

# Agenda

# Training

Date of Training: March 29, 2017  
Place: Davidson County Juv. Ct.  
Courtroom D

Training called by: JJ Group  
Presenters: Hon Carlton Lewis, Rob Robinson, Diane McNamara, Anne Davenport and Olen Winningham  
Facilitator:  
Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

## CLE Agenda

Time: 11:15 am to 12:45 p.m.  
March 29, 2017

Attendees: Attorneys who represent juveniles, court staff, and judge's staff

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## Juvenile Court Practice: Ethical Considerations

### Part 1:

#### Framing our Discussion: Local Rule 2a.

- a. Nashville Bar Association's Professionalism Committee; Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism
- b. An overview of the local rule

### Part II :

#### Rule 8 and the RPC's that always need to be considered:

- a. Competence (Rule 1.1) – What are the effects of the delinquency adjudication at juvenile court? What about collateral issues for the parent and for the child? Read the new Juvenile Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- b. Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority Between Client and Lawyer (Rule 1.2)
- c. Confidentiality (Rule 1.6) – all clients have a right to confidentiality
- d. Communication (Rule 1.4) – Know who your client is and talk with them at a level that they can understand and process the information.
- e. Client with Diminished Capacity (Rule 1.14)
- f. Diligence (Rule 1.3) - Cover all of the bases for your client. Look into their competency, develop solid defenses and mitigation strategies. Get their school records. Be ready to fully advocate for your client.

### Part III :

#### Specific Ethical Considerations for each practice area:

- a. Delinquency cases including transfer cases,
- b. Parentage and custody cases,
- c. N/D cases including TPR
- d. Specialty Courts

#### Conclusion and Questions