

Dependency Counsel Training Program 201:

Using Witnesses to Build Your Case



March 10 – 11, 2011

Day 1 (Thursday, March 10)

10:00 Introduction

Christina Riehl

Overview of the Scope of Training as well as learning objective goals

10:05 I. Doctors in Dependency Cases

Dr. Thomas Grogan

This session will focus on a discussion of the role of doctors in dependency cases with tips on how to use them and how to identify experts in the area

12:05 Lunch

12:20 Utilizing Doctors in Dependency Cases

Dr. Thomas Grogan, CLC Attorney Trainer & DLG Attorney Trainer

How to utilize the reports dependency attorneys receive from doctors to appropriately interview them and to build the case in court.

12:50 II. Common Medical Myths and the Truth

Dr. Thomas Grogan

A review of common medical myths that occur in dependency court practice along with the medical truth as it pertains to these myths.

1:50 Cross Examination Tips

Dr. Thomas Grogan, CLC Attorney Trainer & DLG Attorney Trainer

Tips on how to use the truth regarding myths that often arise in dependency practice to educate the Court on the truth and persuade the Court of the attorney's case theory.

- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 III. Medical Facts Every Dependency Attorney Should Know
Dr. Thomas Grogan & Dr. Mark Labowe
An introduction to the basic facts regarding fractures, bruises, burns & retinal hemorrhaging.
- 4:00 Utilizing Medical Experts – The Attorney Perspective
CLC Attorney Trainer & DLG Attorney Trainer
Given the knowledge base provided throughout the day, this session will reinforce how attorneys can build a case theory, prep a case, and best utilize their doctor witnesses.
- 5:00 Break for the Day

Day 2 (Friday, March 11)

- 9:00 Interviewing Children
Dr. Tom Lyon
This session will provide a quick review of narrative interviewing and then will delve into the assessment of credibility and the difficulty of assessing earlier interviews. This session will also include a discussion of over-rated indicia of credibility.
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Interviewing Children
Continued
- 12:45 Lunch
- 1:15 Client Panel
Panelists Pending
This session will offer previous child and parent clients the opportunity to tell attendees what did and didn't assist with their attorney-client relationship.
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Working with Your Clients
Client Panelists, CLC Trainer & DLG Trainer
Given the knowledge base provided throughout the day, this session will reinforce how attorneys can best work with their clients to build a case theory and prep their case.
- 3:30 Break for the weekend!