

## Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

12:00 – 2:30pm - Registration & Check-in; Welcome at 2:30pm

2:30 – 4:00 pm • Case Law Update: Annual Review of Important Cases & Trends

~Richard Bartmon, RC4 Managing Attorney, Appeals Division

2:45pm – 3:45pm • Calling all Social Services Personnel: An Intrastate Dialogue

4:15 – 6:00pm - Networking Reception

## Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

7:15 – 8:45am - Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15am • Not Leaving Fathers Behind: Innovative Approaches and Interventions for Including Fathers in Parenting and Family Engagement

~Dr. Carla Smith Stover, Ph.D.; Clinical Psychologist & Professor at the Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; developer of the “Father’s for Change” program

---Break 10:15am – 10:30am---

10:30 – 11:45am • Nicholson Factors Revisited: Advocating the Protective Factors for DV Victims Accused of Failing to Protect; • Field Notes from an Outreach and Investigations Defense Perspective

~ Sharwline Nicholson, Domestic Violence Advocate and Child Welfare Consultant, Queens, NY  
~ Melody Webb, Esquire, Mother’s Outreach, Washington, DC

---Lunch 11:45am – 1:00pm---

1:00 – 1:55pm • Adoption Law Update: What Parents’ Attorneys Need to Know

~Ellen Kaplan, Esquire, Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist: Adoption Law; Boynton Beach, FL

2:00 – 2:55 pm • Parents’ Rights as to their Children’s Education: A Primer for Parents’ Attorneys

~Shahar Pasch, Esquire, Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist: Education Law; West Palm Beach, FL

---Break 3:00pm - 3:25pm---

3:30 – 4:45pm – Choose-a-Topic Sessions: The Law “As Applied” Real-Life Case Discussions

• How Natural Parents May Assert the Right to Choose an Adoptive Parent

~ Paul O’Neil, RC4 Appeals Attorney; Grace Cambareri, RC4 Managing Attorney (Palm Beach County)

• DV On Appeal: A Well Defended, Nicholson Factors Issues-Preserved TPR Trial

~Danielle Forte, RC4 Appeals Attorney & Derrick Roberts, RC4 Trial Attorney

• The Exclusion of a CPT Doctor’s “Child Abuse” & Medical “Fracture” Under Daubert

~Jennifer Marshall, RC4 Trial Attorney & Crystal McBee, RC4 Parent Litigation Coordinator

• Case Examples of Asserting Parent’s Education Rights

~Rachel-Alia Elbaz, RC4 Trial Attorney; Carol Stoothoff, RC4 Forensic Social Worker

& Kristen DeSimone, RC4 Social Services Unit Director / RC5 Social Services Unit Project Planner

4:45 – 5:00pm – Review of the Day’s Takeaways ~Panel of Presenters from Multiple FL Circuits

## Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

7:45 – 9:15am - Continental Breakfast

9:15 – 10:30am • The Hard Science & Medicine as to In-utero Substance Exposure and Promoting Available Early Developmental Interventions for Vulnerable Families

Tanner Wright, M.D., Pediatrician, Univ. of So. Florida; Neonatal Hospitalist, Tampa General, Tampa FL

---Break 10:30am – 10:45am---

10:45am – 12:00pm • Motivational Interviewing for Attorneys Practicing in Child Welfare

Jenn Luther, Program Advisor, FSU’s Stoops Center for Communities, Families & Children

12:00pm - Closing & Farewell