

In the Best Interests of the Child:

2017 Annual Guardian ad Litem Training & Update



Friday, January 27

SC Bar Conference Center
1501 Park St., Columbia

Also via 12 video-CLE sites and via Live Webcast.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The SC Bar CLE Division is pleased to present the annual Guardian ad Litem training and update.

Course Planner Jenny R. Stevens has recruited an experienced faculty of respected Judges and attorney Guardians who will provide authoritative guidance on key issues of concern to those who serve in this important role. This year's powerful and practical program features a judicial panel, insightful analysis of the Guardian's role in the appellate process, pointed instruction on evaluating family situations with an eye toward seeking the best interest of the child, help in drafting reports from a best interest standpoint, understanding the role of the GAL in TPR and adoption cases as well as some practical advice on tools the GAL can use to effectively and efficiently investigate cases.

MCLE CREDIT

This program qualifies for 6.0 MCLE credit hours, including 6.0 hours of GAL family law continuing education for lay and attorney guardians, pursuant to S.C. Code § 63-3-820(A)(3),(4),(6).

AGENDA

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| <p>8:30 a.m. Registration</p> <p>8:50 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks
Jenny R. Stevens
<i>The Stevens Firm, P.A. Family Law Center</i></p> <p>9 a.m. Judges Panel: "What Family Court Judges Want the GAL to Know"
Hon. Monet S. Pincus
<i>S.C. Family Court</i>
Hon. Katherine H. Tiffany
<i>S.C. Family Court</i>
Hon. Wayne M. Creech
<i>S.C. Family Court</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Morning Break</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Evaluating Family Situations from a Best Interests Standpoint
M. J. Goodwin
<i>Goodwin & Pruette, Attorneys at Law, LLC</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. The GAL's Role in an Appellate Case
Chris Paton
<i>Chris Paton LLC</i></p> <p>12 p.m. Lunch</p> | <p>1:15 p.m. The Role of the GAL in TPR and Adoption Cases
James Fletcher Thompson
<i>James Fletcher Thompson, LLC</i>
Jacqueline B. Anthony
<i>Anthony & Moore, LLC</i></p> <p>2:15 p.m. Tools for GAL Investigations & How to Use Them
Jonathan W. Lounsberry
<i>The Stevens Firm, P.A. Family Law Center</i></p> <p>3 p.m. Afternoon Break</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Writing Recommendations & Reports with a Best Interests Mindset
Julianne M. Stokes
<i>Stokes & Haselden, LLC</i></p> <p>3:45 p.m. Budget Conscious Investigations for the GAL
Kirby R. Mitchell
<i>S.C. Legal Services</i></p> <p>4:15 p.m. GAL Panel Discussion
Moderated by Jenny R. Stevens
Featuring Several Highly Regarded GALs from Across the State</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Adjourn</p> |
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