



Friday, October 2, 2015

8:30 a.m. (Registration) 9:00 a.m. (Program) 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Reception)
Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

**Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
Conference Center**
Two Pershing Square, 2300 Main Street, Suite 100
Kansas City MO 64108

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**MISSOURI LAWYER ACCOUNT
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18th Annual Domestic Violence and Children Interdisciplinary Conference

Sponsored by KCMBF, the KCMBF Family and the Law Section, Jackson County Safe Family Coalition, the Missouri Lawyer Trust Account Foundation and Children's Mercy Hospital.

LOCATION: KCMBF, Two Pershing Square, 2300 Main Street, Ste. 100, Kansas City, MO 64108

TITLE: Domestic Violence: Understanding the impact on the Victim and the Child

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM **SEMINAR:** 9:00 AM-4:45 PM **RECEPTION:** 4:45- 6:00 PM

See next page for detailed Conference schedule.

CLE hours pending in Missouri and Kansas, GAL credit pending, CEU credit pending, sponsored by Children's Mercy Hospital & Clinics.

FEES: No Charge With Pre-Registration. \$25 Fee for Pre-Registrants *who do not attend*.

DESCRIPTION: Domestic Violence: Understanding the impact on the Victim and the Child- This year's conference will feature Dr. Kimberly E. Harris, Ph.D., C. Psych. from the London Family Court Clinic and Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System. Dr. Harris will present on and provide the tools required to understand and help children who live with abuse and violence, explaining the dynamics of abuse and how it impacts women as women, women as mothers, and family dynamics. In addition, a local judicial and attorney perspective will be presented as to what evidence must be presented to the Court to educate your Judge during trial about the affects of domestic violence on women and children.

REGISTRATION:

There is no charge to register. However, you are required to pre-register. Registrants who do not cancel 24 hours prior to the start of the Conference will be charged \$25.00 to cover the cost of conference.

CLE hours available at no additional charge.

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association is located at Two Pershing Square, 2300 Main Street, Suite. 100, Kansas City, MO 64108. Parking is free to all participants. Parking can be accessed upon entering the circle drive off of Main Street. There is quite a bit of construction in front of the building due to the street car construction, but the driveway is accessible through the construction and cones.

If you have special needs that will require assistance, please contact Mindy Eichelman at least two weeks prior to the conference. The phone number is (816) 474-4322 or e-mail meichelman@kcmbf.org.

**Special Thanks to Our Interdisciplinary Conference Sponsor:
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SCHEDULE

9 am to 12 pm

Topic: ***"Helping an abused woman: 101 things to KNOW, SAY and DO"***

Speaker: Dr. Kim Harris, Registered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

Speaker Information: The London Family Court Clinic in London, Ontario, Canada

Description: Drawing from the many resources developed by the London Family Court Clinic, previously known as The Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System, this workshop will showcase one of the clinic's "Helping Hands" guides that can be found at www.lfcc.on.ca .

The morning workshop will cover the following 101 key themes:

10 assumptions about abuse of women in intimate relationships
5 reasons all helping professionals should understand abuse dynamics
5 destructive consequences of abuse for women's lives
10 principles informing work with an abused woman
5 paradoxes of abuse
10 features of listening to abuse disclosures
10 common control tactics
10 points about rationalizations for abuse
5 common characteristics of controlling men
10 points about coping with abuse
10 feelings and thoughts blocking "emotional leaving"
10 promises not to make to women
And, 1 final thought.

The 101 Guide Format reflects The London Family Court Clinic in London's commitment to producing useable training tools and resources. The guide aids those who work with and advocate for women (in the violence against women sectors, shelters, refuge programs, community based agencies, and the various the legal systems). The guides are built on the assumption: to understand and help children who live with abuse and violence, you must understand the dynamics of abuse and how it impacts women as women, women as mothers, and family dynamics. The guide includes many handouts and useable resources for those in the field, volunteers and various working with women and children.

12 pm to 1 pm

LUNCH

1 pm to 4 pm

Topic: ***"What about me! Seeking to understand a child's view of violence in the family"***

Speaker: Dr. Kim Harris, Registered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

Speaker Information: The London Family Court Clinic in London, Ontario, Canada

Description: Dr. Harris will shine a light on how children see violence in their homes/families and the children's attempt to make sense of what is occurring. Understanding the type of violence, the relationships between the victim, the abuser, and the children, and the characteristics of the violence (duration, frequency, severity, recency, etc.) need to be better understood to ensure the safety of the children.

Appreciating the family contextual characteristics as well as the family supports, along with the coping skills and attributions of the children is highlighted. For exam-

development did the violence span, what treatment efforts have been made and what are some of the unique characteristics of the children that may influence how they come to make sense of what is/was happening in their families.

Attendees will learn that one size does not fit all children. A developmental framework that includes the prenatal, infants/toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children, and adolescent stages of development will be covered. Violence during each stage has impacts on a child's development as well as implications for how to intervene at each stage of development to assist the child. Therefore, the workshop will include Implications for interventions to assist children of various ages along with outcomes.

Regardless of our roles with families, the key hope overall, is that all efforts should strive to strengthen parents to move them toward more effective parenting and a better appreciation of what their children have experienced. At the same time, we want to understand the children's experiences better and provide healthy coping strategies.

4 pm – 5pm

Topic: How do I present the Court with this information in trial?

Speakers: **The Honorable Janette K. Rodecap**, 16th Judicial Circuit of Jackson County, MO sitting in Division 29
Amanda Basri, Esq

Description: What evidence is needed to present to the Court to educate your Judge during trial about the affects of domestic violence on women and children. How do I get the information about Helping an Abused Woman and the effects on the Child Witness into evidence so that the Judge can use this information in making a decision as it relates to custody and parenting time with the abuser.