Agenda

Training

Training called by: JJ Group

Presenters: Diana McNamara and Jennie Brown

Facilitator:
Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

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

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Time: 11:15 am to 12:45 p.m.

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Representing Youth Charged with a Delinquent Offense: Defense Strategies including Mitigation Strategies

Part 1:

Framing our discussion

a. What are the initial concerns for your client in detention?

b. What are the initial concerns for your client who is mot detained, but given a summons to appear in court?

c. Representing your client at:
    a. detention hearing
    b. The CFTM
    c. The Settlement Docket
    d. The Adjudication
    e. The Disposition
    f. Further Dispositional Hearings
    g. The use of mitigation strategies for all stages of the proceedings

Part II :

Ethical Considerations:

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. Confidentiality (Rule 1.6) - All clients have a right to confidentiality.

c. Communication (Rule 1.4) - Know who your client is and talk with them at a level that they can understand and process the information.

d. 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 :

Where can you get assistance in putting on the best defense?

a. The PD's office.

b. The DCS Court Liaison.

c. Who else can you call if you need help thinking through these issues?

d. What types of motions should you file to get your client some type of help or service?

Conclusion and Questions