

# Rights of Non-Resident and Non-Accused Parents in Neglect and Abuse Cases

Thursday, July 22, 2021

**8:00 am – 8:05 am | Introduction**

**8:05 am – 8:35 am**

**Andrew Scavotto, Partner, Stinson LLP**

*Constitutional and statutory rights of non-accused / non-offending parents in abuse and neglect cases*

**8:35 am – 9:05 am**

**Dawn Blunda, Managing Attorney, Children's Division**

*Children's Division perspective and considerations regarding non-resident/non-offending/non-custodial parents*

**9:05 am – 9:35 am**

**Carl Seltzer, Guardian *ad litem* and parents' attorney**

*Discussion of the perspective of the Guardian *ad litem* and the accused parent*

**9:35 am – 10:15 am**

**Dr. Tonya Coakley, Professor of Social Work,  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

*Inclusive and strength-based practices with vulnerable families*

**10:15 am – 10:30 am | Break**

**10:30 am – 11:15 am**

**Kathleen DuBois, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and**

**Josh Gupta-Kagan, Professor at University of South Carolina School of Law**

*The law and history of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) in Missouri and nationally*

**11:15 am – 12:00 pm**

**Allison Green, Legal Director, National Association of Counsel for Children**

*The Family First Prevention Services Act: practical tips to keep families together*

**12:00 pm – 12:45 pm**

**Family Court Commissioner Diane Monahan of the  
21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County**

*View from the bench*

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