AGENDA

23rd Annual Robert E. Shepherd, Jr. Juvenile Law and Education Conference
*Lifting Up Vulnerable Populations Through Client-Centered Representation*

Friday, May 18, 2018
University of Richmond School of Law Moot Courtroom

7.5 CLE credits, including 1.0 ethics credit
6.0 GAL credits
(All sessions will be in Moot Court Room with overflow in Rooms 101 and 102)

8:00 – 8:30  Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40  Welcome
Dean, Wendy Perdue

8:40 - 9:25  Keynote Address: Reducing the School to Juvenile Justice Pipeline
*Vickie Shoap*, Restorative Justice Specialist for Fairfax County Schools.
Fairfax has implemented RJ in 83 school districts. Suspensions and Expulsions have been reduced by 20% and only 2% of 189 kids who have gone through the program have reoffended. Ms. Shoap will explain how RJ was implemented, what has been achieved, lessons learned, and what lies ahead.

9:30 - 10:40  Neuroprotective Decision Making: Improving Your Representation by Detecting and Documenting Toxic Stress in Children and Families
*Janet G. Sherwood*, Deputy Director, Advokids.
This presentation will help us learn how to most effectively use our understanding of our clients’ ACES history in our advocacy.

10:40-10:50  Break

10:50 – 12:15  Elevation of Guardian ad Litem Practice: Hey, You’re a Lawyer First
*Leslie Haley*, Partner at Park Haley LLP; Supervisor, Chesterfield County.
*Jennifer Newman*, Attorney and Counselor at Law
*The Honorable A. Ellen White*, Chief Judge, Campbell County J&DR District Court
**Moderators:** Lisa Piper.
Evidence-focused presentation on best practices for Guardians ad litem with a focus on the relationship between defense counsel and GALs and civil counsel and GALs.

12:15– 12:45  Break to pick up lunches from the Atrium and re-gather in rooms for next presentation.
(Atrium)

12:45– 1:45  2017-2018 Legislative and Case Law Update
*Amy Woolard*, Staff Attorney and Policy Coordinator for the JustChildren program of the Legal Aid Justice Center.
*Julie McConnell*, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Children’s Defense Clinic at the University of Richmond School of Law.
The first half will cover changes in Virginia law from the 2018 General Assembly Session that are of importance for all juvenile practitioners. The second half will provide an update in the development of important case law issued between the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conferences.
1:45 – 2:45  *Educational Transitions: The Ins and Outs for Our Most Vulnerable Children and Youth.*
*Lisa Bennett,* Senior Attorney, JustChildren, a Program of the Legal Aid Justice Center.
*Patricia A. Popp, State* Coordinator of Project Hope-Virginia, Virginia’s Program for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. 
This session will focus on re-entry to school after incarceration and also the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act (P.L. 107-110).

2:45-2:55  
**Break**

2:55-3:55  *Immigration: Lawyering in the Age of Shifting Sands for Undocumented Youth & Their Families*  
*Tanishka Cruz,* Cruz Law, PLLC & Clinic Supervisor - UVA Immigration Clinic at Legal Aid Justice Center and  
*Laura Jacobson,* L&L Immigration Attorneys, PLLC.  
This panel will discuss current issues involving immigrants in court, e.g. Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases and ICE Detainers.

4:00 – 5:00  *Ethics and Social Media*  
*David Thomas,* MichieHamlett Attorneys at Law.  
This Presentation will discuss the ethics of using technology in practice and the advantages and pitfalls of social media.

5:00  **Adjourn**