

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Family Law Seminar

Associates in Dispute Resolution LLC

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Topeka, KS 66603

April 5, 2024, In-Person & Zoom Webinar



## *Protecting the Best Interests of the Child*

**6.0 CLE/CDRE and Rule 110A Standards for Guardian *ad litem***

**Includes 1.0 hours of Ethics (Seeking Approval for Kansas and Missouri)**

### **Agenda & Registration Information**

SEEKING APPROVAL for 6.0 hours of CLE/CDRE (f/k/a CME) Credit and Rule 110A Standards for Guardian *ad litem*, includes 1.0 Hours of Ethics for Kansas and Missouri

Please join Associates in Dispute Resolution, LLC, for our annual CLE/CDRE event scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2024. We are excited to bring you our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Training event. We hope you join us each spring for this continue CLE program.

8:15 am to 8:50 am ***REGISTRATION***

8:50 am to 9:00 am ***INTRODUCTIONS***

9:00 am to 9:50 am ***Highlights of the New Child Support Guidelines***

This program section will feature some of the hot areas in family law like the new Child Support Guidelines; discuss proposed uniform law legislation on arbitration and parentage; highlight some of the major family law decisions from the Kansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; and update participants what other states are doing.

*Professor Linda Elrod. Linda is the Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor at Washburn University School of Law and Director of the Children and Family Law Center. She was a Fulbright Senior Specialist for the Dublin Institute of Technology, has received the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor Award, the Roy A. Myers Excellence in Research faculty award, and the Chief Justice Kay McFarland Attorney of Achievement Award. Linda was the Reporter for the Uniform Law Commission Committee which drafted the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.*

9:50 am to 10:40 am ***Implementation of the M.B. v. Howard Settlement: Ongoing Challenges in the Effort to Reform Kansas's Child Welfare System:***

This interactive CLE training will focus on the background and current status of the *M.B. v. Howard* litigation. The training will highlight advocates' efforts to implement the various requirements of the *M.B. settlement*, including: placement array and stability requirements, access to crisis services, access to mental health services, and improving system accountability to community members.

*Leecia Welch is the Deputy Litigation Director at Children's Rights in New York City. For nearly twenty years, she has specialized in class action litigation designed to improve the lives of children in state and federal foster systems. She is currently class counsel on behalf of foster youth in Kansas, Washington and California, and represents a nationwide class of detained immigrant children to enforce their rights under the Flores settlement. She has also worked on successful damages and class action cases on behalf of youth in Utah, Nevada, Missouri, California and nationwide. She has been recognized by the American Bar Association, the California State Bar, and the Impact Fund, and received the 2021 Janet Reno Endowment Women's Leadership Award.*

10:40 am to 10:50 am ***BREAK*** (10 minutes)

10:50 am to 11:40 am ***Understanding Polyamorous Families in the Context of Divorce.***  
What are polyamorous families?

*Stef Sloan, Ph.D is an Associate Researcher Senior at the University of Kansas, and is a trained forensic custody evaluator. Dr. Sloan's subject matter expertise includes LGBTQIA+ youth and families, diverse and expansive families (i.e., poly, fictive kin networks, stepfamilies), child maltreatment and ACEs prevention, family protective factors, and domestic violence/coercive control. Dr. Sloan's research focuses on the development of family assessment instruments and knowledge related to LGBTQIA+ youth and families, custody litigant family protective factors, assessment of diverse families, sibling conflict, post-separation coercive control, approaches to strengthening families, and the development of self-efficacy across child development.*

11:40 am to 12:30 pm ***LUNCH BREAKS*** (50 minutes)

12:30 pm to 1:20 pm

***Child Custody Evaluations: So what's Your Story?***

This presentation will cover the elements in preparing a child custody report pursuant to the requirements of the American Psychological Association.

*Milfred "Bud" Dale, Esq./Ph.D.* is an attorney and psychologist who specializes in all aspects of family law and child custody. As an attorney in Kansas, his family law practice includes cases involving divorce and parental separation, child support and asset or property division and adoptions and guardianships. In addition, Bud is a licensed psychologist with an office in Topeka, Kansas. He has more than 30 years of experience providing clinical and forensic services.

1:20 pm to 2:10 pm

***Ethics and Domestic Violence in ADR Practice***

In this presentation, attendees will learn about the state requirements for domestic violence screening. In addition, various techniques and ethical practice will be discussed.

*Tonya Ricklefs, PhD, LMSW* is a state approved mediator and conciliator. Tonya has also worked in the areas of restorative justice work and private practice therapy. Tonya also works at Washburn University teaching social work as well as serving as the BSW Field Education Director.

2:10 pm to 2:20 pm

**BREAK (10 minutes)**

2:20 pm to 3:10 pm

***Am I EthicAL? (AIEA?)***

Description: Inspired by the popular AITA? message board on Reddit, the audience will be presented with complicated family law scenarios and asked a simple question: is the lawyer in that scenario ethical? What rules of professional conduct apply to the situation? And what facts need to change to make the attorney ethical? This interactive presentation will focus on situations and rules that come up most frequently in family law situations to assist the audience in unpacking, understanding, and analyzing the ethics situations that arise when representing parents and children.

*Kate Duncan Butler* joined the Office of the Disciplinary Administrator in October 2023. Her legal background before that includes serving as a research attorney, handling criminal appeals and post-conviction matters, and handling probate, family law, juvenile, and land use matters in private practice. She is a graduate of Washburn Law, an avid reader and gamer, and she listens to a weekly AITA podcast (the inspiration for this CLE).

*Alice Walker, Alice L. Walker, JD* is a graduate of Washburn University School of Law. Alice currently serves as a Deputy Disciplinary Administrator, having joined the Office of the Disciplinary Administrator in April 2021. Alice has spent her career in public service, practicing as a criminal prosecutor for over a decade. She began as an Assistant County Attorney in Leavenworth County, where she prosecuted juvenile offender and domestic violence cases. Alice then practiced as an Assistant District Attorney, and later as a Senior Assistant District Attorney, in Douglas County. There she prosecuted a wide array of criminal cases including domestic violence, major felony crimes and crimes against children. Alice and her husband live in Topeka with their two young daughters. Alice volunteers her time with several organizations, her favorite being her daughters' elementary school and girl scout troop.

3:10 p.m

***ADJOURNMENT***

# Registration Information for *Protecting the Best Interest of the Child*

Friday, April 5, 2024

Sign up early and get the Early Bird Rate of \$245.00. Regular rate after the early-bird period is \$285.00. Early-bird payments must be postmarked by Friday, March 22, 2024 (**after this date registration is \$285.00.**) **Active GAL's can attend for half rate.**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Webinar Rate, \$285.00 (postmarked on or before Friday, March 22, 2024). You will receive an electronic version of materials ahead of the seminar date. No printed materials.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **ACTIVE GUARDIAN AD LITEM WEBINAR RATE**  
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**Cancellation policy: In the event you register and are unable to attend, we offer a full refund up to and including March 22, 2024. After March 22, 2024, 80% of registration fees will be refunded for cancellations. Thank you.**