

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Parent Representation in Missouri Child Welfare Cases: Emerging Issues in the Field

Friday, March 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. CST

7.2 CLE Credits including 1.2 Ethics Credits and 1.2 Elimination of Bias Credits

8:30 a.m. | Welcome

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Prepetition Advocacy

Alexandria Cinney

Staff Attorney, ABA Legal Representation Projects

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Representing parents regarding permanency when reunification is ruled out.

Advocating against TPRs with a focus on permanency options including guardianship.

Josh Gupta-Kagan

Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. | Break

10:55 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.

Challenging placement on Missouri's Child Abuse and Neglect Registry

Kathleen DuBois

Parent Attorney since 1999, St. Louis, Missouri

11:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

Representing Incarcerated Parents

Kathleen Creamer

Managing Attorney - Family Advocacy Unit, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

12:55 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Break

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Exploring the Concept of a Family Defender Office and State Office of Parent Representation

Gwendolyn Clegg

Director, Family Representation and Advocacy Program, Oklahoma Office of Family Representation

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Duties to Clients at Family Court – confidentiality, competence, diligence, zealouslyness

Laurie Snell

Parent Attorney since 1997, Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri

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