Editorial

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Over the past five-plus years, the Journal of Child Custody has set forth articles representing a plethora of viewpoints on issues involved in child custody cases. As editor, I have strived to put forth divergent points of view. Many of the articles have been controversial. It is my view that JCC readers should be exposed to the many sides of issues, especially heated or controversial ones.

The double issue that follows is no exception to the cutting edge work the JCC attracts. The topic of this special issue is domestic violence in child custody cases—a topic that has resulted in some of the most heated debates in the field.

Thanks to the wisdom and vision of Peter Salem of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) and Billie Lee Dunford-Jackson of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), a landmark conference was held in February 2007. There, leaders in the domestic violence field met and conferred. People sat across the table from each other that never had been in the same room. This was an opportunity to find common ground. Some wounds healed, agreements made, and bridges built. The two products of Wingspread were the Wingspread Report (2007) and an entire issue of Family Court Review (July 2008). These are must-reads if you are working with children and families in custody cases. The issue of JCC that follows is a further attempt to provide the field with information and points of view.

It has not been said before and may need to be said at this time. The articles in any issue of JCC, including the articles in this issue, do not necessarily represent the views of the publisher, Taylor and Francis; the editor, Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.; the Associate Editors; or any given member of the JCC Editorial Board. The articles represent the views of the authors—views that I suggest that you consider with due diligence, and from which you take

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what fits. It is my hope that these articles will spurn others and that JCC will further encourage a dialogue amongst those working with domestic violence and child custody. I believe that it is just this kind of dialogue that will result in us providing better help for the children and their families when domestic violence is at issue in a child custody case.