



# Children's Commission.

## For Judges and Attorneys Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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### Hands-on Trial Skills Training Opportunity

The Children's Commission is pleased to announce the availability of a hands-on Trial Skills Training for less experienced attorneys handling CPS cases in Texas who want to improve their litigation skills. A fictional CPS case and live witnesses are partnered with top-notch instructors to coach attendees through all stages of trial. For purposes of the training, "less experienced" means that prior to applying to the Trial Skills Training, applicants who represent children and parents will have completed two to three contested Adversary Hearings and/or two to three final termination trials as first chair, and applicants who represent DFPS will have completed at least three contested Adversary Hearings and/or three to five final termination trials as first chair.

The course will be taught in San Marcos, Texas on July 25-27th, 2018. There is no fee to register, and additional information about cost and reimbursement is provided on the Children's Commission's website at the link below. Space is limited to 21 attorneys who represent DFPS, parents, and/or children on CPS dockets and early applications are strongly encouraged.

Please forward this email to any attorneys in your jurisdiction who may be interested in applying. The application deadline is midnight on Thursday, April 5th, 2018. The Children's Commission will contact each applicant's primary or referring judge to confirm the applicant's suitability for the training. Attorneys will be notified no later than Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 about whether they have been accepted into the July 2018 Trial Skills Training.

For more information and to submit an application for the training, please visit the [Trial Skills Training webpage](#).

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact us by emailing [children@txcourts.gov](mailto:children@txcourts.gov).

Thank you for your consideration.



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