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# KEEPING CURRENT

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## D.C. Court of Appeals

*In re J.R.*, No. 10-FS-38 (Decided December 22, 2011), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ckbhy38>  
*Appellant challenged the trial court's jurisdiction to conduct neglect and custody proceedings regarding her child as well as the trial court's ultimate neglect finding. The D.C. Court of Appeals affirmed.*

*In re M.A.*, No. 07-FS-1313 (Decided December 22, 2011), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/cg8tllt>  
*In this delinquency case, appellant, found guilty of second-degree child sex abuse and adjudicated delinquent, challenged the trial court's denial of a motion to suppress his taped confession. The D.C. Court of Appeals affirmed.*

*A.R. v. F.C.*, No. 11-FM-766 (Decided December 22, 2011), available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ctxnl7c>  
*The D.C. Court of Appeals held that D.C. Code makes civil protection orders available to persons who allege stalking, sexual assault, or sexual abuse but have no prior relationship with the alleged offender, reversing the trial court's dismissal of a petition for a civil protection order based on a lack of proper relationship between petitioner and respondent.*

### Upcoming D.C. Court of Appeals Argument:

February 28, 2012 at 9:30 A.M.

*In re N.R., M.R. and I.R., In re Petition of A.O.T.*, Nos. 11-FS-1161, -1162, -1163, -1164, -1165, -1166  
*Audio of oral arguments are broadcast at: [dcapeals.gov/dccourts/appeals/calendarindex](http://dcapeals.gov/dccourts/appeals/calendarindex)*

## Legal News

### D.C. Council Wants Easier Divorces for Same-Sex Couples (Washington Post)

Available at: <http://tiny.cc/phbkn>

### Colorado Court of Appeals Rules that State Defendants Are Not Entitled to Qualified Immunity in Foster Children's Section 1983 Suit Based on Injuries Suffered While in Foster Care

The case, *Shirk v. Forsmark*, is available at: <http://tiny.cc/tzmv7>.

## Children, Child Welfare in the News (Local and National)

**[A Former Homeless Child] Home for the Holidays** (The Open Door) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/75efl>

**Young Mom Refuses to Give Up on Children** (Afro American) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/w1igo>

**Lessons Learned Through Child Welfare Litigation** (ABA Children's Rights Litigation Section)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/lumeu>

**Report Describes Trends in Deaths of Abused and Neglected Children** (NY Times) Available at:  
<http://tiny.cc/5ydd0>

**Reliance on Government Funds Doomed Hull House [a Historic, 122-year old Social Service Agency in Chicago]** (Chicago Tribune) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/wip9w>

**Paying a Price, Long After the Crime** (NY Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/l24k2>

**Helping LA's Foster Kids Grow Up** (LA Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/k97kr>

**Changing the Narrative of Child Welfare** (Huffington Post) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/34i9f>

**Failed Adoptions Lead to More Homeless Youths** (ChicagoNews) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/mbbb3>

**Calls for More Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse** (NPR) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/6vr5m>

## Education News (Local and National)

**New DCPS Scorecards Compare College Enrollment, Teacher Retention** (Washington Examiner)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/5ue6s>

**D.C. Seeks Waiver from No Child Left Behind Requirements** (Washington Post)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/7o9is> (Waiver materials available at: <http://tiny.cc/dobb0>)

**Nearly Every Eligible DCPS Teacher Chooses to Skip Evaluations** (Washington Examiner)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/nawmt>

**In Washington [D.C.], Large Rewards in Teacher Pay** (NY Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/3dabl>

**D.C. to Lure Top Teachers to Underperforming Classrooms** (WAMU) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/euziq>

**Brown No Longer Pushing for Evaluation Waivers for Top Teachers Who Transfer** (Washington Examiner)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/pyhn4>

**Report: DCPS Reported 'Human Tragedy' as Special-Ed Success** (Washington Examiner)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/uo9r3>

