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**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2009**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

*Children at Risk:*

# ESTABLISHING BEST PRACTICES FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN TRAUMA

## **About the Seminar:**

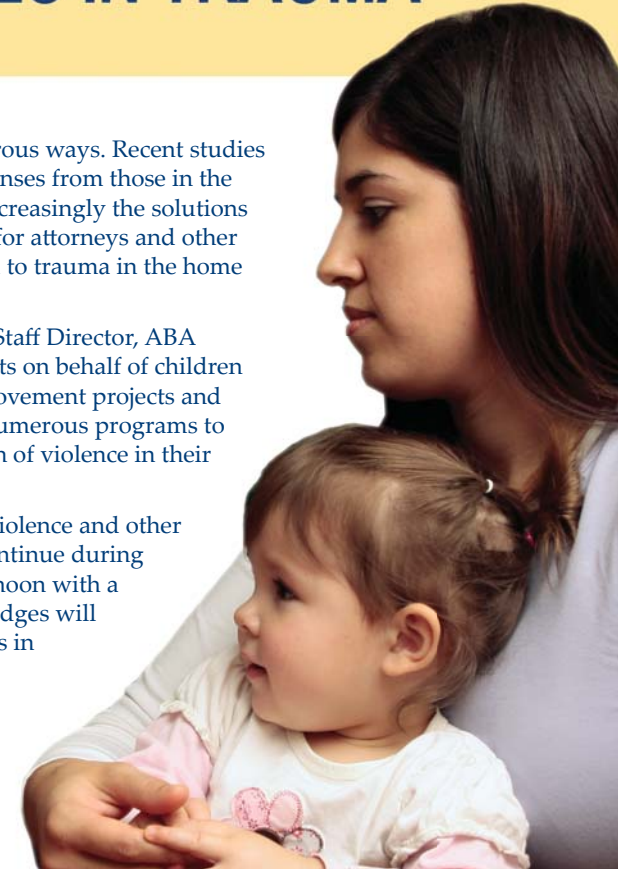
Children who experience, or even witness, violence are traumatized in numerous ways. Recent studies have documented not only the types of harm, but also how appropriate responses from those in the system can help reduce the negative impact for children and their families. Increasingly the solutions involve an interdisciplinary framework. This seminar explores best practices for attorneys and other professionals who represent or serve children who are or have been subjected to trauma in the home environment.

Howard Davidson, J.D., Director, ABA Center on Children and the Law, and Staff Director, ABA Commission on Youth at Risk, has spent his career helping children. His efforts on behalf of children have resulted in federal laws protecting children, ABA policies on court improvement projects and standards for lawyers representing children or parents in the courts, and in numerous programs to help children at risk. His keynote address will focus on the impact on children of violence in their families.

Two multidisciplinary panels will use hypotheticals to explore the effects of violence and other forms of trauma on children and families. Working break-out sessions will continue during the lunch hour. Dr. Brian Ogawa and Ms. Rachel Marsh will lead off the afternoon with a presentation calling attention to the need for cultural awareness. A panel of judges will provide their perspectives on how the system deals with children and families in crisis in rural and urban settings.

## **Who Should Attend?**

All attorneys, judges, social workers, and other professionals who are interested in advancing the well-being of children and families suffering from the effects of trauma.



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Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center



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## Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. *Keynote Address: How Legal Advocacy Can Help Reduce Trauma Experienced by Abused and Neglected Children: Using the New Federal "Fostering Connections" Law and Other Federal Statutes to Help*  
*Presenter: Howard Davidson, J.D.*
- 9:20 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m. *The Ripple Effect: Legal and Social Realities of Trauma for Children and Families*  
*Panelists: Leah Gagne, J.D., Nancy Crago, LSCSW, Kathie Nichols, Ph.D., Gary West, J.D., Robert Harrington, Ph.D.*
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Ask the Experts: Best Practices for Working with Expert Witnesses*  
*Panelists: Julie Craft, J.D., Stephanie Thorn-Director, Ph.D., Julie Boydston, Ph.D.*
- 12:15 p.m. *Working Lunch — Four Breakout Sessions:*  
Unique challenges of trauma cases in rural communities  
*Moderator: Kim Bieker, J.D.*  
How the attorney can assist in accessing mental health services  
*Moderator: Catherine Johnson, J.D., M.A.*  
How best to work with a child's social worker  
*Moderator: Simone McDonald, LMSW*  
Special concerns when working with immigrant children  
*Moderator: Kathleen Harvey, J.D.*
- 1:15 p.m. *The Invisible Child: Cultural Competence in a Color Blind Justice*  
*Speakers: Brian Ogawa, Ph.D, Rachel Marsh, J.D., MSW*
- 2:05 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. *Perspectives from the Bench*  
*Panelists: The Honorable Thomas E. Foster, The Honorable Jean F. Shepherd, The Honorable Mary Thrower*
- 3:05 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. *Ethics: Our Rules of Ethics in Context and Practice — Challenges Representing Children and Families in Trauma*  
*Speaker: Professor Lynette Petty, J.D.*
- 4:05 p.m. Adjourn

## General Information

**Program Fee:** The fee (attorneys - \$125, Social Workers and court personnel - \$75, students - \$15) includes reporting of your hours of attendance to the Kansas CLE Commission, written materials, lunch and refreshments. Make checks payable to KACC. **Registration deadline – Friday, March 6.**

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**Assistance for Special Needs:** If you require any special services or auxiliary aids to assist you while attending the symposium, please contact Donna Vilander at (785) 670-1105.

**Location:** Washburn University, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. Located at 17th and Jewell streets on campus. Parking is available on campus.

## Sponsors

The Kansas Association of Counsel for Children is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide training, education and support for attorneys, guardians *ad litem*, court-appointed special advocates and others who advocate for children.

The Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center is a collaborative effort involving Washburn Law students, alumni, and faculty. Its goal is to prepare lawyers who can address the vexing problems that arise in the fields of child advocacy and welfare, and the protection of families.