



## **5TH ANNUAL ADVANCED GAL TRAINING**

**Friday, April 8, 2011, 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM**  
**DC Superior Court — Room 3300**

### **TRAINING AGENDA**

**10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

#### **Pre-Trial Motion Practice for GALs**

Pre-Trial Motions can be an effective tool to resolve issues before trial and streamline the presentation of evidence and witnesses. During this session we'll talk in detail about particular types of pre-trial motions and strategy surrounding if and when to file them. We'll also provide practitioners with sample motions.

**11:30AM-12:00 PM**

#### **Break (Get your lunch)**

**12:00-1:00 PM**

#### **Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion: How Can You Do That Work? Strategies for Surviving GAL Practice**

We all know that being a GAL is difficult and emotionally challenging work. During this informal brown bag discussion CLC lawyers and our in-house social worker will talk about the unique challenges we face as GALs, review research that has been done on the impact our clients' trauma can have on us as professionals, and share strategies to cope with the emotional aspect of our work.

**1:00-2:30 PM**

#### **Strategies for Representing Emancipating Youth**

GALs can play a critical role in helping emancipating youth plan for a successful transition out of foster care. During this session we'll discuss key things to consider throughout the transition process. We will also talk specifically about programs and services that are available to emancipating youth so that GALs can pursue whatever resources are relevant for their clients.

**2:30-2:45**

#### **Break**

**2:45-4:00**

#### **Advocacy Tools for School Discipline Issues**

GALs are often the first called when clients experience school discipline issues. The GAL can play a critical role in identifying the bases for the disciplinary action, assessing whether proper procedure has been used, and intervening with school officials to resolve matters expeditiously so that clients can return to school. During this session we'll talk about these issues so that GALs can be effective advocates in this arena.

**TRAINING OPEN TO ALL CCAN GAL PANEL ATTORNEYS**  
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