

## Registration

# Training for New Attorneys Subject to Appointments in Abuse and Neglect Cases in the 9th Judicial Circuit

Friday, August 26, 2011

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All confirmations of attendance will be sent via U.S. Mail.

Pre-registration is preferred as space is limited to 60 attendees. On-site registration may be permitted depending on the availability of space. Call ahead if you have not registered in order to check on space availability. Training materials are guaranteed only to those who register by Friday, August 19, 2011.

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Children's Law Center  
School of Law  
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This course will provide training and information in accordance with the ABA Standards of Practice for lawyers appointed to serve in child abuse and neglect cases.

## About the Seminar

The Children's Law Center at the School of Law, USC, invites and encourages newly licensed (less than 3 years) attorneys subject to Rule 608 appointments in the 9th Judicial Circuit to attend this seminar for an introduction to child protection proceedings.

The seminar begins with Pat Patrick's presentation on services available to families and children in foster care through DSS's *S.C. Families First* program, followed by Michelle Hurley's thorough overview of the child protection system. Our special guest, Judge Paul Garfinkel, will then provide tips for attorneys appointed in abuse and neglect cases from a judge's perspective. Following the lunch break, Bill Nixon will provide information on how to best represent a defendant parent at a merits hearing, and Suzanne Groff will give tips on preparing for permanency planning hearings. After the afternoon break, Rita Roache will present on identifying issues and arguments for a TPR hearing, Bonnie Brisbane will discuss docket management issues in DSS cases, and Joshua Roten and Lois Richter will discuss the role and duties of the volunteer guardian ad litem. Newly licensed attorneys will gain insight on how to prepare for a child protection case in the role of a defense attorney.

This seminar is funded through the Court Improvement Training Grant No. 2008 0801SCSCIT, awarded to South Carolina Court Administration.

**The course is offered FREE OF CHARGE to newly licensed (less than 3 years) attorneys subject to Rule 608 civil appointments in child protection cases in the 9th Judicial Circuit.**

**Other attorneys may call for information regarding whether they can attend.**

## Seminar Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8:50 a.m. Welcome and Announcements**  
*Treneice R. Flowers, J.D.*
- 9:00 a.m. S.C. Families First - The Power of Family**  
*Harold "Pat" Patrick*
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Overview of the Child Protection System**  
*Michelle M. Hurley, J.D.*
- 11:30 a.m. Tips from the Bench**  
*Honorable Paul W. Garfinkel*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:15 p.m. Representing Defendant Parents at a Merits Hearings**  
*William Harold Nixon, Jr., J.D.*
- 1:45 p.m. Preparation Tips for the Permanency Planning Hearing**  
*Suzanne E. Groff, J.D.*
- 2:15 p.m. Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 p.m. Identifying Issues and Arguments for a Termination of Parental Rights Hearing**  
*Rita J. Roache, J.D.*
- 3:00 p.m. Docket Management Issues**  
*Bonnie T. Brisbane, J.D.*
- 3:45 p.m. Role of the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem**  
*Joshua K. Roten, J.D.*  
*Lois Richter*
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Course Presenters

**Bonnie T. Brisbane, J.D.**  
*Charleston County Department of Social Services*

**Treneice R. Flowers, J.D.**  
*Children's Law Center, School of Law, USC*

**Honorable Paul W. Garfinkel**  
*Judge of the Family Court*

**Suzanne E. Groff, J.D.**  
*Private Practitioner*

**Michelle H. Hurley, J.D.**  
*Children's Law Center, School of Law, USC*

**William Harold Nixon, Jr., J.D.**  
*Private Practitioner*

**Harold "Pat" Patrick**  
*Director, S.C. Families First*  
*S.C. Department of Social Services*

**Lois Dane Richter, M.Ed., LPC**  
*9th Circuit Coordinator*  
*S.C. Guardian ad Litem Program*

**Rita J. Roache, J.D.**  
*S.C. Legal Services*

**Joshua K. Roten, J.D.**  
*S.C. Guardian ad Litem Program Attorney*

It is anticipated that this program will be approved by the SC Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization for continuing legal education credits of 5.50 hours.