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Achieving Better Outcomes in Dependency Cases - The Role of Court Appointed Family Engagement Specialists

November 1, 2021

Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

This one hour training will review the requirements of attorney-client communication from both an ethical and zealous advocacy frame, and consider how the use of court-appointed family engagement specialists can assist attorneys in providing client-centered and trauma-informed communication while maintaining appropriate boundaries. We will also provide guidance about the types of clients that can most benefit from CAFES multidisciplinary representation, how to determine case goals for CAFES work, and review the nuts and bolts of requesting and maintaining CAFES as part of your legal team.

MCLE: 1 HOUR

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HIGHLIGHTS

- When and how to submit a CAFES referral
- Best methods of CAFES-attorney collaboration and communication
- Creating case goals and scope of CAFES work
- Role of the CAFES distinguished from the Child Welfare Worker
- Application of attorney-client privilege and confidentiality
- Statutory authority of the role of the CAFES
- Positive outcomes of interdisciplinary, client-focused representation
- Introduction of our CAFES team and their expertise

LOCATION

Virtual Program

EVENT CODE

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SPEAKER INFORMATION



Erika Ducati, BASF Court Programs Multidisciplinary Representation Program Coordinator, educati@sfbar.org
Erika Ducati, LCSW, PPSC has over 25 years of experience in social work, (including child welfare, mental health (as a clinician), advocacy, training, curriculum development, policy change, school social work, community outreach, state initiatives, and supervision. She is currently working with advocating for parents with Dependency for Legal Services in Marin County, as well as being appointed as the multi-disciplinary representation program coordinator for the SF Bar Association's court appointment program.



Jill McInerney, BASF Dependency Representation Program Manager, jmcinerney@sfbar.org
Jill McInerney is a Child Welfare Law Specialist and the Dependency Representation Program Manager at the Bar Association of San Francisco. In this role, Jill manages the court-appointed dependency attorney program involving the representation of children and parents in San Francisco Dependency Court. Jill partners with the San Francisco Superior Court to discuss and refine local policies and protocols to advance best practices for attorney representation and overall child welfare systems. Jill also maintains a small, part-time practice at McInerney Family Law, where she represents parents and other family members in juvenile dependency, guardianship, and family law matters. Jill is

also the State Coordinator for California at the National Association of Counsel for Children, managing the statewide meetings of court-appointed dependency programs to collaborate on best practices statewide and to advocate for increased dependency counsel funding. She has addressed the Judicial Council of California, the State Legislature and the Governor's office in order to advance high-quality legal representation for parents and children in San Francisco and throughout the state. Jill spent the first 15 years of her career as a court-appointed attorney representing parents and children in the San Francisco Dependency Court.

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