

COMPLEX ISSUES IN JUVENILE COURT PRACTICE

Friday, May 16, 2008--Creighton University Law School

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.- 8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
- 8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. **What's New in Juvenile Court Practice?**
Christine P. Costantakos
- 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. **Helping Babies from the Bench:
Using the Science of Early
Childhood Development in Court**
Honorable Douglas F. Johnson
- 9:45 a.m. -10:15 a.m. **Raising Constitutional Issues**
Jeffrey A. Wagner
- 10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **Grandparents, Siblings & Others:
Intervention in Juvenile Court
Cases - Jackie Madara-Campbell**
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Using Psychological Evaluations
in Court - Patricia M. Sullivan, Ph.D.**
- 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. **LUNCH (included in seminar fee)**
- 1:00 p.m.-1:30 pm **A View from the Bench: What the
Judge Looks for from Attorneys
("Things I've Learned Along the
Way") - Honorable Vernon C.R. Daniels**
- 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. **ICWA & ASFA: "Active Efforts" vs.
"Reasonable Efforts" - Regina T. Makaitis**
- 2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m. **Daubert Challenges to
Expert Evidence - Christine P. Costantakos**
- 2:45 p.m.-3:00 pm **BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. -3:45 pm **The Department of Health and
Human Services-- Tips for Working
with the Agency - Gail Steen**
- 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **Prosecution and Defense Strategies
for Avoiding or Obtaining
Termination of Parental Rights Panel**
Chris Costantakos-Moderator
- Hon. Vernon R. Daniels
Jeanine Creighton
Jackie Madara-Campbell
Regina T. Makaitis
Amy Schuchman
Gail Steen
Jeffrey A. Wagner

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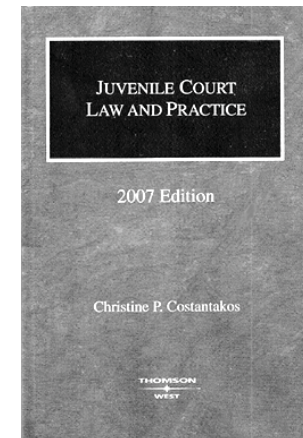
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This seminar is not an “intro” to the basics of juvenile court law, but focuses on more complex areas of juvenile court practice, such as intervention into the proceedings by other family members, raising and preserving constitutional challenges, effective use of psychological evaluations in juvenile court proceedings, issues under the Indian Child Welfare Act, and strategies in proceedings for termination of parental rights, from both prosecutorial and defense perspectives. Each legal presenter is an actively practicing attorney or judge with several years of experience in juvenile court law. ***The State of Iowa has approved this seminar for 6 1/4 hours of CLE credit. This seminar has been approved by the Administrative Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court to meet the 3-hour guardian ad litem annual training required by the Supreme Court Rule Regarding Guardian ad Litem Training for Attorneys.***

Each registrant will receive a complimentary copy of *Juvenile Court Law and Practice* (Thomson-West Publishing 2007 Ed.), by Christine P. Costantakos (list price \$93).

A box lunch will be provided on campus to all participants.

REGISTRATION

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Seminar Fee	• Registration in advance \$125.00 <i>must be received by May 9, 2008</i>
	• Registration at the door \$135.00

_____ I request a vegetarian lunch.

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Faculty

CHRIS COSTANTAKOS is a graduate of Creighton University Law School and has practiced extensively in the area of juvenile court law for nearly 30 years. She is the author of *Juvenile Court Law & Practice*, a practice manual for lawyers and others published by Thomson-West Publishing Company, and also the author of articles relating to issues in juvenile court practice published in *The Nebraska Lawyer* magazine. She is a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts and also served on that Commission’s Guardian ad Litem Sub-committee.

JEANINE CREIGHTON is a graduate of Creighton University School of Law and has been an Assistant Public Defender in the Douglas County Public Defender’s office for 7 years. She has defended parents in dependency (abuse-neglect) cases and juveniles in both delinquency and status-offense cases and has handled numerous cases involving the termination of parental rights.