**D.C. Bill Mandates College Application for High School Diploma** (Washington Times)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/09opf> and <http://tiny.cc/k4l37>

**D.C. Activist Seeks School Probe** (Washington Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/mesyy>

**Report: D.C. Gives Public Schools More Money than Charters** (Washington Examiner)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/ux6v5>

**Charters Challenge Fairness of \$21 Million to DCPS** (Washington Post)  
Available at: <http://tiny.cc/3pyoh>

## Education News (*Local and National*) (cont.)

**D.C. Schools Need \$25 Million – For What?** (Washington Examiner) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/h39rq>

**Deputy Mayor for Education Insulted Ward 4 Residents** (Washington Post) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/mbiav>

**Are Teachers Overpaid?** (NY Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/2zdoh>

## Health

**Child Mental Health Services Underfunded, Virginia Study Finds** (Washington Times)

Available at: <http://tiny.cc/z63n4>

**Are Some Foster Kids Over-Medicated? North Carolina Now Looking to Scrutinize How Medicaid Dispensed to Children** (Hickory Daily Record) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/o3ytq>

**CDC: Many Teen Moms Didn't Think it Could Happen** (NPR) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/vv1yz>  
(The related CDC report is at: <http://tiny.cc/at2xi>.)

**Sex Education Gets Directly to Youths, via Text** (NY Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/ro46e>

**A Poverty Solution that Starts with a Hug** (NY Times) Available at: <http://tiny.cc/1a7f2>

**Get the Lead Out – Experts Want Kids' Limits Halved** (NPR)

Available at: <http://tiny.cc/51wz2>

**Healthy Children Need Opportunities to Play** (Healthychildren.org) Available at <http://tiny.cc/ibkz6>  
(The American Academy of Pediatrics report, *The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bond: Focus on Children in Poverty*, is available at <http://tiny.cc/qo00y>.)

## Reports and Publications

### Child Welfare Practice

#### New Child Welfare Law Resource

A new resource from the ABA Center on Children and the Law, *Child Law Practice Online*, is available at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child\\_law/publications/child\\_law\\_practiceonline.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/publications/child_law_practiceonline.html).

#### A Medical Guide for Youth in Foster Care

New York State's Office of Children and Family Services has released a 28-page booklet to guide youth in care through the health care system. The booklet covers informed consent, rights to privacy and to refuse medication, and information about how to get and pay for medical care, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/vsjwo>.

#### Teen Parents in Foster Care

Teens in foster care face considerable individual and family challenges that place them at an elevated risk of becoming a teen parent. Child Trends has released this research brief which reviews existing research literature on teens in foster care and examines analyses of primarily regional data to assess the extent to which teens in foster care are at risk of teen pregnancy and parenting. The brief is available at <http://tiny.cc/v5uak>.

## Reports and Publications (*cont.*)

### Child Welfare Practice (*cont.*)

#### **Handbooks for Children and Youth in Foster Care**

Youth in foster care are becoming increasingly aware of their own potential to effect change for themselves personally and within the system. One avenue that allows them to learn more about their own rights and responsibilities, and that can lead to empowerment for them, is the use of handbooks written for and about young people in care. This recently updated webpage provides general resources about foster care written for children and youth, and lists handbooks and resources by state, and can be accessed at <http://tiny.cc/l43po>.

#### **What Works to Prevent or Reduce Internalizing Problems or Socio-Emotional Difficulties in Adolescents: Lessons from Experimental Evaluations of Social Interventions**

Adolescence is often characterized as a tumultuous time in youth development, marked by occasional mood swings and intense emotions. This Child Trends brief synthesizes findings on programs designed to prevent or treat internalizing problems for adolescents. The report is available at <http://tiny.cc/chw55>.

