sonesta hotel in Redondo Beach, California from April 26th to April 28th, 2024!

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