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- Education:** U.C.L.A. 1978, B.A., History & Sociology
U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall 1982, Juris Doctorate
- Licensing/
Certification:** State Bar of California, 1982, #104324
Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar of California, 1992 to present
- Awards:** Rex Sater Award for Excellence in Family Law, 2003
Northern California Super Lawyer, 2005 – present
Eureka Award, Collaborative Practice, 2007
Best Lawyers in America, 2006 – present
Best Lawyers, Santa Rosa Family Lawyer of the Year, 2012 and 2016
- Employment/
Professional Activities:** Founding Partner: Conner, Lawrence, Rodney, Olhiser & Barrett, LLP, 1983 to present.
- Judge Pro Tem: Domestic Calendar, Settlement Conference Panelist and Case Management Conference panelist, Sonoma County Superior Court, 1992 to present
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Member from 2000 to present. Board of Directors 2008 to 2014. President in 2013.
- Collaborative Council of the Redwood Empire. Member from 2004 to present. Board of Directors 2004 – 2008. (President, 2004 – 2006)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Steering Committee, Sonoma County Bar Association. Member from 2000 to present. Steering Committee 2001 to 2004.
- Family Law Committee of Sonoma County, 1987-1989, 1999-2001, 2016 to present (2001 Chair)
- Sonoma County Women in Law. Member from 1984 to present (Board, 1984-1988)
- Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Member from 1996 to present.
- Presentations
and Trainings:**
- Training Organizations:**
- Center for Understanding in Conflict/Center for Mediation in Law
40 hour Basic Mediation Intensive, April 2008, September 2008,
September 2009, April 2010, October 2010, March 2011, October 2011,
March 2012, October 2012, March 2013, October 2013, January 2014,
March 2014, November 2014, March 2015, May 2015, November 2015,
April 2016
Self Reflection for Conflict Professionals Intensive series,
September 2014 – June 2015, January - June 2016
1 day training, Power Imbalance – November 2015
1 day training, End Game – April 2015
1 day training, Conflict and the Role of the Professional, November 2014
1 day training, Contracting – The Agreement to Mediate, November 2013
1 day training, Advanced Looping: Bringing Greater Understanding to Parties
in Conflict, January 2012
2 day training, Role of the Law, November 2012
Monthly Support and Development Group, 2011 to 2014
- Collaborative Practice Trainers
Mastery of Collaborative Practice, 8 class series, 2008
Mastery of Collaborative Practice, 10 class series, 2007

Conference Workshops:

- Canadian Bar Association Legal Conference
Navigating Impasse in Negotiations, 8/13
- Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida, 1st Annual Conference
Plenary presentation – The Role of the Law in Collaborative Practice, 5/13
- Collaborative Practice California annual conference
Understanding Impasse pre-conference institute, 4/16
Understanding Impasse workshop, 4/15
Bringing Interests Down to Earth, 4/12
Bridge Over Troubled Teams, 4/10
Pre-Conference Institute on Self Reflection for Conflict Professionals, 4/10
Board retreat facilitation, 8/08, 8/09
Well-Functioning Collaborative Practice Groups, 4/08
Communication Challenges for Client-Centered Collaboration, 5/07
The Role of the Law in Collaborative Cases, 3/06
Building Successful Collaborative Groups, 3/06
- Collaborative Professionals of Washington Annual Conference
Difficult Conversations, November 2013
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals annual conference
The Sign-On Meeting: Doorway to a Successful Collaborative Case, 10/14
Access to Collaboration, 10/13 and 10/14
Pre-Conference Institute for Practice Group Leaders, 10/10
Difficult Conversations, 10/10
Practice Group Excellence, 10/10
Pre-Conference Institute for Practice Group Leaders, 10/09
Pre-Conference Institute on the Role of the Law, 10/09
Pre-Conference Trainer's Institute, 10/08
Thriving Collaborative Practice Groups, From Theory to Practice, 10/08
The Collaborative Endgame, 10/08
Development and Care of Multi-Disciplinary Practice Groups, 10/05
Building an Effective Collaborative Team Panel, Boston Annual Forum, 10/04
Better Practices Panel, Vancouver Annual Forum, 10/03
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Institute
Technology in Collaborative Practice, March 2013
- Law Society of Manitoba, Annual Family Law Conference
Demystifying Collaborative Practice and Mediation, March 2015
- Michigan Collaborative state annual meeting
1 day facilitation and training, 1/09
- Challenging Conflict, European Collaborative Conference, Germany
Interdisciplinary Team Dynamics, 6/10
- State Bar of California Convention
Collaborative Law, 10/02

