26th Annual Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Juvenile Law and Education Conference  
*How To Win By Thinking Outside of the Box*  
Co-Sponsored by the University of Richmond School of Law  
and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission

Friday, May 13, 2022—Held Virtually from the University of Richmond School of Law  
7 CLE credits pending, including 1.0 ethics credit/6.0 GAL credits

8:30-8:45  
*Welcome*—Dean, University of Richmond School of Law, Wendy Perdue  
Prof. Julie E. McConnell, Director, Director, Children’s Defense Clinic

8:45-10:45  
*How Do We Use Experts in Our Cases?*  
Melissa Heifitz, Founder, Advocacy Partners, Ashburn, VA  
Dr. Norm Geller, Expert on Autism Assessment and Diagnosis, Richmond, VA

10:45-11:00  
Break

11:00-12:00  
*Education Panel*—Understanding Intellectual Disability, Mental Health, and Trauma; What to Look for in Educational Records and How to Obtain Them  
Juliet Hiznay, J.D. Hiznay, PLLC, Arlington, VA  
Julia J.W. Ovando, Esquire, Arlington, VA

12:00-12:30  
*Break: Grab your lunch* and re-gather on Zoom for the next presentation

12:30-1:30  
*2021-2022 Legislative and Case Law Update*  
Amy Woolard, Staff Attorney and Policy Coordinator for the JustChildren Program of the Legal Aid Justice Center, Charlottesville, VA  
Julie McConnell, Director, UR Children’s Defense Clinic, Richmond, VA

1:30-1:40  
Break

1:40-2:40  
*Thinking Outside of the Box*—Strategies for Discretionary Transfer Cases.  
Alanni Trivelli, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender for the City of Richmond, Richmond, VA  
Sara Gaborik, The Law Offices of Sara M. Gaborik, Richmond, VA  
Azeem Majeed, returning citizen originally tried as an adult, Norfolk, VA

2:40-2:50  
Break

2:50-3:50  
*Child-Centered Pretrial Motions in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court*  
Amina Matheny-Willard, Amina Matheny-Willard, PLLC, Norfolk, VA  
Brad M. Lindsay, Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Lynchburg, VA

3:50-4:00  
Break

4:00-5:00  
*Ethical Considerations Regarding Competency Issues in Child Cases*  
Dr. Michele Killough Nelson, Forensic Psychology Associates, Richmond, VA  
Ashley Sloan, Englishby, Vaughan and Sloan, Chesterfield, VA

5:00  
Adjourn