

Agenda

Training

Date of Training: 08/27/2014
Place: Davidson County Juv. Ct.
Courtroom D

Training called by: Juvenile Court Group

Presenter: Matt Muenzen, DCS
Regional General Counsel
Rachel Buckley, DCS Asst,
General Counsel
David Grimmett, Esq.

Facilitators:

Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

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Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

August 27, 2014

Attendees: Attorneys who represent juveniles, court staff, and judge's staff

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Part I: Best Practice Series: Litigation Strategy in D/N Cases Applicable Statutes and Case Law

- a. Tennessee Statutes
- b. Update on Current Case Law

Part II: D/N strategy pre-trial

- a. General pre-trial issues including discovery
- b. Differences in being the parents' attorney vs. GAL
- c. What will the state be considering
- d. What about a possible TPR?
- e. What about possible criminal charges?
- f. What about getting an expert?

Part III: D/N Trials and Appeals

Trial Strategy and approach for :

- a. The State
The Parents' attorney
The GAL
- b. What about an appeal?

Part IV: General Words of Caution:

- a. Yes, you really need to review the DCS file....
- b. No, you really don't want to agree to a severe abuse finding...
Yes, you want to be sure that your client has been advised of their right to appeal...
- c. Yes, you want to be sure that your client has been advised of their right to appeal...

Part V: Questions