Practice Group Trainings:

- A Better Divorce
1 day training, Interests in Collaborative Practice, 2/13
- Australian Practice groups in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane
Three 1 day workshops, Working in an Interdisciplinary Team, 7/12
- Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates
Teambuilding in Collaborative Practice, 1/13

Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative Professionals
2 day training, The End Game, 5/09

Collaborative Council of the Redwood Empire
1 day training, Collaborative Teamwork with Challenging Clients
Growing Your Collaborative Practice series, 4 sessions, 2011
2 day training, Power Imbalance and Gender in Collaborative Cases, 11/09
Board retreat facilitation, 9/07 and 9/08
1 day training, Difficult Conversations, 11/07
2 day Training, The End Game, 11/06
2 Day Training, Role of the Law in Collaborative Cases, 11/05
3 Day Training, Mediation Skills for Collaborative Practitioners, 11/04
Roles of Professionals in Collaborative Cases, 6/04

Collaborative Divorce Solutions, Orange County
1 day annual retreat, 7/10

Collaborative Divorce, Vancouver
2 day training, Overcoming Impasse, 5/14

Collaborative Family Law Professionals of Marin
2 day training, The End Game, 11/09
½ day training, The End Game, 3/09
2 day training, The Role of the Law, 3/08
2 day training, Creating the Collaborative Team, 9/07

Collaborative Practice, Durham, Canada
1 day training, The Collaborative End Game, 6/16

Collaborative Practice Group of Contra Costa/East Bay
Annual group retreat facilitation, 3/10
Annual group retreat facilitation, 9/08
2 day training, The Collaborative Endgame, 6/08
2 day training, Collaborative Negotiations, 11/07
2 day training, Mediation Skills for Collaborative Practitioners, 9/05

Collaborative Practice Hong Kong
2 day Basic Collaborative Training, 2/10
1 day Collaborative Practice Group Formation workshop, 2/10

Collaborative Practice Manitoba
1 day training, A Model for the First Joint Meeting and the Role of the Law, 3/15

Collaborative Practice Napa
1 day training, Introduction to Collaborative Practice, 3/08

Collaborative Practice, San Francisco
1 day annual retreat facilitation, 6/10
2 day training, The End Game, 11/09
1 day annual retreat facilitation, 3/09

Collaborative Practice San Mateo
1 day annual retreat and training, 1/09
1 day annual retreat and training, 1/11

Collaborative Practice, Toronto
1 day strategic planning retreat, 11/13

Eidos Projekt, Fischbachau, Germany
3 day trainings, Basic Collaborative Practice, 8/07, 2/08 and 1/09
1 ½ day training, Collaborative Teamwork, 4/14

Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals
½ day training, Is the Law a Problem or Is It You?, 8/15
1 day training, Finding the Way through Rocky Seas, 5/16

Martina Ammon and Rupert von Katzler, Bad Aibling, Germany
2 day Basic Collaborative Training, 6/10

MediationFest, Cologne, Germany
2 day training, Collaborative Teamwork, 3/14

Okanagan Collaborative Family Law Group
½ day training, Starting the File Off on the Right Foot, 6/16

Sacramento Collaborative Practice Group
1 day training, Interest Based Negotiation, 9/13
1 day training, The End Game, 5/09

Other workshops, presentations or trainings:

The Mediation Society
Competency, Norms, Styles, and Cultures in Mediation, 5/15

Sonoma County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Technology and Electronic Documents in Law Practice, 3/13
Tracing from A-Z, 6/07

Sonoma County Legal Aid, 11/05
Alternative Approaches to Co-Parenting Disagreements

Business Valuation Seminar, Legal Aspects, 9/03

Steven C. Neustadter Collaborative Law Symposium, 5/03

Conflict Resolution Skills, Timber Harvest Workshop, 9/02

Family Law Case Management Conference Program Training, 6/02

Legal Aid Family Law Training, 2/99, 2/00, 2/02

Family Law Evidence Seminar, 4/01

Child Custody Evaluator Training, 6/99

The Expert Witness, 10/98

CEB Recent Developments in Family Law, 1990-1994

Publications:

Collaborative Family Law Practice Materials, 2002
with Steven C. Neustadter, Revised 2004, 2008 and 2011 with Margaret L. Anderson

The Use of Experts in Child Custody Litigation, FairShare newsletter,
May 2000, with Jacqueline Singer, Ph.D.