

State Court Administrative Office
Child Welfare Services

**Effective Parent Representation:
Advanced Legal Training**

Michigan Hall of Justice
December 8, 2009

Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Why Parent Representation Matters?**
Hon. Elizabeth L. Gleicher, Michigan Court of Appeals
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **You are Somebody**
Marc Dedenbach, Attorney, Genesee County
- 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. **Advocacy at the Preliminary Hearing**
Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15 – 12:45 p.m. **Cornerstone Advocacy – The First 60 Days**
Michele Cortese, Esq., Deputy Director, Center for Family Representation, New York, NY
- 12:45-1:45 p.m. **Lunch and Legal Update**
Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
- 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Challenging Experts**
Joshua Kay, Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Panel – Building a Community of Parents’ Attorneys in Michigan**
Moderated by Vivek Sankaran
Panelists:
Marc Dedenbach, Attorney, Genesee County
Joshua Kay, Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc
Elizabeth Warner, Attorney, Statewide
Michelle Duell, Attorney, Monroe County
Jeffery Nellis, Attorney, Mason and Lake Counties
- 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. **Closing Comments**
Hon. John G. McBain, Michigan 4th Circuit Court