

The Juvenile Court Judges of Harris County, Texas  
and the Juvenile Law Section of the Houston Bar Association

Present

## 4th Annual: Adjusting the Bar: The Definitive Ad Litem Seminar in DFPS Cases

Friday, April 11, 2014 & Saturday, April 12, 2014

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, Texas, 77007

### Registration Fee

The conference registration fee is \$150.00 per person for early registration and payment or \$175.00 per person for on-site registration. Your registration fee includes cost of seminar, breaks, lunch on Friday and Saturday and materials distributed on a CD and on line at the conference. The registration fee may be paid by check or money order only. No credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to:

Juvenile Law Section – Houston Bar Association

### How to Register

To register, please complete this form and mail it along with payment to Brian Fischer, 6200 Gulf Freeway Suite 202, Houston, Texas 77023. Online registration is not available. Pre-registration is preferred by April 1, 2014 since conference enrollment is limited to 300 participants.

### Location and Parking

The conference will be held at the offices of The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Houston located at 303 Jackson Hill Street, Houston, Texas 77007. Telephone 713.942.4100 or online at [www.council-houston.org](http://www.council-houston.org).

There is ample garage parking available free of charge.



### Credit Hours

The Juvenile Law Section – Houston Bar Association has requested 13.00 participatory hours (including 5.0 hours of ethics) for continuing education credits from the State Bar of Texas.

### Cancellation and Refunds

Conference cancellations and refund requests may be made by contacting Brian Fischer at 713.520.7500 or [bjflaw@hotmail.com](mailto:bjflaw@hotmail.com). Your full conference fee will be refunded if notice is received by April 1, 2014. After this date, no refunds will be granted.

### Course Materials

In order to contain costs and keep a lower conference registration fee, participants will be provided with electronic materials provided on a CD and on the web at [www.myvoiceincourt.org](http://www.myvoiceincourt.org).

### Audio and Video Recording

This course will not be audio or video recorded.



### Registration Form

*Due to space limitations, pre-registration is preferred.  
Conference enrollment is limited to 300.*

Please fill out the information below in its entirety so that we can plan accordingly for the conference. We respectfully ask that you complete this form and return it by April 1, 2014 to Brian Fischer at the contact information listed below.

#### General Information

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Firm / Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$150.00 Early Registration Fee Enclosed**

**\$175.00 On-Site Registration Fee** [The on-site fee will apply if the registration fee has not been received by April 1, 2014.]

#### Questions and Correspondence

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Chair: Evan Glick Conference Chair: Brian Fischer

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## Schedule of Events: April 11 & 12, 2014

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Houston

### Friday April 11, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:00 a.m. Physical Abuse  
Matthew Cox, M.D.  
Associate Professor  
Children's Medical Center Dallas
- 10:00 a.m. Dealing with Sexual Abuse Allegations:  
Children's Memory Development, Suggestibility  
Influence of Adults and Interview Techniques  
Mary Alvarez, PhD.
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Drug Testing in DFPS Cases  
Bruce Jeffries, National Screening Center
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Ethics: Legislative Update Affecting DFPS Cases  
Brian Fischer, J.D.
- 1:30 p.m. Substance Abuse and Addiction in DFPS cases  
W. Leslie Shireman, J.D.
- 2:15 p.m. Guardian Ad Litem (Child) – Statutory Standards:  
Assessments, Procuring Special Services and Placements  
(Practice Standards)  
Lynna Dizon, J.D.
- 2:45 p.m. Defending Parents in DFPS Cases, Ethical Considerations and  
Effective Assistance of Counsel  
Brian Fischer, J.D.
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Best Interest: Ethical Considerations: Case Law and Ad Litem's  
Burden in DFPS Cases  
Stephen Pierce, J.D.
- 4:00 p.m. Medical Neglect to Munchausen's – A Spectrum of Abuse  
Lisa Creamer, B.S.N., R.N.  
Assistant Director for Child Abuse  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Reena Isaac, M.D.  
Baylor College of Medicine
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

### Saturday April 12, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Defending a DFPS Case 262 Hearing: Ethical Considerations  
and Effective Assistance of Counsel  
William B. Connolly, J.D.
- 9:30 a.m. How Employment Law Can Help You and Your  
Client: Adoption, Child Placement and Other  
Family Court Matters:  
David Holmes, J.D.
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Case Law Update: Ethical Responsibilities of Keeping Current on  
Appellate Case Law  
Brian J. Fischer, J. D.
- 11:15 a.m. Alternatives When DFPS Does Not Follow the Rules,  
Regulations, Procedures and Laws Relative to DFPS;  
Ethical Responsibilities:  
Alicia Franklin, J.D.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Special Education Students in DFPS Cases  
Dustin Rynders, J.D.
- 1:45 p.m. Ad Litem: PMC Toolkit: Everything You Need To  
Know About Representing you Client (Child) In  
Juvenile Court  
The Honorable Angela Ellis, Associate Judge, 315<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Deborah K. Green, Program Administrator, DFPS
- 2:45 p.m. Qualifications, Presentation and Challenges to Expert  
Testimony – Daubert (i.e. Is a DFPS Caseworker an Expert)  
Ted Jereb, J.D.
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Daubert, Robinson, Kelly, etc. Demonstration:  
William Thursland, J.D., Deanna Carlson, J.  
D., Harris County Attorney's Office, Honorable Mike Schneider,  
Bruce Jeffries, National Screening Center
- 4:15 p.m. Appellate Issues - Formulation of the Case for Appeal,  
Preservation of Error and Perfection of Appeal:  
Ethical Obligations: Effective Assistance of Counsel  
William Thursland, J.D.
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn