

Legal Essentials and Beyond for Representing Parents and Children in Child Welfare Cases

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Friday, January 12, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Williamson County Justice Center
405 Martin Luther King
Georgetown, Texas 78626

- 8:30 – 9:00 am** **Session One**
Welcoming Remarks, Overview of Program, and Texas Indigent
Defense Commission Child Welfare Law Spotlight Videos
*Speaker: Hon. Brandy Hallford, Judge of Williamson County
Court-at-Law One*
- 9:00 - 10:00 am** **Session Two**
Child Welfare Case Overview: What Attorneys Need to Know
About Statutory Hearings and Deadlines
*Speaker: Brenda Kinsler, Managing Attorney for Regions 4, 5,
and 7, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*
- 15 minute break*
- 10:15 – 11:45 am** **Session Three**
Nuts and Bolts of Parent and Child Representation in Child
Welfare Cases
*Speakers: Ryan Palmquist, Attorney and Partner, Fifield, Brown
and Palmquist, LLC; and Mark Zuniga, Staff Attorney, Texas
Justice Court Training Center*
- 15 minute break*
- 12:00 – 12:30** Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm** **Session Four**
Preventing Attorney Burnout
*Speaker: Leigh De La Reza, Attorney and Partner, Noelke,
Maples, St. Leger Bryant, LLP*
- 10 minute break*
- 1:40 – 2:40 pm** **Session Five**

Evidence: Getting it In, Keeping it Out, and Preserving the Record for Appeal

Speaker: Mark Zuniga, Staff Attorney, Texas Justice Court Training Center

5 minute break

2:45 – 3:45 pm

Session Six

Child Welfare Legislative and Case Law Update

Speakers: Kellie Price, Special Projects Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; and Rebecca Safavi, Appellate Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

3:45 pm

Closing Remarks and MCLE information

Speaker: Hon. Brandy Hallford, Judge of Williamson County Court-at-Law One