JACKIE MADARA-CAMPBELL is a graduate of Creighton University Law School and is managing partner of “Family and Juvenile Law Omaha, Jackie Madara Campbell and Leslie Ann Christensen.” The firm specializes in juvenile and family law issues, including guardian ad litem representation, custody, adoption, and divorce, and also provides defense counsel in Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich’s Juvenile Drug Court. Ms. Madara-Campbell has been recognized by the Nebraska Foster Care Review Board for her work in juvenile court as a guardian ad litem.

REGINA T. MAKAITIS is a graduate of Creighton University School of Law and has been practicing law in Omaha since 1979 with a strong emphasis on juvenile law. She has represented both parents and children in juvenile matters, and has served as a special prosecutor in a number of cases in the Separate Juvenile Court in Douglas County. She has been involved in precedent-setting cases such as **In re Interest of Tabitha R. (I)** (relating to removal of child from life-support), **In re Interest of Tabatha R. (II)** (reasons for denying plan of rehabilitation to parents) and **In re Interest of Walter W.** (addressing “active efforts” under the Indian Child Welfare Act.)

AMY SCHUCHMAN is a graduate of Whittier Law School in Orange County, California, and has been a Deputy County Attorney in the office of the Douglas County Attorney, Juvenile Division, for 4 years. She has prosecuted dependency (abuse-neglect) and delinquency and status-offense cases, and has handled numerous cases involving the termination of parental rights.

B. GAIL STEEN is a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law. She began practicing law in 1992 at the Legal Aid Society, in Norfolk, Nebraska. In 1995, she transferred to its Omaha office where she later became a supervising attorney. In 2000, Ms. Steen moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, to represent the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in its Child Protection Team, becoming the Section leader for that team in 2004. Her primary area of practice is family law, with an emphasis on juvenile law, including extensive appellate experience.

PATRICIA M. SULLIVAN, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist who obtained her Ph.D. degree in pediatric psychology from the University of Iowa. She has extensive experience with children and families and has conducted several forensic evaluations for use in both district court and juvenile court proceedings. She has provided numerous presentations to guardians ad litem, county attorneys and to juvenile, county and district court judges on psychological evaluations. She is a Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at Creighton University. She is an NIH funded researcher and currently involved in the study of the long-term effects of violence exposure, including child abuse, domestic and community violence, in childhood.

JEFFREY A. WAGNER is a graduate of Creighton University Law School and is a partner in the law firm of Schirber & Wagner, L.L.C. He has practiced extensively in the area of juvenile court law for nearly 16 years. He has been associated with precedent-setting cases such as **In re Interest of Borius H.** (evidence required at detention hearings) and **In re Interest of Danielle D.** (parent’s right to confrontation).

Judges

THE HONORABLE VERNON C. R. DANIELS graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law and has served as a judge of the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, for over 6 years. He is a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts, as well as a member of the Governor’s Children’s Task Force. He was a member of the Supreme Court-Nebraska State Bar Association’s Minority and Justice Task Force, and serves as a current member of the Implementation Commission of that Task Force. Judge Daniels is also a member of the steering committee of the “Building Bright Futures” initiative. He was a member of the Commission on Juvenile Diversion, Detention, and Probation Uniform Standards as well as a board member of the Boy Scouts’ Diversion Program. He is a former Chairperson of the LB 1184 Treatment Team and was also a member of the City of Omaha Race Relations Commission. He served for 3 years on the Legislation Committee of the Nebraska State Bar Association. Judge Daniels enjoys mentoring new attorneys and law students at the University of Nebraska College of Law.

THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS F. JOHNSON is a graduate of Creighton University Law School and has been a judge of the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, for 15 years. He is on the teaching faculty and is the Vice President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). He is the founding Lead Judge of the Omaha Model Court. He is a 2005 Zero to Three Fellow graduate. Judge Johnson presides over Nebraska’s first Family Drug Treatment Court, the “Zero to Five Family Drug Treatment Court” (est. May, 2005). He serves on numerous national, regional and local commissions, committees, and Boards, and is co-Chair of the Nebraska Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts. Judge Johnson’s greatest delights are his wife, Mary, daughters, Anne and Kate, and ever-faithful standard poodle Murphy (who is not a sissy dog)!