

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO



The Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Section presents

## Guardianship 101: Best Interests of Children for Attorneys

**Wednesday**  
**April 29, 2026**

MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Virtual Program: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### Speakers

#### David White

Legal Services for Children

#### Honorable Vedica Puri

ADR Services

#### Claudia M Quintana

Staff Attorney, Pro Bono Legal Services- SIJS  
The Justice and Diversity Center

### Moderator

#### Melanie J. Emmons

Kato Feder & Suzuki

A review of the changes and court decisions that impact the practices of guardianship law. The panelists will analyze examples of how to best represent minors and their best interests, as well as the parent perspective.

### Topics

- Updates on State and Local Case Law
- Legislative Purpose of Probate Guardianship versus other types of Guardianships through Juvenile and Dependency Courts
- Insights on the best interest of a child and how best to advocate for stated and best interests, especially when they conflict
- Everyday practice and the Court's perspective
- Enhance Professional Skills with an impactful area of law

### Section Chair

Melanie J. Emmons, Kato Feder & Suzuki

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### Location

Virtual

Zoom link will be provided prior to the program.

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