

Child Testimony in Family Court

For DSS and GAL Attorneys

Who should attend: All DSS and GAL attorneys for DSS abuse and neglect cases

Overview: This recorded webinar is offered exclusively to DSS and GAL attorneys to enhance courtroom skills related to the presentation of child testimony in family court. The training includes information on Children's Advocacy Centers and the utilization of victim advocates; pretrial motion procedures, including the use of closed-circuit television or presentation of child hearsay through S.C. Code of Laws § 19-1-180; and the process of effective child witness preparation. This training will provide techniques and strategies to reduce the stress and trauma endured by children having to appear in the courtroom setting and to reduce the risk of possible recantation.

This webinar is offered in two parts. Each part is two hours in length.

Part 1: Stress, Trauma, and Recantation; Courtroom Preparation

Part 2: Pretrial Motions (§19-1-180) and Closed-circuit Television; Proper Questioning and Techniques

Fee: There is no charge for this training.

Continuing Education Credits: These are previously recorded training sessions. No credit will be given.

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To register: Go to the Children's Law Center registration system at <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>. Once your registration is reviewed for eligibility and confirmed, you will receive a link to the recorded training. This link should not be disseminated to anyone else and is to be viewed only by the approved registrant.