### Parents in Child Welfare Cases

#### **Reinstatement of Parental Rights**

The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections has developed a new Hot Topic webpage on Reinstatement of Parental Rights. This webpage offers resources on the topic, including links to articles, information on state statutes, and an NRCPCF teleconference. This webpage will be updated regularly as new information and resources become available, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/zx2bf>.

#### **Birth Parents with Trauma Histories and the Child Welfare System: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys**

By recognizing the potential impact of trauma on parenting, judges and attorneys can more easily connect parents with services that will meet their needs. This resource from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network addresses the following questions: What are signs that trauma may be present? How can trauma affect parents? Can trauma also affect judges and attorneys who work in family court? How can attorneys and judges use a trauma-informed approach when working with birth parents? The guide is available at <http://tiny.cc/asqe6>.

#### **When a Parent Is Incarcerated: A Primer for Social Workers**

The goal of this publication is to provide relevant and practical information for public child welfare agencies and social workers when working with incarcerated parents and their children, including a chapter on immigration, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/j3a4n>.

### Child Welfare Policy

#### **Differential Response**

A report from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, *Differential Response in Child Protective Services in New York State: Implementation, Initial Outcomes and Impacts of Pilot Project*, is available at <http://tiny.cc/zmxcx>.

#### **Effective Discovery and Engagement Practices through Family Finding**

This report, *Piecing Together the Puzzle: Tips and Techniques for Effective Discovery in Family Finding*, describes how family finding staff start the process of discovery by interviewing the child's case worker and "mining" the child's case record in search of relatives' names and contact information. The report shares resources that can be used in discovery efforts, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/q7se4>.

## Reports and Publications (*cont.*)

### Child Welfare Policy (*cont.*)

#### **Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Website Updated**

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data website is now refreshed with data from 2007 through 2010. The site makes available the latest statistics from National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), and is available at <http://tiny.cc/iq2yd>.

### Education

#### **Everybody's a Teacher: How to Help Children and Youth in Foster Care Get the Best Education Possible**

Developed by the Florida Department of Children and Families, the *Everybody's a Teacher* initiative is designed to encourage individuals and communities to become involved in the education of children and youth in foster care and address issues that often stand in the way of their doing well in school. The backpack toolkit includes information on: strategies for encouraging a community conversation to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care; using an Action Plan to record the choices that reflect the community conversation; myth-busting and providing information about foster care youth; including young people in planning and in presentations; using national, state, and local data to provide a baseline to measure improvement; and using ice breakers to spur group interactions. Answers to frequently asked questions about foster care youth and education are offered, as well as ideas for people who want to help, sample discussion questions for community conversations, and resources for professionals. A sample PowerPoint presentation, action plan, invitation, press release, agenda, and ground rules are also provided, as well as talking points for a video on the educational challenges faced by foster youth. The entire toolkit is available at <http://tiny.cc/z7xrt>.

#### **Child Welfare, Education and the Courts: A Collaboration to Strengthen Educational Successes of Children and Youth in Foster Care**

On November 3-4, 2011, the Children's Bureau, in partnership with the Department of Education, held this two-day meeting, setting forth a call to action that convened leaders in the child welfare, education, and juvenile court systems for every State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The Meeting website contains resources from the meeting, including the latest resources and information pertaining to educational well-being for children/youth in foster care, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/yzrmx>.

#### **Bullying in Schools: An Overview**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has released this bulletin, which examines the connection between different types and frequencies of bullying, truancy, and student achievement, and whether students' engagement in school mediates these factors. The bulletin is available at <http://tiny.cc/9er9e>.

#### **Teens Discuss Online Abuse and Bullying**

Media have extensively covered stories of youth driven to desperation and even suicide by online taunts and aggression. YCTeen writers discuss their own experiences and views of cyber abuse at <http://tiny.cc/lvful>. For stories from YCteen and Represent (written by and for youth in foster care) about bullying, visit: <http://www.ycteenmag.org/topics/bullying.html>.

