



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 for practitioners on the CPS docket, regardless of who they represent. Below is information on ABA resources that attorneys might find helpful: the ABA's teleconferences on Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood; the ABA's upcoming bi-annual conferences and pre-conferences; and the ABA's pre-conference survey on overlap between immigration law and child welfare law.

ABA Teleconference Series: Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood

The American Bar Association's Children's Rights Litigation Committee, along with the Juvenile Law Center, recently hosted a series of teleconferences focused on the issue of youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood. Each teleconference session focuses on assuring a successful transition for youth and includes discussions of the role of lawyers and the courts for transitioning youth; legal issues facing transitioning youth; transition planning for special populations; and permanency and connections for transitioning youth.

The Children's Commission has partnered with the State Bar of Texas to offer 1.5 MCLE credit hours for each of the five replay sessions outlined below. For more information including links to and descriptions of each of the replays, please visit the Children's Commission Continuing Legal Education webpage found [here](#).

Early Registration Discount Extended to February 16th for both 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 has been extended for both conferences. For more registration information and for draft agendas, please link here: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/2017-conferences.html.

ABA Pre-conferences on ICWA and on Child Welfare / Immigration; Preconference Survey Available until February 15th

The ABA Center on Children and the Law will host a Preconference on ICWA on Monday, April 24th, and a Preconference on the intersection between Child Welfare and Immigration Law on April 26th, 2017 at the Ritz Carlton in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. For information about these Pre-conferences, please see: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/2017-conferences/preconferences.html

Additionally, those attorneys interested in the multiple areas of overlap between immigration law and child welfare law are invited by the ABA to help to shape the topics at their related Preconference by

taking this brief, confidential survey:

https://americanbar.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eLMn1MYMoHdnEpy . This survey will close on February 15th, 2017.



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