

# Dependency Counsel Training Program

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**Children's Advocacy Institute**  
University of San Diego School of Law

## Program Dates

November 4, 5, 6, 2009

## Program Location

University of San Diego  
Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Rooms A-D, San Diego CA

### Day One: Wednesday

<i>Registration</i>	7:30 – 8:00
<b>Welcome / Course Goals &amp; Objectives</b> Robert Fellmeth <i>Children's Advocacy Institute, USD School of Law</i>	8:00 – 8:05
<b>The Legal Framework of Child Welfare Law and Practice</b> Robert Fellmeth <i>Children's Advocacy Institute, USD School of Law</i>	8:05 – 9:00
<b>The Context of Child Welfare Law / Overview of Child Maltreatment</b> <i>Chadwick Center for Children &amp; Families</i>	9:00 – 10:30
<i>Break</i>	10:30 – 10:45
<b>Substance Abuse Issues in Dependency Court Proceedings</b> Dr. Wendy Wright <i>Rady Children's Hospital</i>	10:45 – 12:15
<i>Lunch (lunch provided)</i>	12:15 – 12:45
<b>Lawyering from the Child Client's Perspective</b> Sophia Herman, Cassandra Harris <i>Foster Youth Advocates</i>	12:45 – 1:15
<b>The Appellate Process and Collateral Proceedings</b> Martha Matthews <i>Children's Law Center of Los Angeles</i>	1:15 – 3:15
<i>Break</i>	3:15 – 3:30
<b>Interviewing Children / Forensic Interview Techniques</b> Elizabeth Ahern <i>University of Southern California</i>	3:30 – 5:00

## **Day Two: Thursday**

<i>Sign In</i>	7:30 – 8:00
<b>The Child Welfare Legal Process</b> <i>Panel Members:</i> Randall Harris <i>Los Angeles County Counsel's Office</i> Ken Sherman <i>Sherman &amp; di Donato</i> Candi Mayes <i>San Diego Public Defender's Office</i> Christina Richl <i>Children's Advocacy Institute</i>	8:00 – 10:00
<i>Break</i>	10:00 – 10:15
<b>The Child Welfare Legal Process</b> (cont'd)	10:15 – 12:15
<i>Lunch (lunch provided)</i>	12:15 – 12:45
<b>The Child Welfare Legal Process</b> (conclusion)	12:45 – 2:45
<i>Break</i>	2:45 – 3:00
<b>The Role and Duties of Legal Counsel in Child Welfare Proceedings</b> David Meyers <i>Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children &amp; the Courts</i>	3:00 – 5:00

## **Day Three: Friday**

<i>Sign In</i>	7:30 – 8:00
<b>Dependency Court Trial Advocacy — Overview</b> Leslie Heimov, Jenny Cheung <i>Children's Law Center</i>	8:00 – 10:00
<i>Break</i>	10:00 – 10:15
<b>Dependency Court Trial Advocacy — Special Issues</b> Prof. John E. B. Myers <i>McGeorge School of Law</i>	10:15 – 12:15
<i>Conclusion</i>	12:15