

■ PRACTICE KIT 1 ■

Legal Resources and Important Contacts

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This practice kit includes relevant sections from Title 4 and Title 16 of the DC Code, applicable DC Superior Court Rules, DC Superior Court Child Abuse and Neglect Attorney Practice Standards, Custody Guardian Ad Litem Practice Standards and the Special Education Practice Standards, and useful contact information directories from the DC Courts, CCAN, CFSA and the Office of the Attorney General.

I. District of Columbia Code

A. Division I, Government of District: Title 4 Public Care Systems

1. Chapter 3, Adoption Programs

- i. Subchapter I, General
- ii. Subchapter II, Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
- iii. Subchapter III, Incentive Program and Special Funds
- iv. Subchapter IV, Post-Adoption Contact Agreements

2. Chapter 13, Child Abuse and Neglect

- i. Subchapter I, Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- ii. Subchapter II, Reports of Neglected Children
- iii. Subchapter II-A, Reports of Missing Children
- iv. Subchapter III, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Children's Trust Fund
- v. Subchapter III-A, Integrated Funding and Services for At-Risk Children, Youth, and Families
- vi. Subchapter IV, Adoption Improvement
- vii. Subchapter V, Child Fatality Review Committee

3. Chapter 14, Placement of Children in Family Homes

- i. Subchapter I, General
- ii. Subchapter II, Interstate Compact on Placement of Children

B. Division II, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure: Title 16 Particular Actions, Proceedings and Matters

1. Chapter 3, Adoption

2. Chapter 8A, Third-Party Custody

3. Chapter 9, Divorce, Annulment, Separation, Support, etc. (includes Custody)

4. Chapter 23, Family Division Proceedings

- i. Subchapter I, Proceedings Regarding Delinquency, Neglect, or Need of Supervision
- ii. Subchapter II, Parentage Proceedings
- iii. Subchapter III, Proceedings Regarding the Termination of Parental Rights of Certain Neglected Children
- iv. Subchapter IV, Court-Appointed Special Advocates
- v. Subchapter V, Permanent Guardianship

5. Chapter 46, Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement

- i. Subchapter I, General Provisions
- ii. Subchapter II, Jurisdiction
- iii. Subchapter III, Enforcement
- iv. Subchapter IV, Child Abduction Prevention
- v. Subchapter V, Miscellaneous Provisions

II. D.C. Superior Court Rules

- A. General Rules of the Family Court**
- B. Rules Governing Neglect and Abuse Proceedings**
- C. Rules Governing Adoption Proceedings**
- D. Administrative Order 16-02 – Guardianship Procedures**
- E. Administrative Order 16-03 – Establishing the Program for Agreement and Cooperation**
- F. Administrative Order 16-04 – Children in Court Policy in Abuse and Neglect Proceedings**
- G. Administrative Order 14-23 – Revised Case Management Plan for the Domestic Relations Branch**

III. Attorney Practice Standards

- A. Child Abuse and Neglect Attorney Practice Standards**
- B. Special Education Attorney Practice Standards**
- C. Custody Guardian *ad litem* Practice Standards**

IV. Commonly Used Directories and Information

- A. Child Welfare Agencies**
 - 1. CFSA & Collaborative Directory (rev. February 2017)
 - 2. National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) Directory (January 2018)
- B. DC Courts Information**
 - 1. DC Superior Court Judicial Assignments 2018
 - 2. DC Superior Court Magistrate Judge Initial Hearing Schedule 2018
 - 3. CCAN Directory (rev. November 2017)
 - 4. Magistrate Judge Chambers Contact List (rev. January 2018)

C. Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

1. OAG Judicial Assignment (rev. June 2017)
2. OAG Phone Directory

D. DYRS Directory

1. DYRS Staff Telephone Directory (rev. 2017)
2. DYRS Case Management Staff Directory (rev. November 2016)