



Children's Commission.

Attorney Resource Letter:

For Attorneys Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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The American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law provides many useful resources that might be of interest to practitioners on the CPS docket, regardless of who they represent. Below is information on ABA resources that attorneys might find helpful: the ABA's January 18th 2017 teleconference on Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood; the ABA's upcoming bi-annual conferences; and the ABA's bi-monthly online publication entitled Child Law Practice.

Free ABA Teleconference: Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood

The ABA [Children's Rights Litigation Committee](#) and the ABA [Juvenile Law Center](#) have developed a series of free teleconference programs focused on the issue of youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood. The series has convened panels across the country to discuss what is currently happening and what needs to happen for this population to assure a successful transition from foster care to adulthood.

The Children's Commission is working with the State Bar of Texas to provide Texas MCLE for the entire teleconference series. Once MCLE has been secured for all five of the ABA's Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood teleconference replays, the Commission will send out comprehensive information with links to each of the ABA's replays, so that Texas attorneys can take advantage of any and all of the sessions in this series at their convenience.

In the meantime, please tune in on January 18, 2017 to the final installment of this five-part series:

Assuring a Successful Transition: Innovative Solutions and Looking Ahead, January 18, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST

Registration form: <https://form.jotform.com/62384357662160> for the live teleconference.

ABA's Children's Rights Litigation webpage: <http://www.americanbar.org/publications/litigation-committees/childrens-rights/announcements.html#jlc-cle3> for more information on this teleconference.

The Children's Commission has secured Texas MCLE credit for this teleconference (90 participatory minutes, no ethics hours). Instruction on how to claim MCLE credit through the State Bar of Texas will be provided by the ABA at the end of the call.

Upcoming ABA Conferences

Every other year, the ABA's Center on Children and the Law hosts two, back-to-back conferences for child, state, and parent attorneys. This year, the 5th National Parent Attorney Conference entitled "Valuing Dignity and Respect for All Families" will be held in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, on April 25 and 26, 2017. The 17th National Conference on Children and the Law entitled "SOAR: Strengthening Our Advocacy for Results" will be held in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, on April 27 and 28, 2017. Early Bird

Registration is now open for both conferences. For more information, please link here: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/2017-conferences.html

ABA Child Law Practice Online Publication (CLP)

The CLP is published online every other month and is designed to assist legal professionals in enhancing their knowledge and skills and improving advocacy for children and families involved in the legal system.

The January, 2017 issue of the CLP is devoted to ICWA. Other recent topics have included “What the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act Means for Your Practice;” “Applying Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Guidance for Agencies and Courts;” “Childhood Family Environment Linked with Relationship Quality in Later Life;” and “Foster Children at Greater Risk of Physical and Mental Health Problems.”

To learn more about general information regarding the CLP publication, please link here: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/publications/child_law_practiceonline.html

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