

SUPREME COURT RULE 900 TRAINING FOR ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING CHILDREN

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JANUARY 30 - 31, 2009

**BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
BAKER HALL
ROOM B51**

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- 1:00 - 1:15 pm Introduction by Judge Jerelyn Maher
- 1:15 – 2:00 pm Child Development, Child Psychology, and Family Dynamics
Speaker: Dr. Claire Etaugh
- Dr. Etaugh's sessions on child development, child psychology, and family dynamics will concentrate on how children develop specifically in terms of perception, language, and bonding. This session will provide attorneys with a working knowledge of how their clients at various stages can communicate and perceive as well as develop coping mechanisms.
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm Break
- 2:15 – 3:00 pm Continued: Child Development, Child Psychology, and Family Dynamics
Speaker: Dr. Claire Etaugh
- 3:00 – 3:45 pm Panel Discussion: Using Child Development Information to More Effectively Represent a Child
Facilitator: Susan Dawson-Tibbits
- A panel of experienced attorneys, who have served as attorneys representing children under Rule 900, will interact with participants to ask questions and exchange ideas on how to deal with recurring problematic situations facing the attorney, as described in the previous session.
- 3:45 – 4:30 pm State, Federal, and Case Law in Custody and Statutory and Case Law
Speaker: Judge Jerelyn Maher

4:30 – 5:00 pm Panel Discussion: Understanding Case Law
Facilitator: Judge Jerelyn Maher

This session will utilize a panel to discuss how the attorney representing the child can use case law. The judge (or judges) will participate in the panel, allowing access to the judicial expectations under the law.

5:00 – 5:15 pm First Day Wrap Up and Introduction to Day Two

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 – 8:15 am Introduction to Day Two
- 8:15 – 9:00 am Roles of the Guardian Ad Litem, Child Representative, and Attorney for the Child: Is there really a difference under Rule 900?
Speaker: The Honorable Kim L. Kelley, Associate Judge
10th Judicial Court of Illinois
- This session will address the three roles the attorney may be appointed under Rule 900, how they differ, and what is required. Judge Kelly will also address any particular specific requirements for juvenile GAL's operating under the Juvenile Court Act.
- 9:00 – 9:45 am Panel Discussion: How Involved Should We Become in the Case?
Facilitator: Susan Dawson-Tibbits
- This session will follow the panel discussion format previously described. In light of the extensive powers granted under Rule 907, attorneys will have an opportunity to discuss how to perform these functions within the limits of their appointment.
- 9:45 – 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 – 10:45 am Family Dynamics vis-à-vis the Nature of Addiction
Speaker: Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
- Dr. Russell-Chapin's three sessions will address the specific areas required by Rule 906 of family dynamics. The first will address various types of addictions, what behavior to look for, and how to deal with the addicted parent or child. The second session will address the mental health issues commonly seen in visitation and custody cases, including parental alienation. The third session will address the cycle of violence and what measures can be taken to break it.
- 10:45 – 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 pm Family Dynamics vis-à-vis Mental Health Issues
Speaker: Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Family Dynamics: Domestic Abuse, the Cycle of Violence, and the Effect on Children
Speaker: Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm Break

2:15 – 3:00 pm Panel Discussion: How do I use this Information?
Facilitator: Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin

This session will utilize a panel to provide interactive responses to some specific factual scenarios as well as provide an opportunity to exchange information on problem solving for the attorneys faced with these issues.

3:00 – 3:15 pm Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm Rule 900 Series:
Ethics for Attorneys Appointed under Supreme Court Rules 900
Speaker: Judge Katherine S. Gorman

This session will not only present the substantive law but also specific interaction as to particular factual scenarios that are presented to the 900 attorney. In light of the unique rules as to attorney-client privilege and the investigation requirements now placed upon the attorney, ethical issues have arisen not before encountered.

3:30 – 4:15 pm Panel Discussion: GAL/CR Ethics
Facilitator: Judge Katherine S. Gorman

4:15 – 4:30 pm Conclusion, Program Evaluations,
and Presentation of Continuing Professional Education certificates