

RC4's Third Annual Parent Representation Conference Agenda
December 6th – 8th, 2017, Wyndham Grand, Jupiter, Florida

Wednesday, December 6th

2pm - 3:30pm - Case Law Update: Annual Review of Important Cases and Trends in Dependency Law
Richard Bartmon, Appellate Managing Attorney, RC4

3:30 - 5:00pm - Ethics Presentation: How Can You Represent Those People? The Ethical Challenges of Representation Unpopular Clients
Professor Abbe Smith, Georgetown University Law Center

5:00 – 6:30pm Networking Reception

Thursday, December 7th

7:30 - 8:30 – Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30pm - Conditions for Return: Are You for Real? Strategies for Ensuring the Statutory & Policy Shift away from Substantial Compliance Will Be as Advantageous to Parents as Advertised
James Williams, 15th Circuit Trial Division Managing Attorney, RC4; Steven Sorenson, 15th Circuit Trial Division Resource Director, RC4

9:30 - 10:30am - The Power of Persuasion: Marshalling Oral Advocacy, Jury Trials & Storytelling Skills into Successful Reunifications Motions and Winning Dependency & TPR Trials
Erin Cloud, Team Leader and Supervising Attorney, Bronx Defenders; Jessica Horan-Block, Supervising Attorney, Bronx Defenders

10:30 - 10:45am – Break

10:45- 11:15am- Introducing the F.L.O.R.I.D.A Dependency Law Center (www.f4cf.org)
Stephanie White, F.L.O.R.I.D.A Dependency Law Center, and Robin Rosenberg, Florida's Children First

11:15-12:00pm - Family Defense: A Brief Retrospective and Insights for the New Way Forward
Professor Marty Guggenheim, New York University School of Law

12:00 – 1:00pm - Lunch

1:00 – 2:00pm -Reducing the Stigma: Addressing Maternal Substance Use Utilizing an Empowerment Framework
Professor Heather Howard, Ph.D., Florida Atlantic University, School of Social Work

2:00-2:15pm – Break

2:15 – 4:00pm – Cross Circuit Break-out Sessions

4:00 – 5:00pm - Panel Discussion: Antony Ryan (moderator), Marty Guggenheim, Mary McCormack, Erin Cloud, Jessica Horan-Block, Heather Howard, Abbe Smith, James Williams, Steven Sorenson

Friday, December 8th

8:00 – 9:00am – Breakfast

9:00am– 10:00am - Keynote Address: Seeking Justice from the Bench
Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack

10:00 – 10:15am - Break

10:15 - 11:45am - Ripe for the Pleading? Creative Constitutional and Due Process Challenges to Ch. 39 Laws, Procedures & Customs
Richard Bartmon, Appellate Managing Attorney, RC4

11:45 – 12:00pm - Closing Remarks, Antony Ryan, Director, RC4