



**Juvenile Law Forum 2015: Keys to a Successful Practice**  
**Tennessee Bar Center**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**December 3, 2015**

**The Program Description:**

Get access to a variety of juvenile law topics to help you build a successful practice. This year's program will focus on key areas of advocacy, law, representation, and ethics for juvenile law practitioners. Topics will cover the following:

- **Dependency and Neglect:** Gain the important tools you will need for dependency and neglect cases.
- **Case Law Update:** Learn about new cases affecting juvenile law practice and representation.
- **DCS:** This year's session on Department of Children's Services will focus on The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and its procedures.
- **Representation:** This year's advocacy session will focus on representing juveniles in status offense and in unruly cases
- **Ethics:** Insight on ethical issues in juvenile court.

**Program Producer:** Elizabeth Reeve, *Disability Rights Tennessee*

**AGENDA**

8:30-9:00am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-10:00am	<b>Dependency and Neglect: Toolkit</b> <b>Marlene Boshears, <i>Boshears Law</i></b>
10:00-10:15am	<b>Break</b>
10:15- 11:15am	<b>Case Law Review</b> <i>This session is designed to provide an overview of recent Tennessee case law, focusing primarily on lessons and trends to be found in termination of parental rights appeals.</i> <b>Doug Dimond, <i>Tennessee Department of Children's Services</i></b>
11:15-12:15pm	<b>Department of Children Services: ICPC</b> <b>Cheri Stewart, <i>Tennessee Department of Children's Services</i></b>
12:15-1:00pm	<b>Lunch (Included)</b>

1:00-2:00pm

**Are Third Parties Even Parties at All?**

**Considerations and issues created by third party custody, visitation or intervention.**

*It's not uncommon for relatives, grandparents, friends or other third parties to "care about" or "stick their nose in" to child-related litigation. Let's discuss the rights and privileges of parents and third parties, and how to represent each in child-related litigation.*

**Stacie Odeneal, Odeneal Law Firm**

2:00-3:00pm

**Representing Juveniles in Status Offense/Unruly Cases**

*Representing Juveniles in Unruly/Status Offense Cases": Over 20,000 children and youth become court-involved each year in Tennessee in unruly/status offense cases. The largest number of filings are truancy and run-a-way cases. This session will discuss the salient legal issues that arise in these cases and the roles that lawyers can play in representing status offenders*

**Dean Hill Rivkin, University of Tennessee College of Law**

**Brenda McGee, Attorney at Law**

3:00-3:15pm

**Break**

3:15-4:15pm

**Ethical Issues in Juvenile Court**

**Russ Willis, Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility**