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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

### **THE MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN**

**WHAT:** The Massachusetts Bar Association's 17th Annual Family Law Conference, "Deciding, Proving and Planning for Best Interests – When Family Law Cases Affect Children."

**WHO:** Nine judges, nine attorneys, child psychologists and child advocates will meet to discuss emerging trends and new legislation in the areas of divorce, parenting plans and custody.

- Paula M. Carey, incoming Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court and Edward P. Ryan Jr., O'Connor & Ryan PC, Fitchburg – Clinical Experts in a Custody Case: Are They Necessary and How to Present and Challenge Clinical Expert Testimony
- Berkshire Probate and Family Court First Justice Edward J. Lapointe and Franklin Probate and Family Court First Justice Geoffrey A. Wilson – Judicial Forum on Parenting Plans
- Veronica Fenton and Thomas A. Kenefick III, Thomas A. Kenefick III PC, Springfield – Parent Alienation Syndrome: Will Expert Testimony Survive *Daubert*?
- Theresa M. Varnet, Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple PC, Worcester – Special Financial Planning for Special Needs Children
- Marsha Kline Pruett, a clinical psychologist and faculty member at Smith College in Northampton – The Father-Child Connection: A Two-Way Street

**WHERE:** Cranwell Resort, Spa & Golf Club  
55 Lee Road, Lenox

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 29

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For a full schedule, visit:

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