

## 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
- 10:15 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
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45 Utilizing Doctors in Dependency Cases  
*Dr. Thomas Grogan, Nancy Aspaturian & Robert Gulemi*  
How to utilize the reports dependency attorneys receive from doctors to appropriately interview them and to build the case in court.
- 1:15 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.
- 2:15 Cross Examination Tips  
*Dr. Thomas Grogan, Nancy Aspaturian & Robert Gulemi*  
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.
- 2:45 Break

3:00 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.

4:30 Utilizing Medical Experts – The Attorney Perspective  
*Nancy Aspaturian & Robert Gulemi*  
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.

5:30 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.

2:30 Break

2:45 Working with Your Clients  
*Client Panelists, Leslie Heimov & Candi Mayes*  
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.

4:00 Break for the weekend!