

Saturday, January 22, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Children's Law Committee
3.0 MCLE Credit Hours

What Matters Most: Children, Families and the Courts

Children and families in South Carolina often find themselves involved in serious legal matters. They rely upon lawyers to help them through these often difficult and stressful times. Join us as we explore the complex issues that can arise in family court. This seminar is designed to provide family court practitioners with a variety of practical information. For the nuts and bolts of how to represent foster parents in abuse and neglect cases, to a discussion about what the family court practitioner should know about special education law, to a very special presentation on adoption law and related legal theories, this has it all!

Finally, we are very excited to announce an important case law and legislative update, presented by one of our very own members of the S.C. House of Representatives. Please join us for this enlightening and engaging seminar as we tackle the issues that face the children and families in our state.

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Representing Foster Parents in Abuse and Neglect Cases**
Cherie Barton, Rock Hill
Michelle Dhunjishah, Columbia
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **The Legal Theory Puzzle – Which Piece Best Fits Your Case: Fitness, Custody, Termination of Parental Rights or Adoption**
James Fletcher Thompson, Spartanburg
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Special Education Law and the Family Court Practitioner**
Thomas J. Leclair, Columbia
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Case Law and Legislative Update**
Rep. Bruce W. Bannister, Greenville

Course Planner/Moderator: *Sarah D. Smith, Columbia*