

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hearsay Issues in Child Welfare Cases

This workshop will provide an overview of hearsay issues that commonly arise in Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights fact finding hearings which require evidence to be competent/non-hearsay evidence. The workshop will begin by looking at hearsay vs. non-hearsay statements. We will then examine the exceptions to hearsay set forth in section 1046 of the Family Court Act, including oral report transmissions (ORTs) and prior statements of the children related to abuse and neglect. We will also look at the business record exception to hearsay under the CPLR and discuss the admissibility of hearsay statements found in ORTs and case records, such as statements of foster parents, in Domestic Incident Reports, and in medical records. Finally, the workshop will look at other exceptions to hearsay, such as party admissions, excited utterances, statements against interest, present sense impressions and past recollection recorded. All topics will rely on exercises based on actual cases to demonstrate.

Date: Wednesday September 11th, 2013 **Time:** 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Location:

Legal Services NYC Central Office 40 Worth St. Suite 606 (between Church St. and West Broadway)

Photo ID is required to enter the building

Trainers:

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Credits:

Ethics and Professionalism: 0.50 Skills: 2.50

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