

# MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILY LAW CASES

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and the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
(COAFCC)*

**April 15, 2024**

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Garfield District Court  
109 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtroom B  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

**AND**

Via WebEx in Judge Lynch's Courtroom 920 849 792  
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## SCHEDULE

**Noon – 1:00 pm. Linda Klein and Josie Burt**

The Play Therapist in the Courtroom. This session will review legal requirements and legal issues that may arise during the course of therapy and aid mental health professionals navigating the legal system to become more comfortable and competent interacting with the legal system. It will also aid family law professionals to navigate interactions with therapists.

**1:00 – 2:00 Hon. Denise Lynch, Hon. Anne Norrdin, Resa Hayes**

Panel Discussion. This session will explore practical issues and tips for the interaction of mental health and legal professionals in family law cases, including common scenarios of various professional roles and best practices intended to produce the best outcomes for the families and professionals involved.

## PRESENTERS



**Linda S. Klein, LPC, RPT/S**

Linda received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Indiana State University and a Master's in Agency Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado. She has Level 2 training in Theraplay.

Her initial training was in Child Centered, Adlerian, and Attachment. She believes that there is not a "one size fits all" for Play Therapy and uses a developmental integrative approach.

Linda has been a play therapist for over 23 years and RPT/S since 2001. She is the past president of CAPT, a frequent presenter and an affiliate teacher of Play Therapy at Regis University. Linda also provides supervision for LPC and LMFT licensure and for Registered Play Therapist certification.

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**Josie L. Burt, JD**

Josie received her BA in Political Science and Government from Colorado State University. She received her juris doctor from Creighton University School of Law and a Master's Degree in Government Organization and Leadership from Creighton University. She has been in solo practice since 2018, and her work includes Child Legal Representative work in family law cases.

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**Hon. Denise Lynch**

Judge Lynch received a B.A. from Michigan State University in 1979. She received her law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School at Western Michigan University in 1982, graduating summa cum laude. She engaged in private practice as a trial lawyer from 1983 until 2001. In 2001, she began working as an Assistant County Attorney for Garfield County and continued that work until her appointment to the bench in 2006. Since becoming a judge, Judge Lynch has presided over drug court and has spoken at numerous seminars for lawyers and judges.

## PRESENTERS



**Resa Hayes, LPC, NCC**

Resa is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Colorado (LPC) as well as a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC). She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Adams State University. Alongside this she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, with emphasis in Child Development and Child Welfare Issues, from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Resa is experienced in human development, family systems, anxiety, depression, sexuality, parenting, childhood trauma and complex divorce and custody issues. She is known for her work within forensic services and mediation alongside regular speaking engagements and workshop presentations on complex co-parenting strategies.

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**Hon. Anne Norrdin**

Judge Norrdin was appointed to the District Court bench in October 2016. She graduated from the University of Colorado in 2002 with degrees in Political Science and German and received her law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2005. Judge Norrdin worked for a year as a law clerk for the Hon. Lael Montgomery (retired) of the Boulder District Court. Then, Judge Norrdin worked as a deputy district attorney for the 1st Judicial District (Jefferson and Gilpin Counties; 2006-2008) and for the 9th Judicial District (Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties; 2008-2016), where she was employed as the assistant district attorney at the time of her appointment to the bench.