Lawyering for Child Victims of Human Trafficking

An American Bar Association CLE Credit Program

Friday, February 8, 2013
Renaissance Dallas Hotel
Lone Star 2 Room, 4th Floor
2222 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX

Please join us for a full day of FREE CLE programming at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Dallas! This track of sessions will address Child Trafficking fundamentals, child welfare and juvenile justice responses, and practical considerations in representation. Panelists will also address civil remedies, safe harbor laws, how to serve non-citizen victims, and best practices and innovations in providing appropriate services and interventions such as housing and supportive services. The response to child victims of human trafficking in Texas will also be reviewed.

Please RSVP for Program Attendance and Luncheon

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This is a complimentary CLE program

Participants must be officially registered for the ABA Midyear Meeting to receive CLE credit for this free CLE program. For those who aren’t interested in receiving CLE credit and prefer to attend the program for informational purposes, we appreciate it if you would RSVP to ensure sufficient handouts are available on site: http://action.voices.org/site/Calendar?id=104341&view=Detail

For more information about the ABA Midyear Meeting, please visit http://www.americanbar.org/calendar/midyear.html
Welcome
8:30—8:35  Welcoming Remarks: Laurel Bellows, President, American Bar Association (invited), Robert Schwartz, Chair, Commission on Youth at Risk (Moderator) and Bob Sanborn, President and CEO, Children At Risk

Child Trafficking Fundamentals
8:35—9:00  Human Trafficking of Children 101 (Sexual and Labor)
Mary Ellison, J.D.  Director of Policy, Polaris Project, Washington, DC
9:00—9:20  The Law According to the Texas Supreme Court: In re. B.W.
Ann Johnson, J.D.  The Johnson Law Firm, Houston
9:20—9:50  Ethical Issues in Representing Child/Youth Trafficking Victims
Ann Johnson, J.D.  The Johnson Law Firm, Houston

Dependency and Delinquency: The Response to Child Victims in Texas and Other States
9:50—10:10  The GIRLS Court, A Specialty Docket for Child Victims of Human Trafficking
Judge Angela Ellis, 315th Juvenile District Court, Harris County
10:10—10:30  Models for Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice System Responses
Howard Davidson, J.D.  Director, ABA Center on Children and the Law, Washington, DC
Angela Vigil, J.D.  Baker & McKenzie LLP, Miami

Practical Considerations in Representation
10:40—11:00  How to Know if Your Child Client is a Victim of Human Trafficking
Brooke Robb, J.D., Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County
11:00—11:20  Obtaining Expungement of Juvenile Prostitution-Related Records
Mary Ellison, J.D.  Director of Policy, Polaris Project, Washington, DC
11:20—11:40  Advocating for Non-Citizen Victim Youth and Their Families
Laura G. Burstein, J.D.  Legal Director, Mosaic Family Services, Dallas
11:40—12:00  Shutting Down Establishments that Permit or Facilitate Child Trafficking
Melissa Miles, J.D.  Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Dallas
12:00—12:20  Prosecuting Traffickers and the Role of an Attorney for the Child Victim in Criminal Cases
Sherri Zack, J.D.  Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. DOJ Southern District of Texas, Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, Houston
12:20—12:30  Closing Remarks and Completion of Morning Evaluations

Complementary Luncheon
Speaker: George Sheldon, Asst. Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Safe Harbor Laws for Victims of Sex Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Enactment of Housing Supportive Services as a Necessary Component
1:30—1:50  Human Trafficking and Homelessness – Supportive Housing as Model Solution
Richard Hooks Wayman, J.D., Executive Director, Hearth Connection, Saint Paul, MN
1:50—2:10  Model State Safe Harbor Laws: Aligning Supportive Services and Housing Assistance
Kathryn Richtman, J.D., Ramsey County’s Attorney’s Office, Saint Paul, MN
2:10—2:30  Implementing Best Practices in Community-Based Social Services to Victims
Laura Burstein, J.D., Mosaic Family Services, Dallas, TX
2:30—2:50  Uniform Law Commission and Drafting a Model Safe Harbor Law
Marina Colby, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations, Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking USA, Washington, DC
2:50—3:30  Questions, Discussion, Closing Remarks, and Completion of Afternoon Evaluations