



## For Judges and Attorneys Handling Child Protective Services Cases

April 19, 2018

### **Summer Scholarship Opportunities for Child Welfare Attorneys**

The Children's Commission is offering registration scholarships for qualifying attorneys to both the **State Bar of Texas' 2018 Advanced Family Law Course's one-day Child Abuse and Neglect Track** and to the **National Association of Counsel for Children's 41<sup>st</sup> National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference** and optional **Red Book Training**. Interested attorneys are welcome to apply for a scholarship to either or both of these educational opportunities. To meet the **scholarship criteria** for either event, the **applicant must currently represent DFPS or take appointments on the CPS docket, be in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and with their appointing or presiding judge, and commit to completing a post-event survey**. Qualifying attorneys for the NACC scholarship will also need a recommendation from their presiding or appointing judge. Continued below are more details for each opportunity:

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#### **State Bar of Texas' 2018 Advanced Family Law Course's one-day Child Abuse and Neglect Track**

This year's live State Bar of Texas Child Abuse and Neglect One-Day Track will be held on **August 15, 2018, in San Antonio**, with **video replays** in **Dallas on September 28, 2018** in **Houston on October 5, 2018**; and in **South Padre on October 12, 2018**.

This \$125 registration scholarship is limited to 100 qualifying attorneys who are only attending the day-long Child Abuse and Neglect Track and not the full 2018 Advanced Family Law Course which includes the Child Abuse and Neglect training. Applicants should note that the Children's Commission is not able to reimburse attorneys who pay the State Bar of Texas directly.

For more information about the topics and speakers, please see the [agenda for the 2018 one-day Child Abuse and Neglect Track CLE](#). Please note that this agenda is tentative and may change.

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#### **National Association of Counsel for Children's (NACC) 41<sup>st</sup> National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference and Red Book Training**

This year's **NACC Conference** will be held on **August 23-25, 2018, in San Antonio**, with a **pre-conference Red Book Training** held at the same venue on **August 22nd**. The Children's Commission will provide \$1000 scholarships to 100 qualified attorneys in the form of waived registration fees and conference-related travel expenses of up to \$1000. The funds can be used toward the one-day pre-conference Red Book Training (\$200) and/or the three-day 41<sup>st</sup> National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference (\$400), with any remaining funds available for conference-related travel expenses. Registration fees for the Red Book training and/or Conference will be paid directly to the NACC for each recipient.

Due to the size of these scholarships, applying attorneys must be supported by their presiding or appointing judge in order to be considered qualified. Judges with applicants from their jurisdiction will be notified by the Children's Commission and asked to respond with a statement of support for the scholarship.

Judges may also apply for a scholarship to the 41<sup>st</sup> NACC National Conference and optional pre-conference Red Book Training; a Jurist in Residence letter with more information on this opportunity will follow next week.

To find out more about the topics and speakers for the 41<sup>st</sup> NACC National Conference and optional pre-conference Red Book Training, please see the [Conference Agenda](#).

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Attorneys interested in applying for either or both of these scholarships are welcome to review the related information in greater detail provided on the [Scholarships page](#) on the Children's Commission website.

Please note that the **dosing date for scholarship applications** to both conferences is **midnight on Thursday, May 10, 2018**. Scholarships are limited so applications to either or both conferences should be submitted so as soon as possible.



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