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**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 5, 2010**

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[www.washburnlaw.edu/cle/2010/childrensvoices/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/cle/2010/childrensvoices/)  
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FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010

## ENSURING CHILDREN'S VOICES ARE HEARD

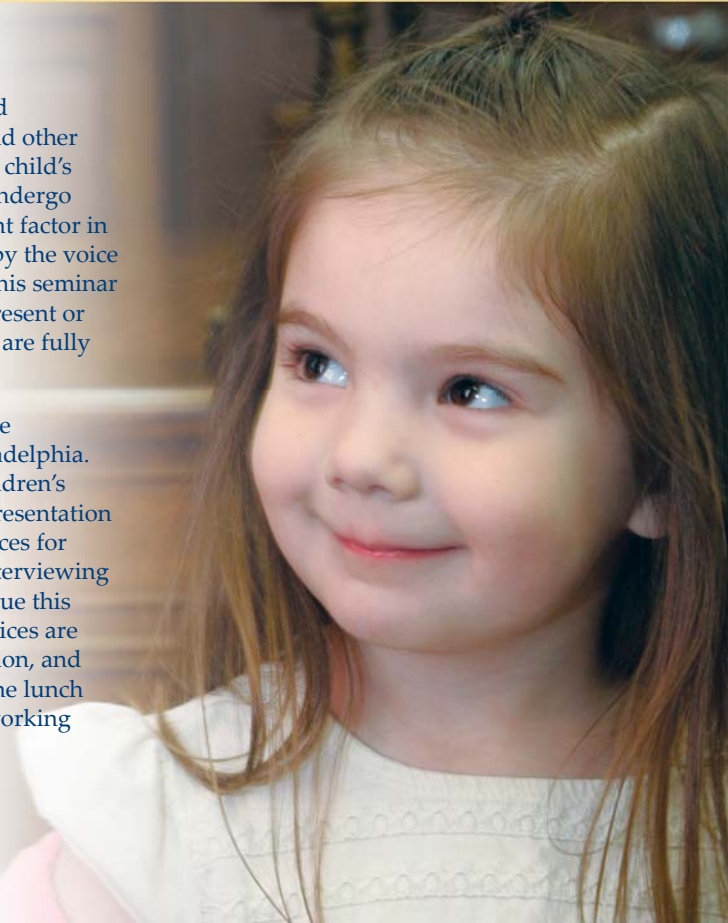
### About the Seminar:

Courts are frequently called upon to make complex factual and legal determinations that affect children's lives, ranging from issues of child custody to decisions regarding appropriate mental health, medical and other community-based services for children and young adults in care. The child's voice is one in a sea of competing voices advocating for the child to undergo certain courses of action. While the child's voice should be a significant factor in making these determinations, it is often silenced and overshadowed by the voice of a prosecutor, parent, social worker, educator, and/or other adult. This seminar explores best practices for attorneys and other professionals who represent or serve children to ensure that the voices of children and young people are fully heard by those making decisions and plans for their future.

The conference opens with a keynote address by Frank P. Cervone, the Executive Director of the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia. Mr. Cervone has spent his career representing and advocating for children's rights. His efforts on behalf of children have involved both direct representation and systematic reforms. His keynote address will focus on best practices for working with children in legal arenas and current best practices in interviewing and examining children. Before and after lunch presenters will continue this discussion by examining best practices for ensuring that children's voices are heard in specific settings, including foster care, juvenile court, education, and parental divorces. Working break-out sessions will continue during the lunch hour. The day concludes with a judicial perspective on the ethics of working with children.

### Who Should Attend?

All attorneys, judges, social workers, and other professionals who are interested in ensuring the child's voice is heard in our legal system.



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Friday, March 12, 2010  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center



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## Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. *Keynote Address: Best Practices for Connecting with Children*  
*Presenter: Frank P. Cervone, Esq., Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia*
- 9:20 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m. *Impact of Divorce and Conflict on Children*  
*Presenters: Christopher Reece, J.D.; Elizabeth Graham, LCPC-NCC*
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Foster Youth — Best Practices in Transition Planning*  
*Presenter: Marilyn M. Wilder, J.D.*
- 12:15 p.m. Break
- 12:30 p.m. *Working Lunch (provided) — Three Breakout Sessions:*
- Use of School-Wide Positive Behavioral Supports  
*Moderator: Allyson Palmer, M.A.*
- Kansas Youth Advisory Council  
*Moderator: Kerrie L. Lonard, J.D.*
- Special Concerns in Working With Immigrant Children  
*Moderator: Kathleen Anne Harvey, J.D.*
- 1:20 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. *Juvenile Offenders: Competency Issues for the Juvenile Offender and the Law*  
*Speakers: Trevor Patton, Ph.D.; Paul Shipp, J.D.*
- 2:20 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. *Lost Voices in Special Education*  
*Presenters: Jessica Dunn, J.D.; Catherine E. Johnson, J.D., M.A.*
- 3:20 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. *Perspectives from the Bench*  
*Presenters: The Honorable Kathleen L. Sloan, District Magistrate Sheila Hochhauser, and The Honorable Van Z. Hampton*  
*Moderator: Trina A. Nudson, J.D., B.S.W.*
- 4:20 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 5.**

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**Assistance for Special Needs:** If you require any special services or auxiliary aids to assist you while attending the program, 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 south and west of Bradbury.

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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.