

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we, as Christians, could model faithful communities without destructive conflict?



CONFLICT MATTERS

Presentations for Christian Communities

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As a family law attorney specializing in divorce, Jennifer Hargrave has years of experience in navigating and resolving conflict. As a committed Christian, her passion for studying and resolving conflict is guided by her Christian faith. Jennifer is passionate about finding methods that allow our families and communities to pursue conflict resolution as opposed to conflict escalation.

Presentation Topics

Available formats: workshop, 45 or 90 minute sessions

Family Conflict Matters

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” [James 1:19-20](#)

Marriages and family relationships don't fail because they have conflict. Rather, it is unresolved conflict that so often kills a relationship.

The Christian faith has a lot to say about conflict. As new creations in Christ, we have different obligations in times of conflict. The remarkable thing about being a Christian is not that we are without conflict, but that we understand that through Christ, conflict can lead to change that is transformative. For Christians, conflict is always a spiritual issue, giving us opportunities to give and receive grace; in our secular world, conflict sometimes presents us with legal issues as well.

In this presentation, Jennifer will explore conflict in familial relationships, and give effective “interest based” negotiation skills for helping families resolve conflict. In this program, we will explore our spiritual responsibility in managing conflict as follows:

1. The causes of conflict: Why can't we all just get along?
2. Effective models of conflict resolution: How do we get through to each other?
3. Tools for engaging “the other side” in conflict resolution: Where's the common ground?
4. What to do if conflict resolution fails: What do we do now?

Minimizing the Effect of Divorce in our Community

Divorce has a significant impact on our communities – our extended families, schools, churches, neighborhoods, and our overall social structure. In this presentation, Jennifer Hargrave will lead the group through an exploration of the reasons why divorces occur in our society today, and what those reasons tell us about the place of marriage in our current culture. Based on her years of experience as a divorce attorney, Jennifer will also discuss why some divorces are so traumatic for a family. Lastly and most importantly, she will also give practical information to guide communities in supporting families who are transitioning through the divorce process with the goal of helping them avoid the traumatic and lasting effects of a divorce that spirals into a destructive battle where no one wins.



How to Divorce Proof your Marriage

In this presentation, Jennifer Hargrave will share her unique perspective both as a divorce attorney and a Christian to discuss why couples end up getting divorced and what you can do to help insulate your own marriage from divorce. She will give practical tools to help with conflict resolution, communication, compromise and prioritization from a Christian's perspective. The goal is to bolster and strengthen your marriage with sensible methods you can use to keep your marriage on solid ground as you navigate through life as a couple.

What is your Identity?

We live in a world that affixes labels to us from the moment we are born – gender, sexual orientation, family birth order, obedience, professionalism, career choice, marital status, parenting status. Some of these labels are labels we put on ourselves; other are labels given to us. Losing a label can be a struggle, for example, when a marriage fails. The good news is that our identity is not the labels we wear. Our identity lies within Christ. Through our relationship with Christ, we can break through these labels, and grow into the person we were created to be.



About Jennifer Stanton Hargrave

Jennifer Stanton Hargrave is an experienced family trial attorney and is especially skilled at helping clients construct creative settlement agreements. Jennifer knows in family law, there are battles that need to be fought, yet every divorce does not need to end in warfare.

Since 1995 Jennifer has been advocating for others by practicing law; she began her law career at a litigation firm, followed by several years as in-house counsel to a corporation in the financial services industry. In 2006, she left the financial services industry to begin her career in family law and dedicate herself to assisting families in times of transition. Jennifer resides in Dallas, Texas with her husband and three children. She was raised as the daughter of an Episcopal clergyman, and grew up living in California, Iowa, Vermont and Texas. She is active in her church and community.

Jennifer is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and a member of the Texas Academy of Family Law

Specialists, the Dallas Bar Family Law Section and the Collaborative Law Institute of Texas. She is frequently recognized by her peers as a respected family law attorney, having been named one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Texas, by Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers by U.S. News & World Report, D Magazine's Best Lawyers, and many more.

Jennifer offers her speaking engagements as part of her lay ministry and commitment to helping families in North Texas.

To learn more about scheduling Jennifer Hargrave to speak to your group, contact her through her Executive Director, Skye MacLaren, at skye@jhfamilylaw.com.