

Child Custody Training: 2-Part Series

Tuesday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 8, 2014 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (both days)

D.C. Bar Conference Center 1101 K Street NW, First Floor, Washington DC 20005-4210 *check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. (both days)

PRESENTED BY: Bread for the City, Catholic Charities, Children's Law Center, Columbus Community Legal Services, the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program and Legal Aid Society of D.C.; with support from the D.C. Bar D.C. Affairs Section, Family Law Section and Litigation Section.

There is a particularly pressing and unmet need for pro bono legal services in family law cases. Unlike other areas of the law, where encounters with the legal system are discretionary, family law matters often absolutely require resort to the legal system.

This training session is designed to equip attorneys who have had little or no experience in family law matters to competently and comfortably handle custody and support matters for pro bono clients. The training will focus primarily on child custody proceedings in the District of Columbia involving indigent or low income families.

Day one topics will include:

- What is Child Custody?
- Filing a Child Custody Case;
- View from the Bench
- 3rd Party Child Custody Cases

Day two topics will include:

- · Child Support;
- Domestic Violence;
- Case Preparation;
- Courtroom Proceedings

PLEASE NOTE: No particular expertise is required to participate. This training session is appropriate for attorneys and attorney/paralegal teams (paralegals must attend with an attorney). In exchange for this training, the Participant agrees to accept at least <u>one</u> pro bono case in the subject matter covered in this training, from one of the sponsoring organizations. *PLEASE NOTE: This requirement is not applicable to D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Advocacy & Justice Clinic participants or to volunteers currently handling a pro bono family law case with one of the sponsoring organizations.*

Registration: Online at www.dcbar.org/probono.

\$25 for attorneys; \$15 for Paralegals; Free for Legal Services Provider employees.

- *All cancellation and refund requests for pro bono trainings conducted by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program must be received in writing seven (7) days before the training session date.
- *If you require an accommodation, please contact the Pro Bono Program at 202-737-4700, ext. 3293.
- * Dinner will NOT be served at either session. Refreshments will be provided by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program.

Questions about the Training Program? Contact Shannon Redd, staff attorney and training manager at sredd@dcbar.org.