

2023 Conference Agenda Upping Our Practice Against Anti-Parent Practices

Tuesday, December 5th

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

2:00 – 3:30pm • **Case Law Update: Annual Review of Important Cases & Trends**

~Richard Bartmon, RC4 Managing Attorney, Appeals Division

3:30 – 4:30pm • **Keynote Address: The Child Welfare System's Approach to Domestic Violence is Not What's Best for Kids or Their Parents**

~ Prof. Shanta Trivedi, University of Baltimore School of Law

Faculty Director, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children, and the Courts

4:45 – 6:00pm - Networking Reception

Wednesday, December 6th

7:15 – 8:45am - Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15am • **Assessing the Reliability of the CPT (Forensic) Interview of the Child**

~Dr. Amy D. James, Psy.D., Clinical and Forensic Psychologist; New Bern, NC

10:15 – 10:30am - Break

10:30 – 11:45am • **Child Statements and Children as Witnesses: Challenging the Admission of Hearsay, Raising Competency Issues, Exploring Courtroom Strategies**

~ Maurissa Jones, Esq., 15th Circuit Ofc of the Public Defender, Major Crimes Division

~ Steven Arbuzow, Esq., 15th Circuit Ofc of the Public Defender, Chief of County Court

11:45am – 1:00pm - Lunch

1:00 – 1:55pm • **Court-ordered Parental Capacity Evaluations: Objecting to Good Cause, Limiting Scope, Raising Daubert; Capitalizing on Content**

~Crystal McBee, RC4's Parent Litigation Coordinator; ~Lina Kell, RC4's 17th Cir. Litigation Director

• **What are the Psychological Best Practices for Parental Capacity Evals?**

~Dr. Cathy Colet, Psy.D., Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, Jupiter, Florida

2:00 – 3:30pm • **Disabled Parents' Rights and the Need for Adaptive Parenting Assessments**

~Dr. Nicole Brisson, Ph.D., LCMHC, FAAIDD, AdaptiveParenting.org, Fairfax, Vermont

3:30 – 3:45pm – Break

3:45 – 4:45pm – Choose-a-Topic Smaller Sessions: • **Overview of Ch. 39 Injunctions**

• **Shelter Advocacy Refresher; • Calling All Registry Attorneys**

Attorneys: ~John Rundell ~ Andrew Friednash (Injunctions);

~Courtne Copeland ~Ralph Damato (Shelters); ~Denise Kistner; ~Jennifer Marshall (Registry/SPD)

4:45 – 5:00pm – Review of the Day's Takeaways ~Multi-Circuit Panel of Presenters

Thursday, December 7th

7:45 – 9:15am - Continental Breakfast

9:15 – 10:30am • **Social-Services-Informed Interviewing & Legal Counseling**

RC4 SSU: ~Heather Burr-Shulman ~Joe Crumm ~Nathalie Mardice-Joseph ~Porsha Taylor

RC4 Attys: ~ Sophie Mitchell ~Michael Woodward

10:30 – 10:45am - Break

10:45am – 12:00pm • **Engaging Against the Expedited & Egregious: The Caselaw is Not all Egregious** ~ Richard Bartmon, RC4

• **Practice Pointers for Developing and Deploying a Defense**

RC4 Attys: ~ Grace Cambareri ~Tony Ryan

12:00pm - Closing & Farewell