



First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUDICIAL CHAMBERS

KEVIN M. DOUGHERTY
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
FAMILY COURT

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November 3, 2010

Dear Attorney:

The Dependent Branch of Family Court is sponsoring a training entitled *Special Education: Back to School Part II*. The training is mandatory for attorneys practicing in Dependent Court.


The training is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2011, 2:00 to 4:30 PM, in Waiting Rooms A & B, at 1801 Vine Street. Dependent courtrooms will be closed on that afternoon, to allow everyone to participate. Please arrive by 1:45 for registration; there is no need to pre-register. The Support Center for Child Advocates has arranged for two CLE credits to be available, for a total cost of \$20. They will accept cash or checks made out to Support Center for Child Advocates. Please note that receipts will not be available.

We are pleased to present this program in cooperation with the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. This will be the second part of the two-session curriculum on education issues, on the theme of "getting a child into school and keeping them there."

Any requests of court-appointed attorneys to be excused must be submitted, with documentation in writing, to me with a copy to Marilyn Rendine. Absence without approval will result in removal from the wheel until I approve your reinstatement.

I look forward to an informative afternoon. Thank you in advance, for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully,


Kevin M. Dougherty
Administrative Judge

Special Education: Back to School Part II

A CLE Program presented by

Family Court of Philadelphia

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Philadelphia Bar Association Delivery of Legal Services

Education Subcommittee

WHEN: Thursday, January 20, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: 1801 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Waiting Room Area Courtrooms A & B

Cost: \$20 for lawyers seeking 2 substantive CLE credits
CLE to be provided by the Support Center for Child Advocates

Course Description: The goal of the session is to improve the educational experience of children in the child welfare system by: teaching the law and entitlements; teaching the questions to be asked by advocates and judges; and identifying touchstones for education advocacy for children with disabilities. The session will present special education law and procedure, with emphasis on the rights and needs of foster children and those involved with the courts. Topics will include: identification and eligibility of exceptional children; obtaining an IEP and services; school discipline; dispute resolution and role of School District lawyers; and interacting with DHS Education Support Center.

Faculty: Sonja D. Kerr, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Kimberly J. Caputo, Office of General Counsel, School District of Philadelphia
David J. Berney – Education Attorney
Liza Rodriguez, Director, DHS Education Support Center

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced