

The Juvenile Court Judges of Harris County, Texas
and the Juvenile Law Section of the Houston Bar Association

Present

2nd Annual: Adjusting the Bar: The Definitive Ad Litem Seminar in DFPS Cases

Friday, April 13, 2012 & Saturday, April 14, 2012

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, Texas, 77007

Fee

The conference registration fee is \$150.00 per person for early registration and payment or \$175.00 per person for on-site registration. Your registration fee includes cost of seminar, breaks, lunch on Friday and Saturday and any materials distributed on a CD at the conference. The registration fee may be paid by check or money order only. No credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to:

Juvenile Law Section – Houston Bar Association

How to Register

To register, please complete this form and mail it along with payment to Brian Fischer, 6200 Gulf Freeway Suite 202, Houston, Texas 77023. Online registration is not available. Pre-registration is preferred by April 2, 2012 since conference enrollment is limited to 300 participants.

Location and Parking

The conference will be held at the offices of The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Houston located at 303 Jackson Hill Street, Houston, Texas 77007. Telephone 713.942.4100 or online at www.council-houston.org. There is ample garage parking available free of charge.



Credit Hours

The Juvenile Law Section – Houston Bar Association has requested 13.50 participatory hours (including 3.25 hours of ethics) for continuing education credits from the State Bar of Texas.

Cancellation and Refunds

Conference cancellations and refund requests may be made by contacting Brian Fisher at 713.520.7500 or bjflaw@hotmail.com. Your full conference fee will be refunded if notice is received by April 2, 2012. After this date, no refunds will be granted.

Course Materials

In order to contain costs and keep a lower conference registration fee, participants will be provided with electronic materials provided on a CD.

Audio and Video Recording

This course will not be audio or video recorded.



Registration Form

*Due to space limitations, pre-registration is preferred.
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Please fill out the information below in its entirety so that we can plan accordingly for the conference. We respectfully ask that you complete this form and return it by April 2, 2012 to Brian Fischer at the contact information listed below.

General Information

Printed Name _____

Bar Card Number _____

Firm / Department _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____

\$150.00 Early Registration Fee Enclosed

\$175.00 On-Site Registration Fee [The on-site fee will apply if the registration fee has not been received by April 5, 2012.]

Questions and Correspondence

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Schedule of Events: April 13 & 14, 2012

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Houston

Friday April 13, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:00 a.m. **Physical Abuse**
Rebecca Girardet, M.D.
Medical Director, Forensic Assessment Center Network
University of Texas and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital
- 10:00 a.m. **How to Read a Medical Record**
Bobbie Young, R.N., J.D.
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Drug Testing in DFPS Cases**
Bruce Jeffries, National Screening Center
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 p.m. **Rules, Regulations, Procedures and Laws Relative to DFPS
(as Written and Implemented or Not)**
Tiffany Reedy, J.D.
Regional Attorney
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- 1:30 p.m. **Substance Abuse and Addiction in DFPS cases**
W. Leslie Shireman, J.D.
- 2:15 p.m. **Guardian Ad Litem (Child) – Statutory Standards:
Assessments, Procuring Special Services and Placements
(Practice Standards)**
Chastiti Horne, J.D.
- 2:45 p.m. **Defending Parents in DFPS Cases, Ethical Considerations and
Effective Assistance of Counsel**
Brian Fischer, J.D.
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Reunification and Termination – Do Standards Exist or is it
Whim?**
C.J. Broussard-White, J.D., LLM
Inter-Regional Managing Attorney
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- 4:00 p.m. **Medical Neglect to Munchausen's – A Spectrum of Abuse**
Marcella M. Donaruma, M.D.
Child Abuse Pediatrics
Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Saturday April 14, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. **Defending a DFPS Case 262 Hearing: Ethical
Considerations and Effective Assistance of Counsel**
William B. Connolly, J.D.
- 9:30 a.m. **Rule Outs and Alternative Explanations:
Dealing with False Claims and Misdiagnosis**
Michelle Eddington, R.N., J.D.
- 10:00 a.m. **Utilizing Hospital Social Workers and Best Interests
of the Child**
Kristin Soudelier, M.S.W.
Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Sexual Abuse and Mental Health**
Lawrence Thompson, Jr., Ph.D.
Director of Therapy and Psychological Services
The Harris County Children's Assessment Center
- 11:45 a.m. **Alternatives When DFPS Does Not Follow the Rules,
Regulations, Procedures and Laws Relative to DFPS;
Ethical Responsibilities:**
Stephen Newhouse, Associate Judge, 313th District
Court
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. **Attachment and Bonding: Normal Development,
Disruptions and Implications for Practice**
Cynthia Mellor-Crummey, Ph.D.
- 2:00 p.m. **Ad Litems - Out of the Box - Finding Parents, Services
and Placements, Challenging DFPS at All Levels**
The Honorable Angela Ellis, Associate Judge, 315th District Court
- 2:45 p.m. **Qualifications, Presentation and Challenges to Expert
Testimony – Daubert (i.e. Is a DFPS Caseworker an Expert)**
Ted Jereb, J.D.
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Daubert, Robinson, Kelly, etc.. Demonstration:**
Brian Fischer, J.D., M. Lynn Chamberlin, Harris County Attorney's
Office, Honorable Mike Schneider, Bruce Jeffries, National
Screening Center
- 4:15 p.m. **Appellate Issues - Formulation of the Case for Appeal,
Preservation of Error and Perfection of Appeal:
Ethical Obligations: Effective Assistance of Counsel**
William Thursland, J.D.
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**