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Fairness for Families: Assuring Procedural Justice in a Changing System

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AGENDA

Saturday, September 7, 2019

11:00 – 12:45 p.m. Registration		
12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Fairness for Families First: Conference Introduction and Outstanding Contractor Awards Korbelt I/II <i>Melissa Thompson, Esq., Executive Director Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i>		
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Carrie Ann Lucas Family Justice Opening Address Korbelt I/II <i>Susan Hurtado, Social Work/Advocacy Practice Supervisor Still She Rises, Tulsa, OK</i>		
2:30 – 2:50 p.m. Afternoon Break		
2:50 – 3:50 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Special Education Basics: From IEPs to BIPs <i>Patricia Siehl, Esq., RPC Colorado Springs, CO</i> Korbelt I/II	Do You Trust Me? Building and Restoring Trust with Your Client <i>Linda Becker, Esq., RPC Centennial, CO</i> <i>Jenny Miller, MSW ORPC Social Work Contractor Broomfield, CO</i> Korbelt III	Appellate Roundtable <i>Ruchi Kapoor, Esq. Appellate Director Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i> Spring Creek
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Ethical Issues in Law Practice Management <i>John Gleason, Esq. Burns, Figa & Will PC Greenwood Village, CO</i> Korbelt I/II	Avoiding and Litigating Claims of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel <i>Leo Finkelstein, Esq., RPC Colorado Springs, CO</i> <i>Melanie Jordan, Esq. Case Strategy Director Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i> Korbelt III	Social Worker Roundtable <i>Jill Cohen, LCSW Director of Programs Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i> Spring Creek
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. ORPC Reception Tent Pavilion		



AGENDA

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast		
Hot Topics in Ethics		
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. <i>John Gleason, Esq.</i> Korbel I/II <i>Burns, Figa & Will PC</i> <i>Greenwood Village, CO</i>		
Bringing the Data to Life: Data as a Tool for Parent Representation		
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. <i>Cristina Freitas, Esq. and Debbie Freitas, Esq.</i> Korbel I/II <i>Freitas & Freitas LLP</i> <i>Lowell, MA</i>		
11:00 – 11:20 a.m. Morning Break		
11:20 – 12:20 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Using Federal Child Welfare Law to Get a Leg Up <i>Brooke Silverthorn, Esq., CWLS</i> <i>Georgia State College of Law</i> <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Attacking “Expertise”: Making the Caseworker Play Fair <i>Steve Benson, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>	Being Fair to Yourself: Mitigating Burnout and Secondary Traumatic Stress While Doing Difficult Work <i>Joni Handran, PhD, LCSW, CAC III</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>
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12:20 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)		
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Say What? The Ins and Outs of Child Hearsay <i>Mike Boyce, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>	An Independent Ear: What the Ombudsman Hears from Parents <i>Stephanie Villafuerte, Esq.</i> <i>Colorado Child Protection Ombudsman</i>	Making the System Fair When Life Isn’t Fair: Recognizing and Protecting Clients with Mental Illness <i>Steve Gilbertson, MA, NCC, LPC, CAC III</i> <i>Third View Solutions</i> <i>Monument, CO</i>
<i>Katy Hartigan, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>	<i>Sara Embry, Chief Analyst</i> <i>Amanda Pennington, Systems Analyst</i> <i>Child Protection Ombudsman of CO</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>	
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2:40 – 3:40 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Understanding Colorado’s Family Safety Assessment Tool: What, When, and How <i>Yolanda Arredondo</i> <i>Colorado Division of Child Welfare</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>	Boosting Your Practice with Westlaw Edge <i>Pam Munter, Esq.</i> <i>Thomson Reuters</i> <i>Littleton, CO</i>	Be a Top P.I.C.K. Leader: Professional, Influential, Collaborative, and Kind <i>Tina Horton, Family Court Facilitator</i>
		<i>Andrea Sivanich, Recovery Court Coordinator</i> <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>
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3:40 – 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Break		
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Breakout Tracks		
Parenting with a Disability: Systemic Barriers and Strategies for Advocacy <i>Robyn Powell, M.A., Esq.</i> <i>Brandeis University</i> <i>Waltham, MA</i>	Demanding Reasonable Efforts for Parents <i>Amelia Watson, Esq.</i> <i>Washington Office of Public Defense,</i> <i>Parent Representation Program</i> <i>Seattle, WA</i>	Race and Child Welfare: How Attorneys Can Support Families of Color in Juvenile Court <i>Maleeka Jihad, MSW</i> <i>ORPC Social Work Contractor</i> <i>Denver, CO</i>
<i>Katherine Nemens, Esq.</i> <i>Family Law Project at MHLAC</i> <i>Boston, MA</i>		
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AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast	
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakout Tracks	
<p>Takeaways from the ABA National Conference on Parent Representation <i>Linda Becker, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Centennial, CO</i></p> <p><i>Kayla Dendy, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Delta, CO</i></p> <p><i>Rita Issagholian, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i></p> <p><i>Maleeka Jihad, MSW, ORPC Social Work Contractor</i> <i>Denver, CO</i></p> <p><i>Jenny Miller, MSW, ORPC Social Work Contractor</i> <i>Broomfield, CO</i></p> <p><i>Michelle Morisseau, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Grand Junction, CO</i></p> <p><i>Melissa Stein, MSW, ORPC Social Work Contractor</i> <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i></p> <p>Korbel I/II</p>	<p>Changing the Narrative in ICWA Cases <i>Barb Snow, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Denver, CO</i></p> <p><i>Angela Bibens, Esq., RPC</i> <i>Aurora, CO</i></p> <p>Korbel III</p>
9:10 – 10:10 a.m.	<p>Embrace the Change! The Evolution of the National Parents' Representation Movement <i>Mimi Laver, Esq., Director of Legal Education</i> <i>ABA Center for Children and the Law</i></p>
10:10 – 10:30 a.m. Morning Break	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>What's Trending in Child Welfare Courtrooms Across the Country <i>John Kelly, Editor-in-Chief</i> <i>The Chronicle of Social Change</i></p>
11:30 a.m.	<p>Closing <i>Melissa Thompson, Esq., Executive Director</i> <i>Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i></p>