

2011 Spring Lecture Series

Save the Dates!

Effective & Ethical Representation of Very Young Children in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases

Candice Maze, J.D.

This full-day training is a practice-focused, hands on experience for attorneys interested in improving their representation of infants, toddlers and preschoolers in child abuse and neglect proceedings. The training will focus on what every lawyer should know about very young children in dependency proceedings, how best to fulfill the child advocacy role in the context of early child development and ethical challenges and considerations when representing infants, toddlers and preschoolers. With the emphasis on gaining useful practice experience and tools, the training format will primarily involve small group work, role play and mock hearings centered around a number of case studies.

April 26th, in Alliance, 9:00-4:00

April 28th, in Omaha, 8:30-3:45

The Hallmarks of Effective, Ethical Representation of Very Young Children in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases

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This three-hour training will focus on what every lawyer should know about very young children in dependency proceedings, how best to fulfill the child advocacy role in the context of early child development and ethical challenges and considerations when representing infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Both lecture and case studies will be used to ensure a dynamic and interactive training.

April 27th, in Lexington, 8:30-12:30

MCLE credit pending!

These events are sponsored by the Nebraska Court Improvement Project. For more information on the Nebraska Court Improvement Project, the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, or these trainings, please visit our website at www.throughtheeyes.org.

Questions? Please contact Kelli Hauptman (khauptman2@unl.edu, 402.472.3927).

Immigration Issues in Juvenile Court

Kristen Jackson, J.D.

An all-day seminar led by UCLA Law Faculty Kristen Jackson addressing immigration issues for children in juvenile court. It will cover the basics of immigration law and focus on forms of relief including Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS). The intersection of juvenile delinquency and immigration will also be covered, as will local and national immigration resources.

May 3rd, in Grand Island, 8:30-4:30

May 4th, in Ashland, 8:30-4:30

Advanced Issues on the Substance Abusing Parent

Pamela Baston, NCSACW Consultant

This training will include basics about drug testing, the interplay with mental health and domestic violence, and will make a case for taking a holistic approach to treating the substance abusing parent.

May 25th, in O'Neill, 1:00-4:30

May 26th, in South Sioux City, 8:30-12:00

May 27th, in Lincoln, 8:30-12:00

Ethics, Best Practices, or Both? Ethical Dilemmas in Child Welfare Cases for the Nebraska GAL

Margaret A. Burt, J.D.

Your child client who is in foster care tells you that his mother was drunk during the last home visit but does not want you to tell anyone because he wants to return home soon - what should you do? The foster care mother calls you and says that the police are at her home and are about to talk to your child client, who is in foster care due to parental neglect, about some neighborhood burglaries - what should you do? Attend a half day session with relevant and practical discussion of actual issues that Nebraska GALs face in their daily practice.

June 13th, in Omaha, 8:30-12:30

June 14th, tentatively in Lincoln, 8:30-12:30

June 15th, tentatively in North Platte, 8:30-12:30

All individuals with a stake in the child welfare court system are invited to attend, including judges, attorneys, caseworkers, clerks, school personnel, law enforcement, medical and service providers, foster families, treatment providers, CASA, FCRB, and court facilitators.

You must register to attend. Registration and more information will be available by March 1st at www.throughtheeyes.org. There is no cost to attend but registration will close when limits are reached. You must register in advance to receive MCLE credits (approval pending). There will be a fee of \$5 per MCLE credit hour.

If you are unable to attend, some of these sessions will become available through video streaming at www.throughtheeyes.org.

