

## About the Speaker



**ROBERT E. EMERY**, Ph.D. is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Children, Families, and the Law at the University of Virginia. He also is an associate faculty member in the Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy, and was Director of Clinical Training from 1993-2002. He received his B.A. from Brown University in 1974 and his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1982.

He has served or is serving on the editorial board of eleven professional journals, and he has been a member of the Social Sciences and Population grant review study section of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Emery's research focuses on family relationships and children's mental health, including parental conflict, divorce, child custody, family violence, and associated legal and policy issues. His 1982 *Psychological Bulletin* paper, "Interparental Conflict and the Children of Discord and Divorce," was designated a "Citation Classic" by the Institute for Scientific Information with over 320 citations as of April 1993 (over 700 as of January 2000). His *Child Development* paper, "Family Members as Third Parties in Dyadic Family Conflict: Strategies, Alliances, and Outcomes" (with Samuel Vuchinich and Jude Cassidy), won the 1989 "Outstanding Research Publication Award" from the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

In December 2000, he was asked to present his research findings to the National Academy of Sciences. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts presented the "Distinguished Researcher" and "Myer Elkin Address" awards to Dr. Emery in 2002. His book, *The Truth about Children and Divorce*, was a finalist for the Books for a Better Life Award and Library of Virginia Literary Award in 2005.

Dr. Emery is the author of over 100 scientific publications and several books. *Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Adjustment* (1999, 2nd Ed., Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications) won the Outstanding Academic Book award from *Choice* magazine, and was recently translated into Chinese. *Abnormal Psychology* (2007, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall [with Thomas Oltmanns]) is in its fifth edition (1st Ed 1995; 2nd Ed 1998; 3rd Ed 2001; 4th Ed 2004).

Dr. Emery has also written *Essentials of Abnormal Psychology* (2000, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall) with Thomas Oltmanns. His book, *Renegotiating Family Relationships: Divorce, Child Custody, and Mediation* (1994, New York: Guilford Publications; 2nd Ed. In preparation), was translated into Italian (*Il Divorzio: Renegoziare le Relazioni Familiari*). Dr. Emery's new book, *The Truth about Children and Divorce: Dealing with the Emotions So You and Your Children Can Thrive* (New York: Viking/Penguin) was published in August, 2004, and was featured when Dr. Emery presented on the *Today Show*, *The Jane Pauley Show*, National Public Radio, in *Newsweek* magazine, and in many other print and electronic media. The book is currently being translated into Italian and Korean.

Dr. Emery has lectured extensively on his research across the United States and in numerous countries throughout the world. In addition to his research, teaching, and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Emery continues to engage in a limited practice as a clinical psychologist and divorce mediator. He also is the father of five children.

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