

# 2023 OCR SPRING CONFERENCE: AMPLIFYING YOUR IN-COURT ADVOCACY

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

**A NOTE ABOUT BREAKOUT TRACKS:** All "Track A" sessions are designed to build on one another and are specific to D&N in-court advocacy. All sessions are open to all attendees, but none are required. Passcode for all sessions is SPRING23

## 8:45-9:00 am | Welcome

Chris Henderson

**Zoom Link:** Please see the unique access link sent to you via email by Zoom

## 9:00-10:00 am | How to Speak and Get People to Listen? The Art of Communication and Persuasion

Matthew Taylor

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For over 2,300 years people have been discussing how to persuade another human being. As lawyers you are in the business of persuasion. It's embedded in every facet of your work and essential to do well, but the real secret is to be able to do it without anyone being aware that it's happening. But first we must get people to listen, and quickly build a relationship. During this interactive session we will explore what your audience wants and needs in order to follow your ideas and recommendations plus offer practical tools and techniques that you can apply immediately. We will also identify and discuss specific areas for application within the legal profession. Participants will learn to persuade through narrative subconsciously and effortlessly by simply telling a story.

## 10:00-10:30 am | Break

## 10:30-11:30 am | Breakout 1

### Track A | D&N Discovery for GALs and CFY: Rules, Requests, Responses, Reviewing, Resources

Claire Dossier and Cara Nord

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83984360906?pwd=Q0IRY2x4S3lwNDIsbkRrTWWh3aExUUT09>

This session will cover the applicability of discovery rules to dependency & neglect cases in both best interest and client-directed representation. The presenters will facilitate a discussion about reasonable discovery practices and effective use of discovery as applied to a case scenario. Participants will learn which laws apply, how to effectively use case management orders, and how to respond to requests for discovery. Participants will understand how best to share discovery with their clients.

### Track B | Making the Most Out of Truancy Court: Effectuating Change in a System Without Teeth

Samantha Metsger

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82281064770?pwd=NTh0V3hUc0N4QXQ0T1dqMzNCUXhVQT09>

This session is designed to address opportunities for intervention and advocacy in truancy cases. Truancy is often the first entry for system-involved youth and often requires creative interventions that vary district by district. This session will discuss the school to prison pipeline, disproportionality and progression toward an equitable system, and expectations in truancy court. The presenter will also address common questions such as what should be happening in truancy cases, what can effective in-court advocacy look like, which court orders to seek and avoid, and what creative solutions do we as a community have for helping families become equipped, compliant, and connected to resources for long-term success. The presenter will also discuss current trends and requirements related to contempt orders.

## 11:30 am-1:00 pm | Lunch

## 1:00-2:00 pm | Breakout 2 continued on next page...



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**1:00-2:00 pm | Breakout 2**

## **Track A | Motions Practice in D&N Cases: Strategy, Structure and Storytelling**

**Deanna Barton Perry and Nicole Lyells**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88940808376?pwd=MXRxNjBvcEFTYzBOVGIVT2RZL29FUT09>

What does it mean to be skilled in motions practice? How can you as the lawyer advance your advocacy by refining your motions practice? This session will cover three main characteristics of exceptional motions practice: strategy, structure, and storytelling. Participants will discuss the strategy behind choosing a written versus verbal motion, accounting for record preservation in motions practice, and preparing for a motions hearing. Participants will learn best practices for structuring and drafting a convincing motion, demonstrating why the client's position is compelling under the law.

## **Track B | Crisis? What Crisis? It's Only Family Law!**

**Hon. Robert Lung and Daniel N. Deasy**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88545207206?pwd=eU1JQWVxeUIXTzdqYVFGTzgyYmFWZz09>

The presenters, an experienced domestic relations attorney and a domestic relations judge, will address in-court advocacy involving cases that present with safety concerns for the children and/or parties. In addition to addressing the endangerment standard identified in C.R.S. 14-10-129, the presenters will discuss domestic violence, domestic abuse, child abuse and other issues that arise in domestic relations. The presenters will also discuss learning your case before your appointment and understanding case and personal safety as professionals in domestic relations cases.

**2:00-2:30 pm | Break**

**2:30-3:30 pm | Breakout 3**

## **Track A | Best Practices in Admitting Evidence**

**Katherine MacKenzie and Sandra Owens**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83109231957?pwd=WkoyRFdmQjBFOCtwYlFyV1pCNGlwUT09>

This session is focused on admitting evidence in the context of a contested placement hearing. The presenters will provide a brief refresher on the rules of evidence specific to admission, in addition to strategy tips and best practices. Participants will receive a demonstration of how best to admit evidence of school records and probationary records based on a case scenario. The presenters will facilitate a discussion about additional strategies, anticipated objections based on the evidence, and objections to evidence admitted by other parties.

## **Track B | Ins and Outs of Juvenile Sentencing**

**Lauryn Tully**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89225505836?pwd=U09xUUJONEJVOWc1NEV0M2dXZEZzUT09>

This session will focus on the juvenile sentencing scheme our clients face when dealing with the juvenile delinquency system. During this session we will talk about what sentences juveniles are facing, as well as collateral consequences a GAL should be aware of when advocating for a youth's best interest or ensuring their juvenile clients fully understand the penalties at stake. This session will explore the basic sentencing, but also go over the various sentence enhancers and what they mean for your juvenile clients including: repeat juvenile offender, crime of violence sentence enhancers, violent juvenile offender, and aggravated juvenile offender risks."

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