

2019 JUVENILE DEFENSE TRAINING ACADEMY – Saturday 4/27 at Sun Mountain Lodge

8:30 – 9:00 George Yeannakis will provide an introduction to the Academy, overview of presentations and light breakfast.

9:00 – 10:30 ***Role of Juvenile Defense Counsel*** SIMMIE BAER (1.5 Credits)

You will have an opportunity to learn from an experienced practitioner and Law School Professor how a juvenile attorney can provide excellent representation in the defense of a juvenile client. Through a combination of lecture and interactive exercises, you will learn how to use case law, local rules, the Washington Supreme Court Guidelines for Juvenile Offense Representation, to provide effective representation and meet your ethical obligations as a defense counsel. You will learn how the role of a juvenile defender is similar to and different from that of an adult defender.

10:30 -11:45 ***Disposition Alternatives*** GEORGE YEANNAKIS (1.25 Credits)

This session will inform defense attorneys of the unique disposition alternatives available to juvenile respondents. The session will highlight the expanded range of disposition options available and identify and develop creative disposition alternatives. In small groups defenders will learn to advocate effectively for creative disposition alternatives with clients, prosecutors and court staff through a structured role play. Defenders will review effective and compelling disposition letters or memoranda in aid of disposition.

12:15- 1:30 ***Raising Race*** KIMBERLY AMBROSE (1.25 Credits)

This session will seek to develop strategies to apply the research discussed by Professor Beckett in the Conference opening Plenary to juvenile specific issues including, charging, decline and dispositions. This session will raise awareness among defenders of the over representation of minority youth in all areas of the juvenile justice system.

1:30 – 2:30 ***Post-Adjudication Advocacy*** NICOLE MCGRATH (1 Ethics credit applied for)

This session will help defenders understand the ethical and professional obligations of counsel at the disposition hearing. Attorneys will be reminded of the advocacy obligations of defenders to address the many consequences of adjudication including restitution, registration, immigration and appeal. The effective assistance of counsel standards of *State v A.N.J. 168 Wn.2d 91 (2010)* will be explored.

FACULTY:

Simmie Baer recently retired from her felony attorney position in Cowlitz County and is now the Juvenile Defender for Cowlitz County Office of Public Defense. She was a Supervising Attorney and Clinical Professor in the Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University School of Law. Prior to this appointment, she was the Supervising Attorney for the Juvenile Division of The Defender Association in Seattle for over 16 years and practiced with the office for 20 years. She came to Washington State in 1983 on a Reginald Heber Smith Poverty Law Fellowship and worked in Legal Services until 1985. Ms. Baer is the co-creator of the TeamChild project which successfully blends criminal and civil legal services in the representation of juvenile offenders. In

1995 Ms. Baer received the ABA Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award. In 2000 she was presented with the Paul Robeson Peace and Justice Award from the Mothers for Police Accountability. In 2002 she was awarded the William O. Douglas Freedom and Justice Award from the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, an award that had never been given to someone who only represents children in juvenile and criminal court.

1. Nicole McGrath

Nicole McGrath is a private practice attorney whose firm Law Office of Nicole K. McGrath, PLLC specializes in criminal defense for adults and juveniles in Washington State. Her previous legal experience includes working as a staff attorney for TeamChild and the King Co. Dept. of Public Defense -The Defender Association division (including the juvenile, felonies, and dependencies).

Her community service work includes serving on the King Co. Bar Association Board of Trustees. She is also a Past-President for the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (LBAW). In 2013, she was certified as a trainer of the Juvenile Training Immersion Program by the National Juvenile Defender Center. McGrath graduated from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN with a degree in Mass Communications, earned her juris doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law, and is a fierce Notre Dame and Gonzaga fan (and sometimes suffers conflicted loyalty during March Madness).

2. Kimberly Ambrose

Kimberly Ambrose is a senior lecturer and directs the Tools for Social Change: Race and Justice Clinic, a clinic she founded in 2011 focusing on racial disparities in the juvenile justice system. She joined the clinic faculty part time in 2001 and full time in 2005, as supervising attorney for the Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic. Professor Ambrose also created and taught the Legislative Advocacy Clinic.

Before joining the faculty, she was a public defender representing indigent adults and juveniles in both child welfare and criminal proceedings and worked as a resource attorney for the Washington Defender Association, providing training, technical assistance, and resources to public defense attorneys around Washington state.

George Yeannakis: George Yeannakis holds the position of Public Defense Services Manager for the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD). The Office strives to improve the delivery of indigent defense services throughout the State. George was a public defender in Seattle for over 20 years. He established the Youth Advocacy Clinic at Seattle University School of Law where he was a clinical law professor. George was hired by TeamChild, a civil legal services firm in Seattle where he worked to enhance the quality of indigent juvenile defense through training, leadership development and technical assistance. While maintaining an affiliation with TeamChild, George works at OPD to implement the State Supreme Court's Standards for Indigent Defense and to develop a state wide plan to improve access to and the quality of juvenile defense services.