



This conference is for people seeking or thinking of seeking guardianship of a child. Kinship Legal Guardianship is a legal option to become a child's legal guardian in order to provide a safe and stable home for a child. In all cases the child must have been living with the kinship caregiver for at least one year. In some instances the guardian can receive a stipend. This conference will assist those who have questions about taking guardianship, whether through a DYFS case or by filing a private petition. It will also address the many distinctions between adoption and Kinship Legal Guardianship for those faced with making that decision. For participants who have already been awarded Kinship Legal Guardianship, the conference presenters will address on-going issues such as resources for children, and visitation and custody changes.

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#### Directions

**From New Jersey Turnpike:** Exit 9 to Route 18 North to Route 1 South to Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. The New Jersey Law Center is the first right turn off Ryders Lane.

**From Princeton:** Take Route 1 North to the second Ryders Lane exit (Ryders Lane, New Brunswick). Ryders Lane passes over Route 1. Law Center is the first right turn.

**From Garden State Parkway (Newark):** Take Garden State Parkway to Exit 130 – Route 1 South. Continue on Route 1 South for approximately 8 miles to Ryders Lane/New Brunswick. Follow directions from Turnpike above.

**From Garden State Parkway (Shore Points):** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 127 – to Route 440/287 North – to Route 1 South. Follow directions from Garden State Parkway (Newark) above.



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Children's Rights Committee and the  
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# Kinship Care Issues

A free conference for people seeking guardianship of a child  
and for ongoing issues of those who are kinship legal guardians



*Thursday  
April 29, 2010  
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*



**8–8:45 a.m.**

## Registration and Continental Breakfast

**8:45 a.m.**

### Welcome

Amy Vasquez, Esq.,  
Chair, NJSBA Children's Rights Committee  
Law Offices of Amy Vasquez, Burlington

### Overview of the Legal Process: From Custody to KLG, Both DYFS and Non-DYFS Cases

#### SPEAKERS

**Mary Coogan, Esq.**, Assistant Director, Association of  
Children of New Jersey, Newark

**Joseph Suozzo, Esq.**, First Assistant Child Advocate,  
Office of the Child Advocate, Trenton

### KLG v. Adoption, Financial Assistance and Available Resources

#### SPEAKERS

**Peter Fiorentino, Esq.**, Vice-Chair, NJSBA Children's  
Rights Committee, Law Office of Peter N. Fiorentino,  
Blackwood

**Mary Coogan, Esq.**

### Licensing Issues for DYFS Cases

#### SPEAKERS

**Michelle Adams**, Chief, DCF Office of Licensing,  
Trenton

**Colette Tobias**, Administrator, Office Resource  
Families, Trenton

### Break

### Visitation and Custody Issues

#### SPEAKERS

**Lynn Miller, Esq.**, Miller, Miller & Tucker, P.A.,  
New Brunswick

**Carol Weil, Esq.**, Law Office of Carol Weil,  
Laurel Springs

### Parent and Child Perspective

#### SPEAKERS

**Kenneth Goldberg, Ph.D.**, Psychologist,  
Haddon Heights

**James Colaprico, Esq.**, Law Office of James Colaprico,  
Freehold

**Peter Fiorentino, Esq.**

**Joseph Suozzo, Esq.**

### Question and Answer Session

### Refreshments

A complimentary continental breakfast will be  
provided by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

## To Make Reservations

Admission is free, but reservations are required  
and space is limited so you are advised to  
register early by mail, fax or email. After  
receiving your registration form, a confirming  
letter will be sent to you.

Mail, fax or email to:

**Florence Nathan**  
**Kinship Care Conference**  
**New Jersey State Bar Foundation**  
**One Constitution Square**  
**New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1520**  
**FAX: 732-828-0034**

The deadline for registration is April 23, 2010.  
Reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-  
served basis. **We cannot take reservations over  
the phone.**

☐ I will attend the Kinship Care Conference  
on April 29, 2010.

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