

OFFICE OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN  
APPELLATE DIVISION, THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

**INTRODUCTION TO EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN**

THE CENTURY HOUSE ~ LATHAM, NY

*Thursday, October 13, 2016 & Friday, October 14, 2016*

**PROGRAM AGENDA**

**THURSDAY - October 13, 2016**

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Materials Distribution

9:00 - 9:30 Introduction to the Office of Attorneys for Children

**Betsy R. Ruslander, Esq.**

Director, Office of Attorneys for Children, Third Judicial Department  
Albany

**Linda J. Kostin, Esq.**

Assistant Director, Office of Attorneys for Children, Fourth Judicial Department  
Rochester

9:30 - 10:00 Role of the Attorney for the Child

**Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry**

Associate Justice - Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department  
Albany

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS**

10:00 - 11:30 Pre-trial Representation in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings

**Gary Solomon, Esq.**

Director of Legal Support  
Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice  
New York City

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:45 - 1:00 Representation at Juvenile Delinquency Fact-Finding  
and Subsequent Proceedings

**Paul A. Sartori, Esq.**

Directing Attorney  
Sullivan Trail Legal Society, Inc.  
Elmira

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

**PERSON IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS)**

2:00 - 3:00 PINS Proceedings

**Jonathan C. Wool, Esq.**

Principal Court Attorney - Multi Bench- Franklin County

3:00 - 3:15 Break

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES IN FAMILY COURT**

3:15 - 4:15 Representing Children in Cases Involving Domestic Violence

**Professor Melissa L. Breger**

Albany Law School

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**FRIDAY - October 14, 2016**

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

**CUSTODY AND VISITATION PROCEEDINGS**

9:00 - 10:30 Considerations for the Attorney for the Child  
in Custody and Visitation Cases  
**Lawrence T. Dahlke, Esq.**  
Schenectady County Panel Attorney

10:30 - 11:30 Child Psychological Development:  
Interviewing Children and the Custody Evaluation  
**Elizabeth C. Schockmel, Psy. D.**  
Capital Psychological Associates  
Albany

11:30 - 11:45 Break

**CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS**

11:45 - 1:00 Overview and Representation Prior to Fact-Finding  
**Jacqueline Sands, Esq.**  
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County  
New City

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

**CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS (continued)**

2:00 - 3:00 Representation at Fact-Finding and Thereafter  
**Hon. Mark L. Powers**  
Schenectady County Family Court

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:45 Termination of Parental Rights and Foster Care Review  
**Margaret A. Burt, Esq.**  
Pittsford