## Reports and Publications (*cont.*)

### Other

#### **New Study Finds Teens of Lesbian Parents Just as Happy as Teens Raised by Different-Sex Couples**

The data in this new report comes from adolescents whose families are participants in the National Longitudinal Lesbian Family Study, the longest-running and largest prospective investigation of lesbian mothers and their children in the United States, and is available at <http://tiny.cc/saj11>.

#### **Standby Guardianship**

A recent publication from the Child Welfare Information Gateway examines state standby guardianship laws in which a parent may transfer guardianship of his or her child to a specific person under certain conditions. Many States developed these laws specifically to address the needs of parents living with HIV/AIDS, other disabling conditions, or terminal illnesses who want to plan a legally secure future for their children. A standby guardianship differs from traditional guardianships in that the parent retains much of his or her authority over the child. The report is available at <http://tiny.cc/s2m8l>.

#### **Secondary Traumatic Stress: A Fact Sheet for Child-Serving Professionals**

This fact sheet from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network details a concise overview of secondary traumatic stress and its potential impact on child-serving professionals; outlines options for assessment, prevention, and intervention relevant to secondary stress; and describes the elements necessary for transforming child-serving organizations and agencies into systems that also support worker resiliency. It is available at <http://tiny.cc/7ppnp>.

### REMINDER for CCAN PANEL

Children's Law Center **HELPLINE** provides CCAN attorneys with legal information and assistance.

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## Trainings and Events

### **Therapeutic Interventions for Young Foster Children and Their Caregivers**

Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 12:00 P.M. - WEBINAR

*Speakers will address providing or referring infants, young children, and their caregivers for trauma-sensitive therapeutic interventions, including Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) and Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC). Information is available at <http://tiny.cc/wgeuy>.*

### **Bullying and Suicide Prevention Webinar, sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center,**

Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 3:00-4:30 P.M. - WEBINAR

*This webinar will provide the latest research and science on the relationship between bullying and suicide and will outline some of the shared risk and protective factors. The webinar will also discuss the main principles of a comprehensive school approach to bullying prevention. This presentation will be interactive, with opportunities to ask questions. Space is limited. Learn more about the webinar at <http://tiny.cc/e3fwz>, and register at <http://tiny.cc/q6zmq>.*

### **CLC Training: The IEP from the Educational Expert's Perspective (The Weinfeld Education Group LLC)**

Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 3:30-5:00 P.M. – CLC, 616 H Street NW, 3rd Floor

*Come join Rich Weinfeld and his team for an informative presentation on the IEP meeting from an educational expert's perspective. Learn how to better understand what goes into the plan, how to draft better goals/objectives, red flags to watch out for, etc. The Weinfeld Education Group is a full service education and advocacy organization that provides trainings, assessments, advocacy, and services to families of children with special education or other education needs. CCAN attorneys interested in attending this training should RSVP to Nancy Drane at [ndrane@childrenslawcenter.org](mailto:ndrane@childrenslawcenter.org).*

### **Basic Training: Day One – How to Start a Law Firm, sponsored by the D.C. Bar**

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 9:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

*This program is for lawyers who want to know about the methods and skills necessary for starting and growing a solo or small firm and who want to participate actively in the learning experience. This interactive program consists of two full-day sessions that cover, on Day One, all you need to know to get an office up and going in the District of Columbia. On Day Two (**being offered on February 22, 2012**), How to Grow a Law Firm - Marketing, problem solving, understanding clients, and technology that serves will be covered. If you would like to know more or to register, send an e-mail to Daniel Mills, manager, Practice Management Advisory Service or call 202-626-1312. Please specify the date(s) of the session(s) you wish to attend. This program is sponsored by the Practice Management Service Committee of the D.C. Bar. It is **free** for and limited to D.C. Bar members and their staff.*

### **How to Litigate Your Case When Your Client is Locked Up Outside the Jurisdiction, sponsored by the D.C. Bar Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice Section**

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 12:00-2:00 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

