

# 9th Annual: Adjusting the Bar: The Definitive Ad Litem Seminar in DFPS Cases

Friday, May 3, 2019 & Saturday, May 4, 2019

The Council on Recovery, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, Texas, 77007

## Fee

The conference registration fee is \$150.00 per person for early registration and payment of \$175.00 per person for on-site registration. Your registration fee includes cost of seminar, breaks, lunch on Friday and Saturday and any materials distributed on a CD at the conference and on the web at hba.org on the Juvenile Law Section page. 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 Ryan J. Mitchell, P.O. Box 1570, Houston, Texas 77251-1570. Online registration is not available. Pre-registration is preferred -April 15, 2019 since conference enrollment is limited to 300 participants.

## Location and Parking

The conference will be held at the offices of The Council Recovery 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 20, 2019. 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 HBA.org, juvenile law section.

## 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 25, 2019 to Ryan Mitchell at the contact information listed below.

### General Information

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**\$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 20, 2019.]

### Questions and Correspondence

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## Schedule of Events: May 3 & 4, 2019

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Houston

### Friday May 3, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:00 a.m. Family Service Plans: Dealing with Parents with Disabilities: Ethical Considerations  
Tara Garlinghouse, J.D.  
Bill Connolly, J.D.
- 10:00 a.m. Objections: How to Preserve Error: Ethics of Trial Objections  
Sandra Hachem, J.D.
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Drug Testing in DFPS Cases  
Bruce Jeffries, National Screening Center
- 11:15 a.m. Case Law Update: Ethical Responsibilities of Keeping Current on Appellate Case Law  
To be Announced
- 12:15 Noon. Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Participation in Services Cases: Ethical Considerations  
Michelle Moore, J.D.
- 2:00 p.m. Adversary Hearing Demonstration: Ethics of Representation of Parents and Ad Litem in Hearing  
Gene Wu, J.D.  
Ryan Mitchell, J.D.  
Steven Frazier, J.D.  
David Masquelette, J. D.  
Honorable Mike Schneider, Judge
- 2:45 p.m. DFPS Project Court: Ethics of Representation  
Judge Katrina Griffith.
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Best Interest: Ethical Considerations of Representation  
Qiana Manns, J.D.
- 4:00 p.m. Crossover Youth: DFPS Children in Juvenile Delinquency Court: Ethical Considerations  
Allison McGallion, HCJPD  
Megan Davis, DFPS  
Katya Dow, J.D.
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

### Saturday May 4, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Defending Parents in DFPS Cases, Ethical Considerations and Effective Assistance of Counsel  
To be Announced
- 9:15 a.m. How Employment Law Can Help You and Your Client: Updates on FMLA, Adoption, Child Placement and Other Family Court Matters:  
David Holmes, J.D.
- 9:45 a.m. Dealing with Difficult parents: Ethics of Representation.  
Gary Pollard, J.D.
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Legislative Update: Ethics of Understanding New Legislation  
Gene Wu, J. D.
- 11:15 a.m. Mediation in DFPS Cases: Ethics of Representation of Parents and Children in Mediation:  
Amy Lacy, J.D.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:45 p.m. Dealing with Sexual Abuse Allegations: Children's Memory Development, Suggestibility Influence of Adults and Interview Techniques  
Mary Alvarez, PhD.
- 1:15 p.m. Ad Litem - Out of the Box - Services and Placements, Challenging DFPS at All Levels  
Anna Stool, J. D.
- 2:00 p.m. Qualifications, Presentation and Challenges to Expert Testimony – Daubert (i.e. Is a DFPS Caseworker an Expert)  
Ted Jereb, J.D.
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Daubert, Robinson, Kelly, etc., Demonstration:  
Bill Thursland, J.D., Michelle Moore, J.D., Harris County Attorney's Office, Honorable Brian Fischer, Mary Alvarez, Ph.D.
- 3:45 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.
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn