

**27th Annual Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Youth Law and Education Conference**  
**Mastering Effective Youth Representation in a Hostile Environment**  
*Co-Sponsored by the University of Richmond School of Law  
and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission*

**Friday, May 12, 2023—Held Virtually from the University of Richmond School of Law**  
7 CLE credits pending, including 1.0 ethics credit/6.0 GAL credits and 2 mental disabilities advocacy credits

- 8:30 – 8:45      **Welcome**  
Wendy Perdue, Dean, University of Richmond School of Law,  
Prof. Julie E. McConnell, Director, UR Law Children’s Defense Clinic
- 8:45 – 9:45      **Managing the Challenges Presented by DJJ’s Recent Policy Changes**  
Lacey Parker, Senior Trial Attorney, Charlottesville Public Defender
- 9:45 – 10:45    **Data Driven Direct Advocacy: Adding Another Tool to Your Kit**  
Valerie Slater, Director, Rise for Youth  
Eduardo Ferrer, Visiting Professor of Law and Policy Director, Juvenile Justice  
Initiative, Georgetown Law
- 10:45 – 11:00    **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00    **Making Sense of Mental Health Diagnoses and Medications Among System-Involved  
Adolescents**  
Dr. Lucy Guarnera from the Institute on Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy  
Jason Pickett, M.D. Forensic Psychiatry Fellow
- 12:00 – 12:30    **Break: Grab your lunch and re-gather on Zoom for the next presentation.**
- 12:30 – 1:30     **Updates in the Law: 2022-2023 Legislative and Case Law Update**  
Amy Woolard, Chief Program Officer, ACLU of Virginia  
Julie McConnell, Director, UR Children’s Defense Clinic
- 1:30 – 1:40      **Break**
- 1:40 – 2:40      **Using an Expert to Help Explain the Role of Trauma in Delinquent Behavior**  
Monique Laguerre, LCSW, a trauma specialist  
Moderator, Julie McConnell, Director, UR Law Children’s Defense Clinic
- 2:40 – 2:50      **Break**
- 2:50 – 3:50      **Breaking Down the IEP/504 plan**  
Norm Geller, PhD  
Megan Thomas, City of Alexandria Public Defender  
Jennifer Newman, Esq. Guardian ad litem
- 3:50 – 4:00      **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00      **Effectively Managing Vicarious Trauma**  
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