*The Revitalization Act of 1997 gave authority over housing and sentence completion of D.C. Code felons to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Since the feds do not have a local prison, all felons sentenced to serve time by a Superior Court judge are sent into the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Most institutions nearby are between a 2-6 hour drive away from D.C. This session is designed to discuss practical issues related to representing clients who are incarcerated outside the District of Columbia. Moving forward with noncriminal cases can be difficult to do with incarcerated plaintiffs/defendants locked up elsewhere. Practical issues will range from general client access matters to obtaining DNA samples for family court matters. The second part of the discussion will focus on legal issues (e.g ineffective assistance of counsel) associated with representing non-local clients. A panel of local practitioners will lead the roundtable discussion with hypotheticals and Q&A from the audience. Panel includes: Rainey Brandt, Special Counsel, D.C. Superior Court, Teresa Howie, Deputy Chief, Superior Court Operations, United States Attorney's Office, Avrom Sickel, D.C. Superior Court Family Court Self Help Center Branch Chief. FREE. Register at [www.dcbbar.org](http://www.dcbbar.org).*

## Trainings and Events (cont.)

### **Child Welfare, Race, and Disparity: New Findings, New Opportunities**, sponsored by Chapin Hall

Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 10:00-11:30 A.M. – WEBCAST

*Racial disparity in the child welfare system is an increasingly pressing problem for policymakers, practitioners, and advocates. Chapin Hall's Child and Family Policy Forum will explore these questions. Panelists will explore the sometimes complex relationships between social context--family structure, unemployment rates, and adult education levels--and the degree of racial disparity. Panelists will provide their thoughts on where to go with investments intended to promote equity. Panelists include: Fred Wulczyn, Senior Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago; David Sanders, Executive Vice President of Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs; John Mattingly, Senior Fellow, Annie E. Casey Foundation; and Lonnie Snowden, Professor, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley. Register at: <http://tiny.cc/ajr0y>.*

### **Series: Essential Trial Skills**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar

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### **D.C. Council, CFSA Oversight Hearing**

Friday, February 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. – Wilson Building (or via Webcast)

Go to <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/> for a live feed of the hearing.

### **CCAN Brown Bag: Post Adoption Contact Agreements**

Thursday February 16, 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. — D. C. Superior Court, Room 4224 (Family Court Conference Room)

*This brown bag will feature a discussion of the new law authorizing post adoption contact agreements in the District of Columbia. Since this law went into effect in 2010, agreements have been negotiated in several cases, some of them with the assistance of the court's Mediation Office. Child Protection Mediation manager Janice Buie will tell us about mediation in this area, and a panel of CCAN attorneys will discuss the law.*

### **Should I Stay or Should I Go? Using the UCCJEA to Help Victims of Domestic Violence**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar Family Law Section

Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 12:30-1:30 P.M. – D.C. Superior Court, Room 3300

*Come and learn from national experts as they explain the ins and outs of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and how it functions when issues of domestic violence arise. Panelists include: Deborah Goelman, Legal Resource Center for Violence Against Women, Darren Mitchell, Legal Resource Center for Violence Against Women, and Avrom Sickel, Family Court Self-Help Center (Moderator). FREE. No registration required.*

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### **Effective Writing for Lawyers Workshop**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar

Friday, February 17, 2012 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

*This essential course for new or seasoned attorneys teaches participants how to recognize and correct common writing problems. Through a series of interactive exercises, you will learn how to fix those problems and make dull and bureaucratic language clear and concise. You also will learn about the writing process, including how to untangle sentences and how to edit. The course includes 10 tips for turning ordinary writing into crisp, sharp, and convincing prose. This class will help you communicate more effectively with your clients and others in the legal process. Class is limited to 23 registrants. FEE = \$55.80 (with Litigation Section discount for Legal Services employees, 80% off the \$279 regular fee for D.C. Bar Family Law Section members). Register at [www.dcbar.org](http://www.dcbar.org) (with the Litigation Section discount form).*

### **CLC CCAN Half-Day Training**, sponsored by Children's Law Center

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. — D.C. Superior Court, Room 3300

*More information about this training, which is open to all CCAN attorneys, will be distributed soon.*

### **Basic Training: Day Two – How to Start a Law Firm**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar

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### **Establishing Paternity in D.C.**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar Family Law Section

Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

*Determining paternity is not always easy in family law cases. ‘Paternity’ may seem cut and dry, but the various ways that paternity is investigated, determined and legally established can have important implications for every type of family law case. Please join Magistrate Judge Noel Johnson, Tanya Jones Bosier from the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, and Tianna Terry from the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia to find out all you need to know about paternity establishment (and dis-establishment) in D.C. The program will be moderated by Kristin Henrickson of Delaney McKinney LLP. Fee = \$35 for Family Law Section members. Register at [www.dcbar.org](http://www.dcbar.org).*

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## Save the Date

### **Addressing the Needs of Multi-System Youth**, sponsored by the RFK Children’s Action Corps

Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. – Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center

*The symposium will bring together practitioners, policymakers, consumers, researchers, advocates, foundation program officers, and students from across the country interested in learning about and adopting policies and practices designed to better address the needs of youth known to multiple-systems, particularly the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The symposium, supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s **Models for Change Initiative**, will feature presentations on policies, programs, and practices that have successfully prevented youth from crossing between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, reduced the placement of youth in the child welfare system in out of home care (particularly congregate care), and enhanced the role of education in achieving improved outcomes for youth at risk of or who have “crossed over.” Presenters will also highlight ways that the child welfare, juvenile justice and related systems can work together more broadly to best serve youth once they have “crossed over.” These strategies include joint case assessment processes, coordinated case planning and management, the pooling of resources across systems, and enhanced efforts to maintain connections for these youth with their families and achieve greater levels of stability and permanence in their lives. This symposium will also coincide with the release of a paper of the same title, *Addressing the Needs of Multi-System Youth: Strengthening the Connection between Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice*. The paper will provide a framework for jurisdictions to utilize in their efforts to prevent youth from crossing over between systems and ensure that all youth who are served by both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems experience them with fairness and equity, and in a manner that helps to provide for their safety, well being and permanence, while also protecting public safety. Register at:*

<http://multisystems Symposium.eventbrite.com>.

## Save the Date (cont.)

### **Basic Training: Day One – How to Start a Law Firm**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar

March 7, 2012 from 9:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. — D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

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### **Annual Neglect and Delinquency Practice Institute (NDPI)**, sponsored by the Bar Association of D.C.

March 12-13, 2012 – UDC School of Law

*This two day training will feature sessions on neglect, adoption, juvenile delinquency, ethics, and special education. More information will be available soon, but for now, please save the date.*

### **How to Draft a Good Settlement Agreement That Will Stand the Test of Time**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar Family Law Section

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

### **Basic Training: Day Two – How to Start a Law Firm**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 9:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. – D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

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### **CLC CCAN GAL Full-Day Training**, sponsored by Children's Law Center

Monday, April 9, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. — D.C. Superior Court, Room 3300

*More information about this training, which is open to all CCAN GALs, will be distributed soon.*

### **When Criminal Issues Arise in Family Law Cases**, sponsored by the D.C. Bar Family Law Section

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. — D.C. Bar, 1101 K Street NW

### **CLC CCAN Half-Day Trial Skills Training**, sponsored by Children's Law Center

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. — D.C. Superior Court, Room 2500

*More information about this training, which is open to all CCAN attorneys, will be distributed soon.*

### **CLC CCAN Half-Day Training**, sponsored by Children's Law Center

Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. — D.C. Superior Court, Room 3300

*More information about this training, which is open to all CCAN attorneys, will be distributed soon.*