

# Trainer Biographies



**Judge Sherrill Ellsworth** is currently working as a judicial consultant to government and non-profit organizations. Judge Ellsworth also works as a private judge and mediator. She continues her decades of volunteerism as an active judicial educator working with entities such as the National Judicial College and the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Prior to this she was acting chief community officer and co-founder of co Parenter, an intelligent dispute resolution (IDR) platform.

Judge Ellsworth worked for 20 years as a commissioner, judge, supervising judge, and then presiding judge for the Superior Court of California, Riverside. She is the recipient of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society Lawyer of the Year Award, the Douglas E. Weathers Award for Judicial Leadership, the Impact Council Outstanding Businesswomen of the Year award for her judicial leadership, the Riverside County Family Law Bar Association Award, as well as community awards for judicial leadership. She was a member of California's Judicial Council and has served on multiple task forces and Administrative Offices of the Courts committees and work groups focused on domestic violence, family/juvenile law, technology, diversity/bias, rules and forms, and legislative issues. She is dedicated to her family; one husband, six children, 13 grandchildren, and her dog. Judge Ellsworth now resides on a lake between Spokane, Washington, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



**Julia F. Weber, Esq., MSW**, has spent her career developing innovative approaches to solving complex issues facing families, children, and communities. She consults, serves as an expert witness, and regularly speaks and trains on domestic violence, firearms violence prevention policies, child custody, and implementation of promising practices for violence prevention. She has served as the director of the National Center on Gun Violence in Relationships; immediately prior to that, she spent four years with Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence where she became the first Implementation Director, focusing on extreme risk protection order policies and related firearms violence prevention issues, drafting and advocating for model legislation nationally, and training judges, attorneys, mental health practitioners, and victim advocates.

In 2021-22 Julia led Giffords' effort to enact SB 320, a comprehensive approach to civil firearms relinquishment in domestic violence matters and successfully advocated for \$40 million in state funding for implementation. From 1999-2017, Julia worked with the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body for the largest court system in the US, as a supervising attorney with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. She staffed family law, domestic violence, and access to justice projects including developing rules of court, judicial and court staff trainings, and key court procedures focused on improving court administration. Julia began her career in St. Louis County Family Court as a Domestic Relations Services social worker mediating child custody cases, and later opened a private practice representing children, providing mediation services, and consulting on domestic violence policies. Julia has been an adjunct professor teaching domestic violence law at Golden Gate University School of Law for the last six years; she previously taught courses on race, gender, and law at Washington University in St. Louis where she obtained her undergraduate and law and social work degrees. She is a mediator and a member of the California Bar. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/juliafweber/>