

# TBA ADOPTION LAW FORUM

May 16, 2022 – Nashville Public Library



**Total Credits:** 3.5 General, 1 Dual

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The TBA Adoption Law Forum will take place in person at the downtown branch of the Nashville Public Library on May 16. This annual favorite will offer essential updates on timely topics such as adoption assistance, civil and juvenile court rules, appellate updates and bonding and trauma. Lunch will be provided to attendees.

10:30 – 11 a.m. CDT     **Registration / Grab Lunch (provided)**

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.     **2022 Spring Case Law Summaries**

This session will offer a recap on new laws and changes that will affect your practice.

Amy McLaughlin, Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Doug Dimond, Tennessee Department of Children's Services

12 – 1 p.m.     **Playing by the Rules – An Overview of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure for the Juvenile Court Practitioner**

"Playing by the Rules" is a refresher on the differences between the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Juvenile Practice and Procedure. It was designed for lawyers who generally practice in one forum and may get ambushed when they appear in the other.

Susan Kovac, Tennessee Department of Children's Services (Ret.)

1 – 1:15 p.m.     **Break**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.     **The Role of Life Experiences in Shaping Brain Development**

DUAL

This presentation is an overview of the attachment relationship between caregiver(s) and child and the impact that relationship has throughout the life of the child.

Marianne Schroer, Williamson County CASA

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Adoption Assistance Panel**

This panel will review the adoption assistance subsidy available to eligible children in Tennessee, including the Tennessee DCS application process, criteria needed for applying, helpful tips for adoption agency social workers, and recent case law

Kevin Weaver, Weaver & Craig PC

Meredith Brasfield, Weaver & Craig PC

Shery May, Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Vicki Davis, Tennessee Department of Children's Services

3:45 – 5 p.m.

**Happy Hour**