

2018 Conference Agenda

ENHANCING CLIENT-CENTERED ADVOCACY

New insights and initiatives from national experts and Florida practitioners

Wednesday, December 5th

12:00 – 2:00pm - Registration & Check-in

2:00 – 4:00pm - Case Law Update: Annual Review of Important Cases and Trends in Dependency Law (3:00 – 3:15pm Break)

Richard Bartmon, Esq., RC4 Managing Attorney, Appeals Division

4:00 – 5:00pm - Keynote Address: Making a Difference Through Client-Centered Representation

Professor Matthew Fraidin, University of the District of Columbia School of Law

5:15 – 6:45pm - Networking Reception

Thursday, December 6th

7:15 – 8:15am - Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 9:15am - Successful Strategies for Shelter: A framework for sizing up a client's case & circumstances and litigation tips for challenging PC and beyond

Richard Kaplan, Esq.; RC4 17th Circuit Civil Litigation Director

Sophie Mitchell; Esq., RC4 Dependency Trial Attorney, 17th Circuit

Maya Berryhill-Porter, MSW; RC4 Forensic Social Worker, 17th Circuit

Blair-Tiffany McCormick, BSW; RC4, Social Services Unit Specialist, 17th Circuit

9:15 – 10:15am – The Initial Client Interview: Capitalizing on the First Chance to Make (and Take) First Impressions

Jenny Lancaster, Esq., RC4 Dependency Trial Attorney, 15th Circuit

Andrew Friednash, Esq., RC4 Dependency Trial Attorney, 15th Circuit

Heather Burr-Shulman, RC4 Forensic Family Advocate, 15th Circuit

Odlyne Clersimat, RC4 Social Services Unit Specialist, 15th Circuit

10:15 – 10:30am - Break

10:30 – 11:30am – Spotting the Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: Strategic initiatives to prevent inadmissible matters from entering into evidence under the cloaks of prior orders, judicial notice, expert testimony, other parties, etc.

Steven Sorenson, Esq., RC4 Managing Attorney, 15th Circuit Civil Division

Paul O'Neil, Esq., RC4 Appellate Attorney

11:30am – 12:30pm – While the Cat's Away: Behind the Scenes at DCF's Case Plan Staffings: A Front-Line Perspective from RC4's Social Services Unit

Maya Berryhill-Porter, MSW; RC4 Forensic Social Worker, 17th Circuit

Kanisha Williams, MSW; RC4 Forensic Social Worker, 17th Circuit

Heather Burr-Shulman, LMFT; RC4 Forensic Family Advocate, 15th Circuit

Julie McDermott, MSW; RC4 Forensic Social Worker, 15th Circuit

Shanese Brown, MSW; RC4 Forensic Social Worker, 19th Circuit

